

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.



This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

Please visit our website 2ndpreslou.org to connect with various ministries, or to contact the office for more information about our faith community.

If you are new to us, scan this QR Code to visit our website and learn about our life at Second.



Children of God, welcome home!

*Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices
to honor the sanctity of our worship.*

For our worshippers at 11 a.m. with little ones needing a quiet space during the worship service, there is an infant and caregiver room off the Narthex. If you have any questions, please notify an usher.



For our worshippers at 11 a.m. who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

** Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

Bold type indicates where we share the liturgy together.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

PRELUDE

For All the Saints
Guy Younce, Guest Organist

arr. Flor Peters

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Paradise (from Hymnody of Earth)
The Sanctuary Choir
I want to live in paradise,
Glory, hallelujah!
There is a love that never dies,
Glory, hallelujah!

Malcolm Dalglish

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
vss. 1-3

HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gracious God, you have been faithful to every generation. Yet we confess that we are not so faithful to you. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost, but we focus on ourselves. You invite us to give away, while we grab for more. You call us to love one another, yet we cannot see beyond petty divisions. Forgive our shortcomings and ugly selfishness. Forgive when our stubbornness turns us away from you. Call us back to you once more, and guide us always with your love and mercy.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let us believe and proclaim the good news:

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vs. 4* HYFRYDOL
Children of all ages are welcome to come forward. Following the Peace, children ages 3 through kindergarten will be dismissed through the side door for activities. Those in 1st grade and above may return to their seats.

**Finish then, thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place,
'Til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 146 (OT, p. 549)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:7-11, 20-21 (NT, p. 186)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Saints and Souls

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website. You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In Paradisum (from Requiem, op. 48)

Gabriel Fauré

*In paradisum deducant angeli:
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam
Jerusalem.
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere,
aeternam habeas requiem.*

May the angels lead you into paradise:
may the martyrs receive you as you arrive,
and bring you into the holy
city of Jerusalem.
May the choir of angels receive you,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may you have eternal rest.

HYMN 375 (seated)

Shall We Gather at the River, vs. 1

HANSON PLACE

**All singing: Shall we gather at the river where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *read responsively*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right ... who forever sing in joyful praise...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We remember Jesus ... Great is the mystery of faith...

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Before your face ... Hear us as we remember before you members of this congregation who have died...

Hear us, O God, as we name silently and aloud those we remember now in the great communion of saints...

Gracious God, pour out your spirit upon... Hear us as we pray together the words Jesus gave to us, saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in unison*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to take part in the sacrament. A choice of red wine or white juice is offered. Gluten-free bread is available in cups on the plates. You are invited to say, as you pass the bread, "Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life" and as you pass the wine, "Jesus Christ, the Cup of Salvation."

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

Laura Atkinson, mezzo soprano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints, vss. 1-3

SINE NOMINE

*REDEDICATION OF THE SCATTER GARDEN

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints, vss. 4-5

SINE NOMINE

The congregation is invited to follow the Pastors and Choir out to the Scatter Garden through the Narthex or side door.

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

Pastor: O Great God, we rededicate this Scattering Garden in joyful celebration of the lives of your people who, at the end of service in the earthly church, find eternal rest in you. May their witness continue in this place, encouraging those who follow, that all may come at last to the home prepared by Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Give us your peace in Christ Jesus that we live for him, untroubled and unafraid. Trusting in Jesus Christ, we give thanks for the vision of those who created this space, the benevolence of those who saw this patch of earth as a thin place, and the hands that fashioned these bricks and carved this cross. For all those saints who know this place and for the saints who will find both holiness and peace, we rededicate this scattering garden in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

STATEMENT FROM REV. STEVE JESTER

Diana Jester

CLOSING PRAYER

As we rededicate this place, O God, we, in turn, rededicate our lives to the service of Jesus Christ, your Son, and Our Lord, who meets us in life and well as in death. To God be the Glory! Alleluia!

HYMN

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

BLESSING

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

In Worship Today

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Pat & Gordon Dabney and Pat & Bill West by their children.

USHERS

Connie Smith, Whitney Watt, Linda Watson, Sandy Bailey, Bruce Dudley, Joan Dudley

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Diana Jester, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Guy Younce, Guest Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Wayne, Christie, Sims, and Marie Wilson on the death of Wayne's mother, Linda, 10/18/25.

The family of Wallace Horine on his death, 10/18/25.

Lucy Hovis and family on the death of her sister, Eva Sirach, 10/12/25.

Lee Ann and David Dorsey and their family on the death of Lee Ann's sister, Roberta
Gordon Barnett, 10/8/25.

Eleanor Maddox, Toby & Cindy Nutt, Grady, Heather, Grady III, & George Nutt, Amy

Nutt on the death of granddaughter, niece, and cousin Meryl Maxwell Wilson, 09/18/25.

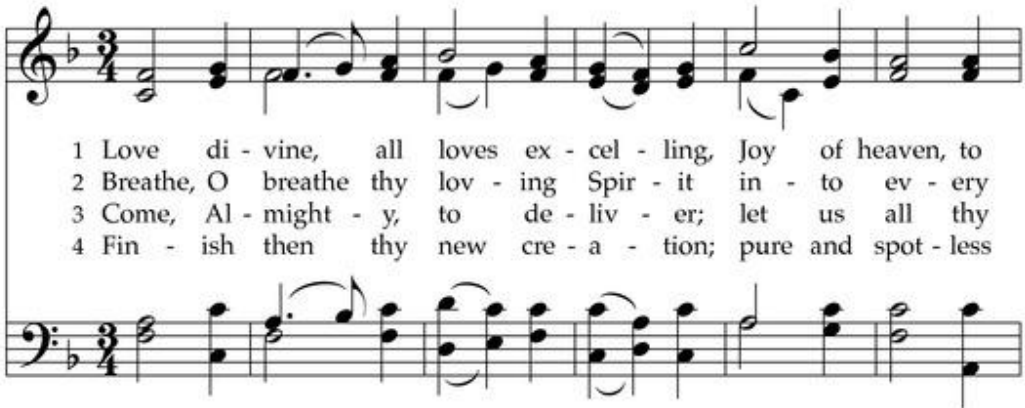
Justina, Justin, Sam, Stella, and Lillian Powers on the death of nephew and cousin,
Blake Bonar, 09/14/25.

Rebecca, John Y. III, Maggie, and John IV Brown on the death of mother and
grandmother, Margaret Jackson, 09/10/25.

Lucy Hovis, Julie Hovis, Peggy Coulter & Ken Coulter, Emma & Kate Coulter on the
death of husband, father, and grandfather, Gary Hovis, 09/05/25.

Leigh and Ken Parrot on the death of their son, Keith, 09/01/25.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

For All Our Saints

*We remember those who were a part of this
community of faith who have died since November 1, 2024,
and we give thanks for their lives.*

<i>Betty Rhodes Kilgore Moss Gibbs</i>	<i>November 18, 2024</i>
<i>Eleanor Durall Brown Moore</i>	<i>December 7, 2024</i>
<i>Richard Howard Maxwell</i>	<i>January 17, 2025</i>
<i>Sharon Ferguson Stern</i>	<i>February 16, 2025</i>
<i>Bonita Rosenberger</i>	<i>February 17, 2025</i>
<i>Bertha May Ellerbusch</i>	<i>March 1, 2025</i>
<i>Mary Agnes Foshee Norman</i>	<i>March 26, 2025</i>
<i>Terrell Wise Wells</i>	<i>April 10, 2025</i>
<i>Gillian Polk Dunn</i>	<i>April 12, 2025</i>
<i>Charles Clayton Neff</i>	<i>April 13, 2025</i>
<i>Isabel Jean Maxwell</i>	<i>April 17, 2025</i>
<i>Joan Penna Gaston</i>	<i>May 17, 2025</i>
<i>Ronnie Walker Suter</i>	<i>May 18, 2025</i>
<i>Carol Taylor Gray</i>	<i>May 26, 2025</i>
<i>Dr. James Greaver Baker</i>	<i>May 31, 2025</i>
<i>William J. Rutledge</i>	<i>June 13, 2025</i>
<i>Adeline Andrews Hoagland</i>	<i>June 24, 2025</i>
<i>Portia Hall Leatherman</i>	<i>June 29, 2025</i>
<i>Steven Harris Keeney</i>	<i>July 2, 2025</i>
<i>Clarice Carol Sharpe Harper</i>	<i>July 19, 2025</i>
<i>Joyce E. Reibling</i>	<i>July 30, 2025</i>
<i>Gary Floyd Hovis</i>	<i>September 5, 2025</i>
<i>Wallace Rhodes Horine</i>	<i>October 18, 2025</i>

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Elizabeth Scinta
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