

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!

***Bold** type indicates where we share the liturgy together.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Kit Davis

INTROIT

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord (Psalm 113)

Dale Grotenhuis

The Sanctuary Choir; Mengfei Xu, piano

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

DIX

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Lord of Hosts, your scripture calls us to be courageous in faith and bold to act. Far too often, however, our tepid faith causes us to act complacently. Instead of responding to the needs of your people, we shut down and rest in our comforts. Amid this separation from you and your will, and the division it magnifies between your children, we ask you to help us echo the prophet's voice. Stir our hearts afresh and shake our world. Reorder us anew, we pray. Grant us wisdom and guide us along paths that lead us to see your hope and share the actions of a courageous faith. A faith that builds up community. A faith that sees the face of God in every individual. A faith that glorifies your name by sharing your grace at a table, a bedside, or to a hand in need of a lift up. Let that be the community we create in this house today, and let us take the spirit of this house to the vacant lots of our world longing for revitalization...

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the Good News:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE HYMN 583

Glory to God (top line)

GLORIA (TAIZE)

*Children of all ages are welcomed to come forward. Following the Peace,
children ages 3 through 6th grade will be dismissed through the side door for activities.*

Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

A Prayer

Ken Burton

The Octet

*O Lord, the hard-won miles
Have worn my stumbling feet:
Oh, soothe me with thy smiles,
And make my life complete.*

*The thorns were thick and keen
Where'er I trembling trod;
The way was long between
My wounded feet and God.*

*Where healing waters flow
Do thou my footsteps lead.
My heart is aching so;
Thy gracious balm I need.*

- Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (NT, p. 194)

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

SECOND READING

Haggai 2:1-9 (OT, p. 827)

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

SERMON

The Common Good

Rev. Andrew Bowman

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

A New Creed
from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thus Saith the Lord/ But Who May Abide? (from MESSIAH)

Jason Steigerwalt, baritone

G.F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

The Sending

*HYMN 301 *(stand when invited)*

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

vss. 1 - 2: Soloists and Choir introduce

vss. 3 - 5: Congregation

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

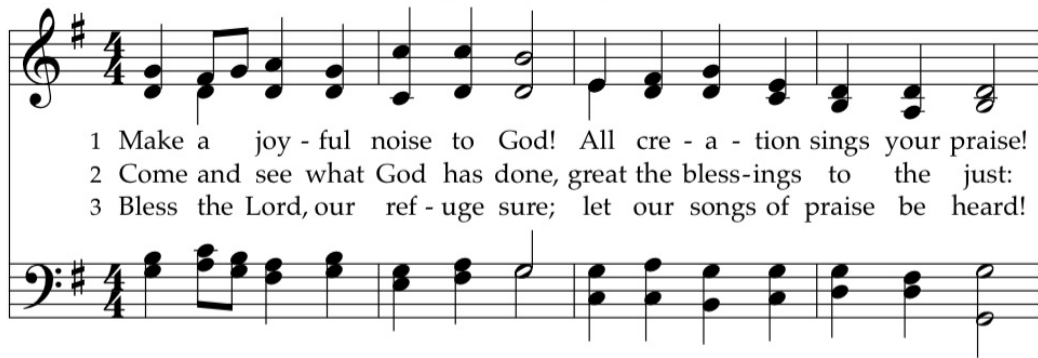
Choral Postlude on Leoni

arr. Robert Graham

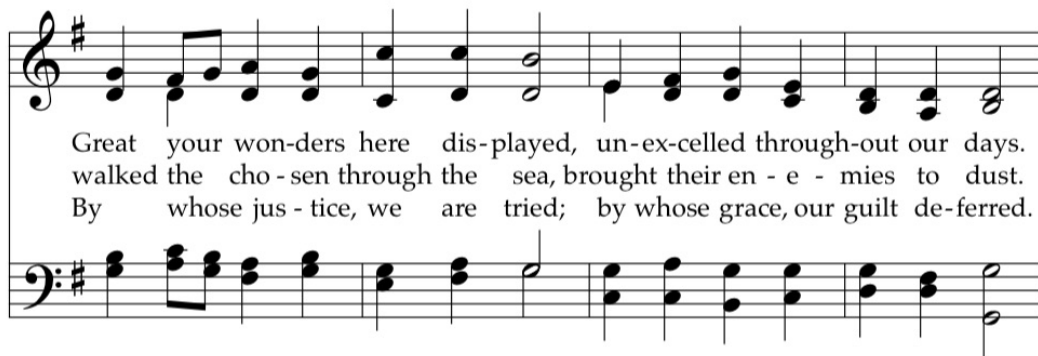
*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.
You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

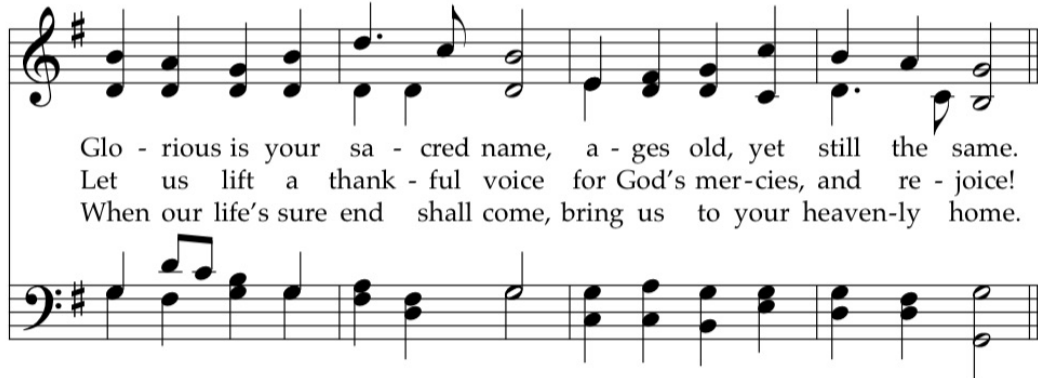
(Psalm 66)



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

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 by Kitty and Stan deVoogd in loving memory of fellow Handbell Ringers: Portia Leatherman, May Ann Mathis, and Joyce Reibling.

USHERS

Kit Davis, Roy Bowling, Ann Bowling, Mary Beth Russell, James Russell, Nolan Russell, River Daniel

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Lorie Williamson, liturgist; John Hubbard, lay reader:
James Russell, crucifer; River Daniel, acolyte.

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Mengfei Xu, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

James, Allie, and Claire Seiler and family on the death of their son and brother, 10/31/25.

Sallie, John, and Lee Ann Cunningham on the death of Sallie's father, Robert L. Bellamy, 10/19/25.

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.

Ruling Elders

Class of 2025

Paul Costel
Elaine Duncan
Bob Horton
John Hubbard
Elizabeth Scinta
Linda Watson
vacant

Class of 2026

Miriam Ballert
Marilyn Duke
Liz Ratliff Evans
Lindsey Hundley
Lucy Kosse
Deb Vetter
Whitney Watt

Class of 2027

Ann Bowling
John Cunningham
Angela Duffy
Stephanie Fellon
Larry Jones
Justin Powers
Kyle Wiggins

Youth Elders: Morgan Fellon & Wilson Masick

Clerk: Chip Snyder

Deacons

Class of 2025

Sandy Bailey, *Clerk*
Prentice Brown
Scott Carothers
Cathy Flowers
Jane Roth
Martha Spencer
Lowell Stevens

Class of 2026

John Davis
Nathan Dicken
Glen Hume
Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
Kristi Smith

Class of 2027

Kelly Bryant
Tim Clark
Kitty deVoogd
Jim Haynes
Patrice Paton
Kay Reis
Sunny Seale

Staff

Barrett Abernethy *Pastor & Head of Staff*

Andrew Bowman *Associate Pastor for Community Life*

Elizabeth Clay *Coordinator for Pastoral Care*

Karla Wright *Director of the Weekday School*

Lorie Williamson *Director of Children's & Family Ministry*

Jim Rittenhouse *Director of Worship & Music Ministry*

Michael Harper *Coordinator for Youth Ministry*

Mengfei Xu *Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music*

Amy Kiefner *Communications Specialist and Technology Administrator*

Tammy Kissling *Ministry Coordinator for Faith Formation & Mission*

Jeremy Doyle *Director of Facilities*

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