

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.



With gratitude to God, 2025 marks our 195th anniversary, and as we move toward our bicentennial, we have a great opportunity to reflect on our many accomplishments, evaluate our current mission, and identify new strategic pathways that will help us meet the needs of our congregation and community.

Please join us on our continued journey to preserve, strengthen, and innovate our community of faith.



Children of God, welcome home!

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

Type indicates where we share the liturgy together.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

PRELUDE *The Everlasting Arms* arr. Wilbur Held
Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God* arr. Ovid Young
Ricky Case, tenor; Jim Rittenhouse, baritone

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
vss. 1 & 2

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of grace and purpose, you give us a vision of newness and redemption, yet we confess we cling to the past. You promise us peace and hope, but headlines full of war, suffering, and death shake our faith and break our confidence in your power. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we do not see your Spirit with us today. We hesitate and hold back when you ask us to step out in faith. O God, we believe; help our unbelief. Forgive us when we doubt your promises, and deliver us from uncertainty.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let us sing with joy, dear friends, believing and sharing this Good News:

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God, vs. 3* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
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.

**All thanks and praise to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rhett Campbell Nessenthaler
Son of Alex and Patrick Nessenthaler

**read in unison when invited*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

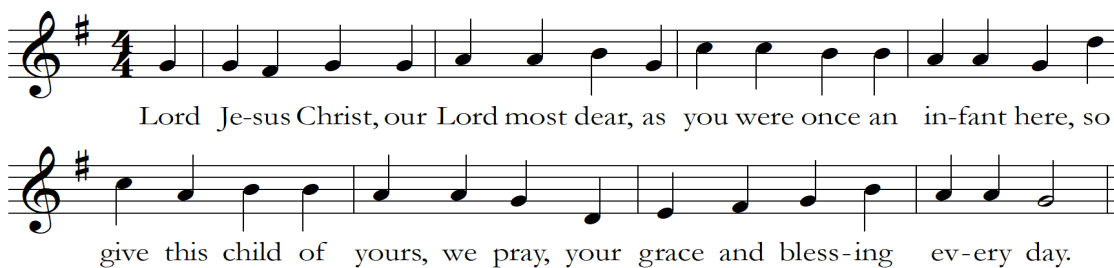
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CONGREGATION *read in unison when invited*

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's one holy and apostolic church. We are the people of God, members of the household of faith, a royal priesthood. Proclaim with us the good news of Christ for all the world. We are one in Christ Jesus: share with us at the table of God's kingdom. Welcome to the family of God and to Christ's ministry with us!

BAPTISM HYMN *Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear*

TALLIS CANON



***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 107:1-9 (OT, p. 528)

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

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NT, p. 173)

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

SERMON

The Second Presbyterian Compact

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

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

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

David Hendrix

The Sanctuary Choir

To you, O God, all creatures sing,
and all creation, everything
sings your praises, alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam,
your silver moon with softer gleam
sing your praises, alleluia!
Your wind that blows the tempest by,
your clouds that sail across the sky
sing your praises, alleluia!
Your morning rises with a song,
and lights of evening sing along,
sing your praises, alleluia!
Your flowing waters, crystal clear,
make melodies for you to hear,

sing your praises, alleluia!
Your fire, bountiful and bright,
remembering your warmth and light,
sings your praises, alleluia!
Now let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise the Creator, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one!
O praise God! Alleluia!

—*Francis of Assisi (1225); Adap. by Miriam Therese Winter (1993)*

*DOXOLOGY 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures, high and low: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known;

Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Ash Grove

arr. Nate Terry

*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.*

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 Thanksgiving for the Grace of God, and in loving memory of Peyton Wells, and Caroline and Jim Mapother, from their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

USHERS

John Davis, Laura Davis, Jane Roth, Patrick Kosse, Lucy Kosse, Susan Langford

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Jane Roth, lay reader; Kelly Bryant, deacon for baptism; Elizabeth Arton, acolyte.

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, director; Mengfei Xu, organist

All music printed or live-cast under OneLicense.net #718492 and CCLI License No. #2036813.

We Lift Up in Prayer

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

The family of Anne Anderson on her death, 10/22/25.

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.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

37 Let All Things Now Living

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

TEXT: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight, 20th cent.
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company
Music Harm. © Royal School of Church Music

ASH GROVE
6.6.11.6.6.11.D

G D G Am D



till shad-ows have van-ished, all fear-ful-ness ban-ished,
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing:

G C G D G



as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!

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*

Earl Toepfert *Maintenance Technician*

Anne-Marie Iris *Accountant*

Yilena Romero Aguilera *Custodian*

Paula S. Roberts *Organist Emerita*

babernethy@2ndpreslou.org

abowman@2ndpreslou.org

eclay@2ndpreslou.org

kwright@2ndpreslou.org

lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org

jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org

mharper@2ndpreslou.org

mengfei@2ndpreslou.org

akiefner@2ndpreslou.org

tkissling@2ndpreslou.org

jdoyle@2ndpreslou.org

airis@2ndpreslou.org

yraguilera@2ndpreslou.org



SECOND
Presbyterian
CHURCH

3701 Old Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40207
502.895.3483
info@2ndpreslou.org
YouTube: 2ndPresLou