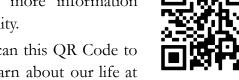
Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

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



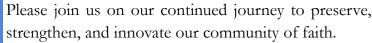
This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

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.





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 worshipers 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 headset 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

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."
- Luke 1:38

The Gathering

PRELUDE

At the Coming of the Angel Laura de St. Croix-Vicic, viola; Mengfei Xu, piano Rebecca Clarke

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Ave Maria

Rihards Dubra

The Octet

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE read responsively

8:30 a.m. Larry & Bonnie Boram

11:00 a.m. Tim & Cathy Martin; Lindsay, Joshua, & Bailey Cook

The angel said, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God!"

Though we face trial and trouble. God is with us.

Though we face trial and trouble, God is with us.

We light the second candle to remember the light of peace Christ brings. In peace, we await the coming of the Son. - from Luke 1:30

*HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

vss. 1, 4, 6, 7

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

Holy God, you call us to be people who do what is right, no matter the circumstances. Yet we hide what needs to change in our hearts and our habits. We confess that we take your promises to us for granted. We assume all that we do is acceptable to you, while we judge others without mercy. We resist showing love to others, especially if their backgrounds or beliefs are different. Have mercy on us when we justify ourselves instead of seeking your way of wisdom. Forgive our failure to be what you desire for us, and turn our hearts back to you.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In peace, let us receive and proclaim the Good News:

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 880 Come, O Come, Emmanuel, refrain

VENI EMMANUEL

11:00 a.m.: 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.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 72:1-19

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Luke 1:26-38

SERMON Light Dawns: The Angel & Mary Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH congregation remains seated

I'll Go Tell Elizabeth Ken Medema

Krista Heckmann, mezzo soprano

(text in back of bulletin)

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!



HYMN 100 seated My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout Star of the Country Down

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.

In the rich dark of winter, O God, you make an astounding promise: ... so that all your people might rejoice together, saying:

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.

You are holy, O God of majesty...And now with your people of all times and places, we await with hope the fulfillment of your vision for all creation...

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 Come, O Come, Emmanuel John Ferguson The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11); Laura de St. Croix-Vicic, viola Prayer after Communion

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 105 People Look East stanzas 1-4

Besançon

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE

People Look East, st. 5

Besançon

Angels announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming, People look east and sing today, Love the Lord is on the way.

The Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the service. Members are invited to please remain in the Chapel (8:30) or Sanctuary (11).

In Worship Today

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Harvey Johnston, John & Cheeky Bahe, and their families, in memory of their parents, Bob & Jane Johnston, Gordon & Muriel Bahe, and all who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor.

USHERS

8:30 Peter Conway, Lorrie Conway

11:00 Connie Smith, Linda Watson, Leigh Parrot, Whitney Watt, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Ricky Case (8:30); Wilson Masick (11), lay readers.

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11); Jim Rittenhouse, director; Mengfei Xu, organist; Laura de St. Croix-Vicic, guest violist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera (11)

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THE CHRISMON TREE

In 1986 a former member of our church, Edith Breed, President of the Women of the Church, had a dream of one day having a Chrismon Tree during the Advent Season in our church. Many women in the church researched the symbols of Christianity and handmade all of the decorations that you see on the tree in the Sanctuary. White is the liturgical color of Christmas which refers to the purity and perfection of Christ, and gold to the majesty and glory of Christ. The first Chrismon Tree was put in the Narthex for all to see in 1989. Please enjoy this piece of our history, which represents the work of so many women of our church.

THE CHAPEL ADVENT CANDLE STAND

The Advent candle stand found in the Chapel is constructed of cherry and maple wood, stained red cherry and finished with lacquer and polished with paste wax. The lathed candle holders are etched with 3 rings representing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Attached at the bottom of the main pole is an acorn symbolizing God's abundant forgiveness, love, and grace. The stand was constructed by Dr. Larry Boram and the wood was donated by Dr. Lynn Ogden.

"I'll Go Tell Elizabeth" - © Music and Lyrics, Ken Medema, 1977.

So many things are happening to me that
I don't understand—
Visions and angels and a baby named Jesus—
It's not what I planned;
The plans I have made are like birds' nests
blown down in the wind and the rain;
And I'm scattered like straw, and I can't quite
tell where to find saneness again.

So, I'll go tell Elizabeth, For she'll understand. I'll go tell Elizabeth, She'll hold my hand — she'll understand.
"Go talk to Joseph." Well I've talked to Joseph
and Joseph's a man;

So many things that a woman can know that a man never can.

Joseph is practical and Joseph is worried with things of his own.

And talking to Joseph is sometimes no better than being alone — being alone.

So, I'll go tell Elizabeth, 'Cause she'll understand.

Yes, I'll go tell Elizabeth,
She'll hold my hand — she'll understand.
Sometimes I wish I could wake up and discover it
all was a dream;
I ought to be shouting for joy, yet I'm coming
apart at the seams.
Mostly I'm quiet — I keep things inside me —
It's how I get by.
When there's too much to handle, and I need someone
near me to share a good cry — share a good cry.

So many things are happening to me that she'll understand.

Now that she's pregnant her life isn't going

exactly as planned.

The plans we both made are like birds' nests blown down in the wind and the rain.

And we're scattered like straw, and we can't quite tell where to find saneness again — saneness again.

So, I'm coming Elizabeth.
'Cause I'll understand.
I'm coming Elizabeth.
I'll hold your hand — I'll understand.
Yes, I'm coming Elizabeth.
For I'll understand.
I'm coming Elizabeth — I'll hold your hand —
I'll understand.

We Lift Up in Prayer

Gene and Connie Smith and family on the death of Gene's sister, Elizabeth Land, 11/20/25. The family of Natalie Brymer on her death, 11/20/25.

Ann and Roy Bowling and family on the death of her brother, Bruce Kleinschmidt, 11/18/25. James, Allie, and Claire Seiler and family on the death of their son and brother, 10/30/25. The family of Anne Anderson on her death, 10/22/25.

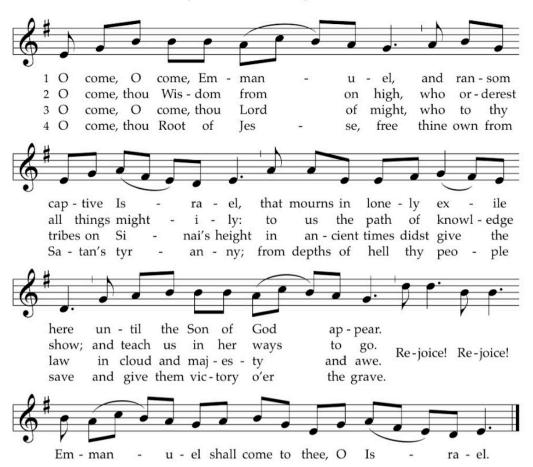
Sallie, John, and Lee Ann Cunningham on the death of Sallie's father, Robert L. Bellamy, 10/19/25.

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.

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

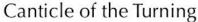
 Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)
 Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)
 Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

 Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)
 Dec. 21: O Davspring (6)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3) Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)
Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4) Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout





- 1 My soul cries out with a joy ful shout that the
- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
- 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the things in and your mer - cy will last from the work great me, stone will be left Let the king be ware for your on stone. mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de



won - drous things that you bring the ones who wait. to the depths of the past to end of the to be. age jus tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne. from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.

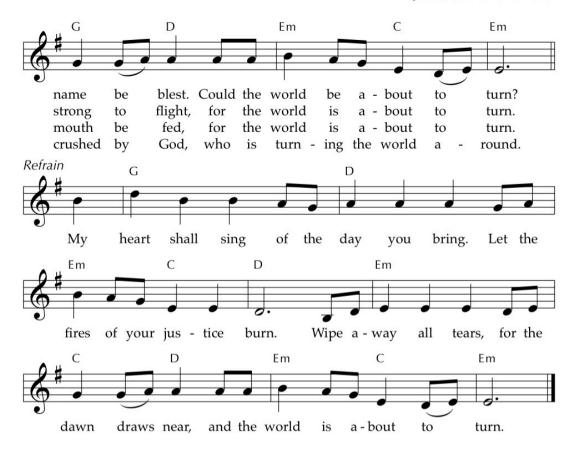


You your sight plight, fixed on your ser - vant's and my Your the shame, ver y name puts proud to and to The shall the hun - gry weep more, for poor no that fore - bears This sav - ing the heard is word our



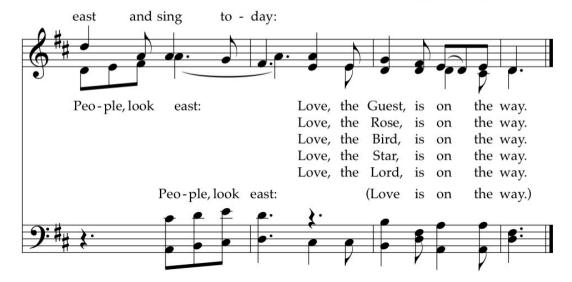
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46–55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

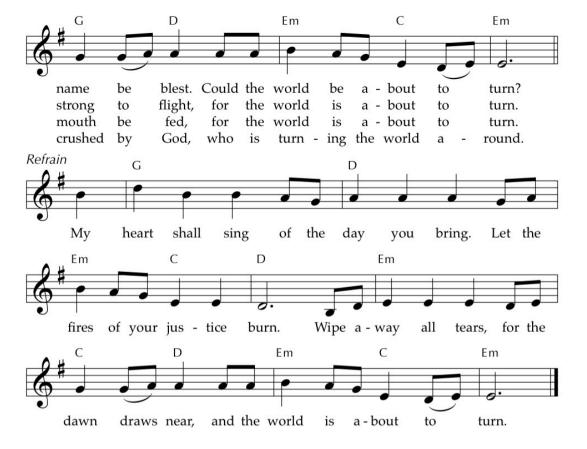




This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.



JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT



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