

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. 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, 2026 moves Second Presbyterian Church one year closer to celebrating our bicentennial milestone. After reflecting on our achievements and evaluating our current mission, we have identified 5 strategic pathways that will help us meet the needs of our congregation in 2030. We invite you to join us on our continued journey to preserve, strengthen, and innovate our community of faith.

Children of God, welcome home!

Bold type indicates where we share the liturgy together.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World

Mengfei Xu, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Moment for Mission

The Healing Place

INTROIT

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11)

Congregation stands when invited and joins on final stanza:

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!

Let the 'Amen' sound from his people again,

Now as we worship before him. - trans. by Catherine Winkworth, alt.

arr. Mack Wilberg

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*PRAYER OF CONFESSON *read in unison*

Faithful God, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost, yet we fail to recognize when we have lost our way. We chase the next new thing instead of your gift of new life. We search for delight in all the wrong places, following the trends of culture rather than Christ's example. We keep silent about the ways we experience your love and presence. Forgive us, O God. Live in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and renew our commitment to follow your purposes revealed in Christ Jesus.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let us trust in the steadfast mercy and faithfulness of God, believing and proclaiming this very Good News:

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 480 *Take Me to the Water, vss. 1&4* *African American Spiritual*

*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.*

Soloist sings first, then invites congregation:

**Take me to the water, take me to the water,
Take me to the water, to be baptized.
Glory hallelujah, Glory hallelujah,
Glory hallelujah, to be baptized.**

11a TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

HYMN 458 *seated*

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

THY WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 40:1-11

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

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

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

SERMON

Pathway One: Seeking Worship

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah
(Surely It Is God Who Saves Me)*

Jack Noble White

Congregation is invited to sing refrain found on the inside back page.

refrain: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Damien Sneed

Ricky Case, Tenor

refrain

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, movin' in my heart I will pray.

On the mountains, my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked around me, looked so fine. Asked the Lord could it be mine.

Jordan river, chilly and cold, chilled my body not my soul.
Ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to Heaven and then right back.

I have sorrow, I have woe, I have heartaches here below.
While God leads me I won't fear. For I know that He is near.

*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 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzgleich

(*Praise God, All You Christians, Together*), BWV 732

J. S. Bach

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.

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Ecce, Deus

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:

ISAIAH 12: 2-6*

JACK NOBLE WHITE

Slow



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid.... For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior....

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and his voice new
 4 My gracious Master and my God, as -
 5 To God all glory, praise, and love be

dear Re-deemer's praise, the glories of my
 bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the
 life the dead receive; the mourn-ful wak - en
 sist me to proclaim, to spread through all the
 now and ever given by saints be - low and

God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to rejoice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 들 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet 458

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

THANKSGIVING

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóníigo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshútinigíí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

In Worship Today

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Karen and Tom Sweets in memory of Roger Lee Veith and Joan Edwards Sweets.

USHERS

8:30 a.m. Peter Conway, Lorrie Conway

11 a.m. Emily Lawrence, Kay Reis, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe, Jane Roth, Sandy Bailey

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Todd Smith (8:30) & Kent Oyler (11), lay readers

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

The family of Peggy Putney on her death, 1/9/26.

The family and friends of Emory Apple on her death, 1/7/26.

Brad and Glen Hume & their extended family on the death of his mother, Flo Hume, 1/3/26.

Cindy & Mike Dickman, and Lillie, Maggie, and Jack on the death of Cindy's mother, Maxie Key, 12/23/25.

The family of Margaret Flowers on her death, 12/10/25.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

January 25, 11:00 a.m. - Ordination & Installation of Elders, Deacons, & Trustees

January 25, 3:00 p.m. - Concert Series: BACH+; followed by reception

February 1, 8, & 15 - 9:45 a.m. - New Member Classes

February 8 - Bring a Friend to Worship Sunday

February 22, 9:30 a.m. - Annual Congregational Meeting in JFHA

February 18, ASH WEDNESDAY, 5:00 p.m. - Pancake Dinner; followed by Prayer/Worship stations; **6:30 p.m.** - Chapel Service

February 21, 10:00 a.m. - Young Families Meetup

February 22, 4:00 p.m. - Weekday School Cleanup

February 27, 6:30 p.m. - Trivia Night - signups in Narthex/online beginning Jan. 30

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