

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

11 a.m. TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist* (*Now We Ask the Holy Spirit to Come*)
Goerg Böhm
Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding.
Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your church now raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

PRESENTATION OF THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 463 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION
vs. 1-4

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *read in unison*

God of grace and mercy, you have set a new pattern for our lives: service before success, partnership over independence, the cross instead of the crown. Yet we confess our failures to follow your way. The world's wisdom attracts us, even when its promises are hollow. We hoard your many blessings, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You ask us to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others instead. Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world, rejecting your call and looking to our own interests first. Forgive us, O God, and move us to see the world through the lens of your great love.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*RESPONSE HYMN 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Elders to be Ordained and Installed:

Scott Davis
Caroline Dicken
Alexandra Ortiz

Elders to be Installed:

Mary Edinger
Priss Hovious
Henry Kelsey
Larry Sloan

Deacons to be Ordained and Installed:

Cheeky Bahe
Mac Barr
Lee Best
Terry Cissell

Sara Gilford
Nick Hertzman
John Williams

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC *Shine Your Light* Terry D. Taylor

Chapel Choir & Worship Arts; Lorie Williamson, director

You are the light of the world.
You are the light of the world.
Just like a city that's built on a hill,
You are the light of the world.

refrain
Shine, shine, shine your light.
Let others see God's love.
Shine, shine, shine your light,
That all may praise our God.

You are the light of the world.
You are the light of the world.
Just like a lamp shining all through the house,
You are the light of the world. (refrain)

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.

*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

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

Psalm 119:105-112

SECOND READING

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

Matthew 5:14-16

SERMON

Pathway 3: Spreading God's Spirit

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

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.

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!



ANTHEM

I Know I've Been Changed

African-American spiritual
arr. Damon Dandridge

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11); Kenneth Oeth, soloist

*I know I've been changed
cause de angels in heaven done signed my name.
I prayed all night and I prayed all day, too...
de angels in heaven done signed my name.
I'll keep on praying till I come through...*

*I stepped in da water and da water was cold...
It chilled my body but not my soul...
If you don't believe dat I've been redeemed
den follow me down to dat Jordan stream.*

CALL TO COMMUNION Hymn 507 *Come to the Table of Grace, vss. 1 & 5*

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 to the glory of your name:

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, ... Great is the mystery of faith.

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."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Sollt ich meinem Gott nicht singen?

(*Should I Not Sing to My Lord?*), op. 78 no. 17

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are from the Witness to the Resurrection service honoring
Dr. Charles Horton Huber.

USHERS

8:30 Larry Boram, Bonnie Boram

11 Connie Smith, Deb Vetter, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe, Kitty deVoogd,
Jane Roth

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist;
Watson Courtenay, lay reader

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11); Jim Rittenhouse, director;
Mengfei Xu, organist

11 Chapel Choir: Lorie Williamson, director: *Evie Abernethy, Elizabeth Arton, Ellis Bowman, Reyna Dobbins, Ellie Farnsley, Coral Mueller, Miriam Ransan*

11 Worship Arts: Lorie Williamson, director: *Joshua Cook, Bebe Davis, Lucy Farnsley, Ava Grace Wright, William Wright*

11 Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Edith Huber and her family on the death of her husband, Dr. Charles Huber, 1/24/26.

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!

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, 5:45 p.m. - Pancake Dinner; followed by Prayer/Worship stations; Chapel Service at **6:30 p.m.**

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

March 8, 11 a.m. - Youth-assisted Worship

March 5, 19, & 26 - Thursdays at 12 p.m. - Recitals in Lent Series

March 15, 3 p.m. - Concert Series: DEEP RIVER

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to *ADESTE FIDELES*, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C B[♭]

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

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

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B[♭] F/C C7 F B[♭] F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Ruling Elders

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

Class of 2028

Caroline Dicken
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Priss Hovious
Crystal Kannapell
Henry Kelsey
Alexandra Ortiz
Larry Sloan

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Clerk: Chip Snyder

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Susan McDowell
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Kay Reis
Sunny Seale

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Mac Barr
Lee Best
Terry Cissell
Sara Gilford
Nick Hertzman
John Williams

Staff

Barrett Abernethy *Pastor & Head of Staff*

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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*

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