

# 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](http://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!*

**CHILDCARE** is available for all **Sunday morning events**. Childcare is available in room 120 for children birth through age 5 until 10:45 a.m. and birth through age 3 for 11:00 a.m. worship. Older children are asked to remain in 8:30am worship. Childcare & activities for 1st through 6th grades are available during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.) in room 180 off of the youth suite.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Older 3's (by 8/1) through 6th grade that attend 11:00 a.m. worship will exit to activities after the Passing of the Peace. Children can be picked up after worship in the following rooms: PreK-3rd grade room 150, 4th-6th grade room 180. 1st through 6th grade will remain in worship on the 1st Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday).

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

# *Service for the Lord's Day*

## *The Gathering*

11 a.m. TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*Hymn Prelude on St. Margaret*  
Mengfei Xu, organ

Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

*Our Help Is in the Name of God*

OLD 124TH (GENEVAN PSALTER)

Our help is in the name of God the LORD;  
the one who made the heavens with a word;  
Creator of the world, each living thing.  
Come, bless the LORD, lift up your hearts and sing:  
"Our help is in the name of God the Lord." - *Martin Tel, 2011*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, vss. 1-3*

CORONATION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Almighty God, you have set your path before us, but we have wandered off, trying to find our own way. We confess that our sin and pride keep us from doing all that you desire. We turn away from the needy; we ignore cries for mercy; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, gracious God, when we look the other way from injustice. Forgive us when we do what is wrong, or fail to do what is right. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the loving message of Jesus Christ into our world.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved of God, be at peace, and may you hear and believe this Good News:  
**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!**  
**We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!**  
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11 a.m. ANTHEM

*Sizohamba Naye*

Terry D. Taylor

Carol & Chapel Choirs; Worship Arts Ensemble  
Krista Mueller & Lorie Williamson, directors

*Sizohamba naye, wo, sizohamba naye*    *We walk, we walk the Lord's road.*  
*Sizohalalisa, wo, Sizohalalisa*    *We sing, we sing the Lord's praise.*  
*Sezohlabelela, wo sezohlabelela*    *We live, we live the Lord's Word.*

*11 a.m. 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.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

## *The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Philippians 2:1-11

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

SECOND READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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

SERMON

*Pathway Four: Growing Our Faith*

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

## *The Response*

**The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.**

**Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of their witness in their own particular situation. They are entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and are subject to its advice and correction. They, in turn, by their own competence, help to guide the church.**

## 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

### *Within These Walls*

Stephen Caracciolo

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

Within these walls, the sound of praises, radiant alleluias rise.  
Ceaseless prayer and hymn ascending, sweet as incense to the skies.  
Holy, holy, holy God, all glory.  
Saints on earth and saints above, join to bless the Lord of love.

Within these walls, a meal for sharing, tender alleluias rise.  
Bread and wine for celebration, hymns to praise the Crucified.  
Holy, holy, holy God, all glory.  
Saints on earth and saints above, join to share this feast of love.

Within these walls, a faith confessing, joyous alleluias rise.  
Songs of hope and revelation, God's own word and sign inspire.  
Holy, holy, holy God, all glory.  
Saints on earth and saints above, speak of promise, sing of love.

Within these walls, yet far beyond all, wondrous alleluias rise.  
Word and song and all creation praise the Son of God, most high!  
Holy, holy, holy God, all glory.  
Saints on earth and saints above, join to bless the Lord of love.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 63

*The Lord Is God*

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\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

arr. Seth Bingham

*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.*

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*In Worship Today*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Vogt  
by their family.

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8:30 Nathan Dicken, Caroline Dicken

11 John Cunningham, Kitty deVoogd, Bruce Dudley, Joan Dudley, John Davis,  
Laura Davis, Scott Davis

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist;  
Mike Vetter, lay reader (11)

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 Charlie Castner on his death, 2/3/26.

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

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

**February 25 & March 3, 11, & 18, 5:45 p.m.** - Spiritual Practices Class with Rev. Bowman

**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

# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

# The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise  
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,  
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,  
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.  
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.  
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.  
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38 / Mark 12:28–29 / Luke 10:26–28).

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## *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  
Mary Clay Edinger  
Priss Hovious  
Crystal Kannapell  
Henry Kelsey  
Alexandra Ortiz  
Larry Sloan

*Youth Elders:* Scott Davis & Lillian Powers

*Clerk:* Chip Snyder

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### *Class of 2026*

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Sissy Judy  
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Paige Reinstine  
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Jim Haynes  
Patrice Paton  
Kay Reis  
Sunny Seale

### *Class of 2028*

Cheeky Bahe  
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John Williams

## *Staff*

Barrett Abernethy *Pastor & Head of Staff*

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Karla Wright *Director of the Weekday School*

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

Jim Rittenhouse *Director of Worship & Music Ministry*

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