

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!

Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices to honor the sanctity of our worship.

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

Bold type indicates where we share the liturgy together.

Service for the Lord's Day

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Hymn Prelude on The Church's One Foundation* Joyce Jones
Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Simple Song* (from MASS) Leonard Bernstein, 1971
Mary-Hollis Hundley, soprano; Mengfei Xu, piano
Sing God a simple song: lauda, laude.
Make it up as you go along, lauda, laude...
Sing like you like to sing;
God loves all simple simple things, for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song; to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.
I will sing his praises, while I live, all of my days.
Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, blessed is the one who praises Him;
lauda, lauda, laude...and walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing lauda, laude.
For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand,
And the Sun shall not smite me by day, nor the Moon by night.
Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, lauda, lauda, laude. and walks in his ways...

Lauda, lauda, laude, lauda, laudadi dadi de.
All of my days...

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* HYFRYDOL
**We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and shadows;
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.**

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of love and mercy, we confess that too often we mistake our own desires for your will. We get distracted by selfish hopes and fears for the future, rather than seeking signs of hope and working for what you desire. We say we want things to change, but really, we want someone else to do the changing. We resist transformation, and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive who we have been, change who we are, and guide who we will be; in Jesus' name we pray.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dear friends, let this Gospel truth permeate into your very bones:
Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 583

Glory to God

GLORY TO GOD (TAIZE)

Glory to God, glory to God; Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Matthew 17:1-9

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:9-14

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

SERMON

Pathway Five: Practicing Stewardship

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Confession of 1967

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.**

**His life as man involves the church in the common life of people. His
service to men and women commits the church to work for every
form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church
sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of
Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion
discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity of
people toward one another and the awful consequences of their
complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the
hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal
of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

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!*



When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,
With the door-posts in their place overlaid with gold.
The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,
Also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.
Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord.
Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength,
For the Lord dwells within and heals their land.
Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord.
Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God.
When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray,
When they turn from dark to light and your will obey,
O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on his house,
And heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.
Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord.
Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God.

*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

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Gale Brezosky

Armand Hayes

Dennis Flemming

Maggie Bade King

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

House of God, Through Endless Ages

BEACH SPRING



All the way my Sa - vior leads me; What have I to ask be - side?
All the way my Sa - vior leads me; Cheers each wind - ing path I tread.
All the way my Sa - vior leads me; oh, the full - ness of His grace!



Can I doubt His ten - der mer - cy, who through life has been my Guide?
Gives me grace for ev - ery tri - al, feeds me with the li - ving bread.
Per - fect rest to me is pro - mised, in my Fa - ther's blest em - brace.



Heav' nly pea - ce, di - vinest com - fort, here by faith in Him to dwell.
Though my wea - ry steps may fal - ter, and my soul a - thist may be.
When my spi - rit, clothed im - mor - tal, wings its flight to realms of day.



For I know, what - ever be - fall me, Je - sus do - eth all things well.
Gush ing from the Rock be - fore me, Lo! a spring of joy I see.
This my song through end - less a - ges: Je - sus led me all the way.

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on Paean

Kenneth Leighton

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 given from Peggy and Bobby Duane in loving memory of Don Duane.

USHERS

8:30 Peter Conway, Lorrie Conway

11:00 Joe Moloney, Nora Moloney, Gordon Duke, Marilyn Duke, Ron Bowling, Ann Bowling

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Rosemay Palmer-Ball, lay reader

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

David and Amy Wombwell and family on the death of David's father, George Wombwell, 2/7/26.

Jeff and Paula Roberts and family on the death of Jeff's mother, Madge Barnett Roberts, 2/5/26.

The family of Charlie Castner on his death, 2/3/26.

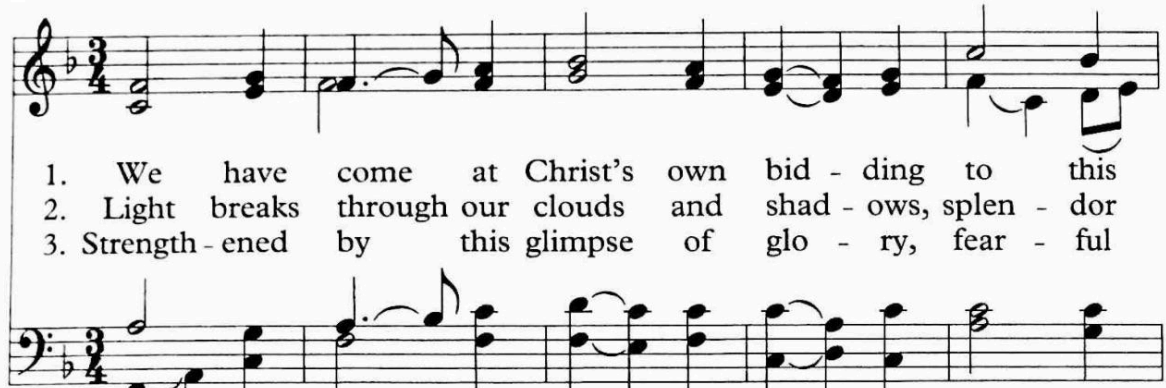
Edith Huber and her family on the death of her husband, Dr. Charles Huber, 1/24/26.

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

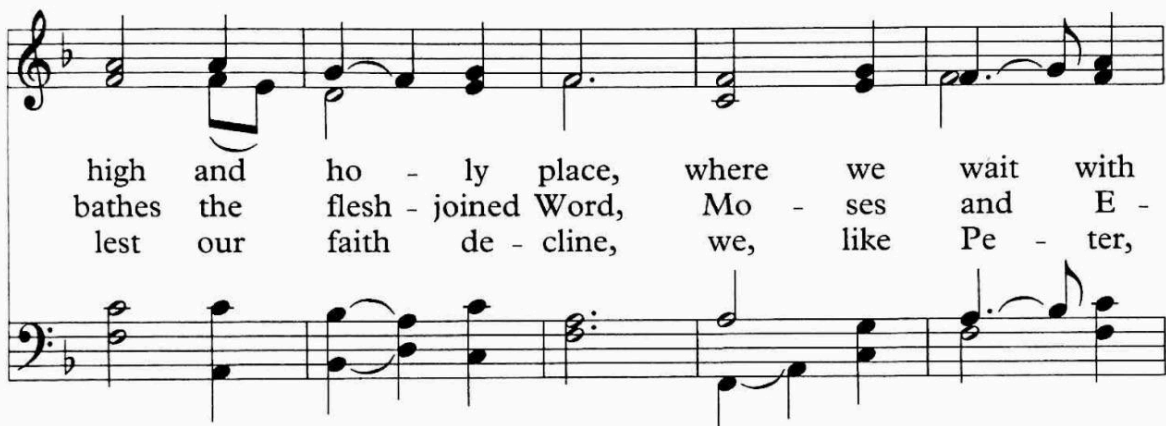
The family and friends of Emory Apple on her death, 1/7/26.

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

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding



1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this
 2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor
 3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful



high and ho - ly place, where we wait with
 bathes the flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E -
 lest our faith de - cline, we, like Pe - ter,



hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.
 li - jah mar - vel as the heaven - ly voice is heard.
 find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine.



Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is
 Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and
 But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what

not in vain, search - ing like those first dis -
Proph - ets meet: Christ with gar - ments drenched in
we pro - fess, that our dai - ly lives may

ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

February 18, ASH WEDNESDAY, 5:45 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, 9:30 a.m. - Annual Congregational Meeting in JFHA

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, 11:00 a.m. - Youth-Assisted Worship

4:00 p.m. - Weekday School Cleanup

March 5, 19 & 26, 12:00 p.m. - Recitals in Lent Series followed by lunch

March 15, 3:00 p.m. - Concert Series: Deep River

March 25, 5:00 p.m. - Celebration of last Wednesdays Together & Children's Choirs

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

Deacons

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

Class of 2028

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

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*

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