

# 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!*

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

# *Service for the Lord's Day*

## *The Gathering*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*With a Joyful Spirit*  
Austin Memorial Handbells

Paul McKlveen

PRESENTATION OF THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
*Please sing when invited.*

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Gracious God, we confess that we often do not live as you desire. You call us to follow, yet we turn away. You invite us into new beginnings, but we settle for what we know. Forgive our doubt that leads us to trust in worldly comforts that don't satisfy, and don't last. Forgive us when fear and uncertainty keep us from boldly seeking your path. Open our eyes to the truth you hold out to us in Christ, and give us courage to trust in you, and your love for us.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*KYRIE

*Have Mercy on Me*  
Chapel Choir & Worship Arts  
*Have mercy on me, have mercy on me,  
my soul will take refuge, oh Lord, my God, in thee.  
Have mercy on me, have mercy on me,  
and until the storm is over, keep me safe, Lord, in the shadow of your wings.  
Have mercy on me, oh Lord.*

Mark Patterson

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved of God, be at peace, and know this incredible Good News:  
**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*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

Psalm 121 (OT, p. 539)

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

SECOND READING

Genesis 12:1-4a (OT, p. 9)

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

SERMON

*Covenant Blessing*

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

## *The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## 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

*The Ground* (from *Sunrise Mass, 2008*)  
The Sanctuary Choir; Mengfei Xu, piano

Ola Gjeilo

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osana in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini.  
Benedictus qui venit.  
Osana in excelsis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.  
Dona nobis pacem.*

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.  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the  
world.  
Grant us peace.

## 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 and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Holy One.  
...Even the valley of the dry bones stands to sing your praise...

**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...He reminds us this table truly knows no  
bounds for great is the mystery of faith...

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Now pour out your Holy Spirit upon this bread, this cup, and this weary and  
dry land.

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

*Jesu dulcis memoria*

Tomás Luis de Victoria

The Octet

*Jesu, dulcis memoria,  
Dans vera cordis gaudia,  
Sed super mel et omnia  
Eius dulcis praesentia.*

*Sweet memory of Jesus,  
Giving true joy to the heart,  
Sweeter than honey and all things  
Is sweet presence.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

## *The Sending*

\*HYMN 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "In the Cross of Christ"*

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.*

## *In Worship Today*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in gratitude to all members of our church for the gifts of service you provide, large or small.

### USHERS

Emily Lawrence, Linda Watson, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Sandy Bailey

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Philip Anderton, lay reader  
The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, director; Mengfei Xu, organist

Austin Memorial Handbells - Jim Rittenhouse, director

*Bonnie Boram, Ricky Case, Terry Cissell, Elizabeth Clay, Kit Davis, Kitty deVoogd, Steve Farris, Jean Herp, Diana Jester, Steven Pierce, Sue Rogers, Carmen Sanders, Eric Timerding, & Susanne Wright. Lindsay Cook & Becky Timerding, substitutes.*

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

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

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, camera

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

The family and friends of Kaaren Westlund on her death, 2/23/26.

The family and friends of Dr. Bob Wade on his death, 2/14/26.

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.

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal fountain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y.  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

Hold me with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,

10

bread of hea - ven, feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

12

more; feed me till I want no more.  
 shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

# 49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

## **Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!**

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

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

**March 8, 11:00 a.m.** - Youth-assisted Worship

**March 8, 4:00 p.m.** - Weekday School Cleanup (rescheduled)

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

**March 22, 12:00 p.m.** - El Salvador Mission Trip Planning Meeting

**March 29, 8:30 & 11 a.m.** - Palm/Passion Sunday

**April 2, 5:30 p.m.** - Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion Service

**April 3, 7:00 p.m.** - Good Friday Tenebrae Service

**April 5, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.** - Easter Celebrations

## *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*

Jeremy Doyle *Director of Facilities*

Earl Toepfert *Maintenance Technician*

Yilena Romero Aguilera *Custodian*

Paula S. Roberts *Organist Emerita*

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