

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.

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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).

For our worshippers at 11 a.m. with little ones needing a quiet space during the worship service, there is an infant and caregiver room off the Narthex. If you have any questions, please notify an usher. For our worshippers at 11 a.m. who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a headset unit, please ask an usher to provide one.



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

The Gathering

11 a.m. TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Ave Verum Corpus after Mozart
Louisa Woodson, harp; Mengfei Xu, organ

Albert Schaefer

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel S. Wesley

Octet (8:30); Sanctuary Choir (11); Krista Heckmann, soloist

Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness.

Make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou Lord only

That maketh me dwell in safety. - *Psalm 6:8; Psalm 4:9*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of life and love, although you promise to be with us, we confess that evil in the world around us often shakes our confidence in you. We want to trust in your love, yet we often doubt that such love can overcome violence. You assure us that your ways are good, but the world's boasts and misleading claims draw us away from your righteous truth. Forgive us, O God, when we doubt your presence, and run from your embracing love. Forgive the times we seek our own way, instead of what you desire for us. Teach us to trust in you, and to follow the path you laid out for us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Time for silent prayer.

*KYRIE - Hymn 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take, O Take Me as I Am'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

May we trust and believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and our sins are remembered no more.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

11 a.m. TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

MEDITATION

Psalm 23 (from Chichester Psalms)

Leonard Bernstein

Sopranos & Altos; Molly Melahn, soloist; Louisa Woodson, harp; Mengfei Xu, organ

Adonai ro-i, lo ehsar.
Bin'ot deshe yarbitseini,
Al mei m'nuhot y'nahaleini,

Naf'shi y'shovev,
Yan'heini b'ma'aglei tsedek,
L'ma'an sh'mo.

Gam ki eilech
B'gei tsalmavet,
Lo ira ra,
Ki Atah imadi.
Shiv't'cha umishan'techa
Hemah y'nahamuni.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my soul,
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness,
For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk
Through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
For Thou art with me.
Thy rod and Thy staff
They comfort me.

Ta'aroch l'fanai shulchan
Neged tsor'rai
Dishanta vashemen roshi
Cosi r'vayah.
Ach tov vahesed
Yird'funi kol y'mei hayai
V'shav'ti b'veit Adonai
L'orech yamim.

Thou preparest a table before me
In the presence of mine enemies,
Thou anointest my head with oil,
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy
Shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

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

SECOND READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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

SERMON

The Shepherd's Blessing

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

From A Brief Statement of Faith

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant
people to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of

**bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Mack Wilberg

(8:30) The Octet; (11) The Sanctuary Choir; Louisa Woodson, harp

My shepherd will supply my need
Jehovah is His name
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
Beside the living stream

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days (attend me all my days)
Oh, may Thy house be mine abode
And all my work be praise

He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake His ways
And leads me for His mercy's sake
In paths of truth and grace

There would I find a settled rest
While others go and come
No more a stranger nor a guest
But like a child at home

When I walk through the shades of death
Thy presence is my stay
One word of Thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away

No more a stranger nor a guest
But like a child at home
But like a child at home
No more a stranger, nor a guest
But like a child at home

Thy hand in sight of all my foes
Doth still my table spread
My cup with blessings overflows
Thine oil anoints my head

*RESPONSE 609 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

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 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Postlude on St. Anne

Healey Willan

*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 celebration of the Wedding Anniversary of Bonnie and Larry Boram.

USHERS

8:30 Chip Snyder, Susan Snyder

11 Henry Kelsey, Leigh Speiden, Kay Reis, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe, Larry Jones

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Susan McDowell, lay reader (11).

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

11 Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family and friends of Keltie Ferris on her death, 3/1/26.

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.

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al - might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

THANKSGIVING

mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for a Thanksgiving song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'mur - mur stilled: all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry! cho - sen band: take your part:'. The music ends with a double bar line.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

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

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

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

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 in the Chapel

April 5, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Easter Celebrations in the Sanctuary

Ruling Elders

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