

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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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 8:30 *"I Am Black, But Comely, O Ye Daughters of Jerusalem"* Marcel Dupré
11 *Prelude in B minor, BWV 544* J. S. Bach
Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Moment for Mission

Dr. Megan Paxton, Executive Director of the Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center

INTROIT *Morning Prayer (from Three Celtic Invocations)* Daniel E. Gawthrop
The Octet (8:30); Sanctuary Choir (11)

Thanks be to Thee, Jesus Christ,
who brought'st me out from last night to the gladsome light of this day.
To win everlasting life for my soul, through the blood Thou did'st shed for me
Praise be to Thee, O God, forever for the blessings Thou did'st bestow on me.
And I beseech Thee to shield me from sin, to shield me from ill, to *sain** me this night,
and I, low and poor, O God of the poor, O Christ of the wounds!
Give me wisdom along with Thy grace.
May the Holy One claim me and protect me on sea and on land,
and lead me on from step to step to the peace of the everlasting city.
Peace. Thanks be to Thee, Jesus Christ. - *Alexander Carmichael (1832-1912)*
(**"sain"* - to bless as with the sign of the cross)

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Living God, during this Lenten Season, you have promised and remained with us in our wanderings. Amid our meanderings from Eden, exodus, and exile, you have walked alongside us, leading us back to lands of milk and honey. So why do we stray from you? Why do we continue to seek the dry bones and parched lands that falsely lift up idols of darkness? As your scriptures reveal, this is what creates mistrust and feelings of scarcity among your people. Remain with us yet again, Gracious God, and fill our bones with the Spirit of life. Lead us from the valleys of despair to the

mountaintops of hope, so we might find the solid footing of the path that points to the light of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Time for silent prayer.

*KYRIE - Hymn 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

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 vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '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.'

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The old life is gone, and new life has begun.

The mercy and promise of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

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

11a TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

SUNG PRAYER 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God, vs. 1

TRENTHAM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Romans 8:6-11

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

SECOND READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

SERMON

The Prophet's Blessing

Rev. Andrew Bowman

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from Confession of Belhar, 1986*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the community of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. God calls the church to follow God in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.

We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right, and that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of
Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A Hymn to God the Father* John Ness Beck
Tenors & Basses of the Octet (8:30) & Choir (11)

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done;
I fear no more. - *John Donne, published 1633*

*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

O Breath of Life

SPIRITUS VITAE

Choir sings vs. 1; Congregation joins for 2 & 3

1 O Breath of Life, come sweep - ing through us, re - vive your
2 O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till hum - bly
3 O Breath of Love, come breathe with - in us, re - ne - wing

church with life and power; O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, re -
we con - fess our need; then in your ten - der - ness re -
thought and will and heart; come, Love of Christ, a - fresh to

new us, And fit your church to meet this hour.
make us, re - vive, re - store for this we plead.
win us, re - vive your church in ev - ery part!

Text: Elizabeth Ann P. Head (1850-1936); Tune: Mary J. Hammond (1878-1964); Used by permission of Hymnary.org.

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, BWV 642

J. S. Bach

*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 memory of Barbara and George Dudley, by Nancy and Walter Ostertag, Bruce and Joan Dudley, and Liz and Rick Haas.

USHERS

8:30 Larry Boram, Bonnie Boram

11 Kit Davis, Jennifer Scott, Whitney Watt, Kelly Bryant, Gordon Duke, Marilyn Duke

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Rev. Barrett Abernethy, liturgist; Greg Treitz (8:30) & Alexandra Ortiz (11), lay readers.

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

11 Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, camera

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Music Blurb for 8:30 am Service:

Dupré's antiphon is based on a text from the *Song of Songs* (1:5), as the voice of the soul in its longing for Christ. Its paradox "dark, yet beautiful" has often been understood as expressing both human frailty and the hidden promise of renewal. In light of the vision of dry bones restored to life in today's sermon, the music reflects a movement from desolation toward hope. In this Lenten contemplative space, brokenness is not denied, but gently transformed.

We Lift Up in Prayer

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

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.

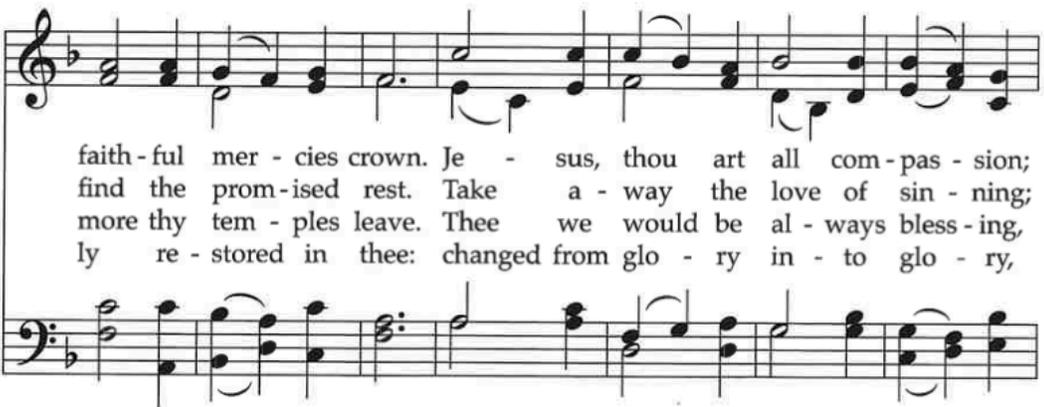
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

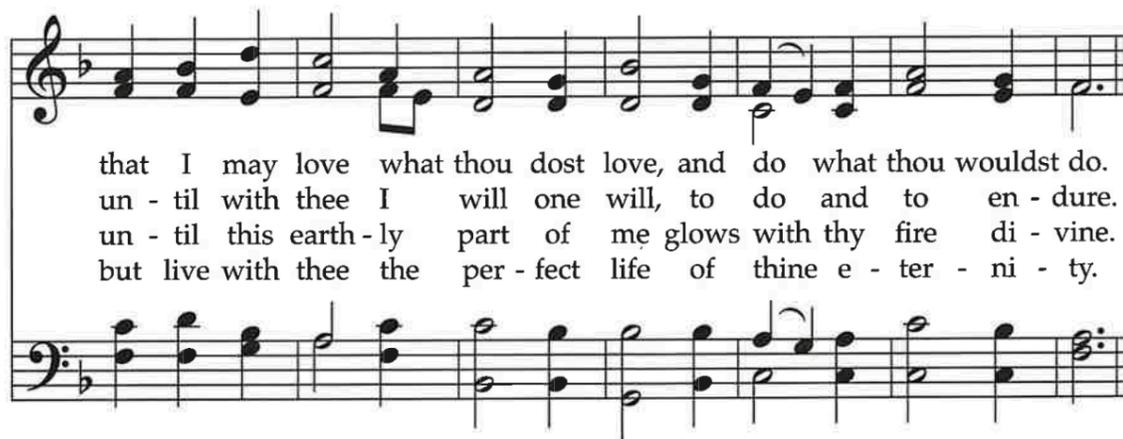
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

March 25, 5 p.m. - Wednesdays Together Meal/Children's Choir Celebration (5:45 p.m.)

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

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

March 29 - following 11 a.m. service - Easter Egg Hunt

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

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