

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!

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

Service for the Lord's Day

Children and their families are invited to gather in the Narthex for our procession with palms.

The Gathering

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

With the sounds of the Prelude the worship service has begun. You are encouraged to use this time for meditation and reflection prior to your participation in the service.

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude and Mement gotique from op. 25</i>	Léon Boëllmann
	Mengfei Xu, organ	
	<i>Who Comes Riding?</i>	Ronald Nelson
	Carol Choir, Chapel Choir, Worship Arts	

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Matthew 21:1–11)*

INTROIT	<i>Hosanna!</i>	Robert Molliconi (adapt.)
	Sanctuary Choir	

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Merciful God, we confess that amid the Palm Sunday crowds, we find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph. Our faith is unsteady, and our mercy is fading. We fail to forgive others when they fall short of our expectations. We keep silent rather than speak up when others are in trouble. We prefer what is easy to what is right, even though we have seen your path set out for us. Forgive us, O God, and make us more forgiving. Inspire us with the costly choices Jesus made as he moved toward the cross, and give us the courage to follow him.

Time for silent prayer.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

So let us sing and give thanks, praising God for this incredible Good News:

Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Michael Bedford

Carol Choir, Chapel Choir, & Worship Arts

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, sanna, Jesus comes.

Riding on a donkey through the city streets,
Jesus smiles and waves to everyone he meets.

See palm branches waving as the people say,
“Blest is he who comes on this triumphant day!”

Children ages 3 through 3rd graders are welcome to come forward for the blessing of the Great Hour of Sharing boxes and the Passing of the Peace - they will then be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One Great Hour of Sharing

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:26-33

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

SERMON

Traveling by Donkey, Traveling by Dolorosa

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

From the Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people.

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!



ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Sanctuary Choir; Mengfei Xu, organ
Text can be found at Hymn 223.

Gilbert Martin

*DOXOLOGY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, vs. 4

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 *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.

The Sending

*HYMN 197

Hosanna! Loud Hosanna! (vs. 1 & 2)

ELLACOMBE

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE 197

Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!
vs. 3

ELLACOMBE

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing.
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

In Worship Today

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Joan Gaston by LaMar Gaston.

THE PALMS IN OUR SANCTUARIES were given ...:

In loving memory of J.D., Angelina & Carletta Buckman by Ann Buckman

In memory of Carolyn & Dave Harper by Teresa (Terry) Cissell

In memory of Tinsley Campbell, Charlie & Katie Castner, Margaret Campbell, & Elizabeth Hoge by Elizabeth Rightmyer & Jean Herp

In memory of Steven H. Keeney by Lorri Keeney

In honor of our grandchildren Marin, Tyler, Bennett, Sam & Lily by Jamie & Walt Swyers

In memory of Mr. John G. Seiler and Mrs. Louise Seiler by Kelly, Joe, Campbell, & Elizabeth Seiler

In honor of our children Campbell & Elizabeth Seiler by Kelly & Joe Seiler

In memory of William J. Rutledge by The Costel Family

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hughes and Mr. & Mrs. Robert K. Lewis by Ed & Carolyn Lewis

In memory of Clinton L. Glasscock by Ed & Carolyn, Edwin, Kim, William & Charlie Lewis

In honor of Melanie Duke by Marilyn & Gordon Duke

In memory of Clinton Glasscock & Jane Shewmaker by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Glasscock

In memory of Margaret C. Flowers and in honor of her children and grandchildren by Catherine Flowers

In memory of Louise & Bill Elliott; Betty Kilgore Moss Gibbs & George Gibbs; Benjamin Wesley Kilgore & Violet Wright Kilgore Tillery by Susan & Jack, Elliott, Wesley and Rhodes Moss

By Odetta & Walt Tucker

In honor of LaMar Gaston and in memory of Joan Penna Gaston by Page Penna

In honor of Biggs, William, & Andrew by Ward Tabler

In honor of our wonderful children Lillie, Maggie & Jack and in memory of our loving parents Lester & Maxie Key and Bill & Norma Dickman by Cindy & Mike Dickman

In honor of Sam Bryant by Kelly Bryant

In memory of JoAnn Fleming & Edwin Rankin by Ann & Ken Fleming

In memory of John G. Treitz and Mr. & Mrs. Albert C. Dick by Greg & Harriett Treitz

In honor of our children and grandchildren by Jess & Susanne Wright

(List is as of March 26. Palms can be picked up following our Easter Celebrations.)

USHERS

Edie Wells, Cheeky Bahe, John Bahe, John Davis, Laura Davis, Scott Davis,
Kitty DeVoogd, Paige Reinstine, Mac Barr, Alexandra Ortiz

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets, lay reader; Wilson Masick, crucifer; Scott Davis, acolyte

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, director; Mengfei Xu, organist

Carol Choir; Krista Mueller, Director

Sarah Arton, Lio Bego, Sam Bryant, Ellis Clark, Hal Clark, Bailey Cook, Cal Crawford, William Crawford, Piper Farnsley, Keaton Mayer, Teddy Mayer

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, William Wright, McClain Watkins

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Elizabeth and Jack McKean on the death of her sister and his aunt, Mary Louise Sheriff, 3/12/26

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.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

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

March 30-April 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Walk the Stations of the Cross in the Chapel

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

April 12, 3 p.m. - Louisville Chamber Choir Concert, 3 p.m.

April 15 & 22, May 6, 13 & 20 - A Faithful Call Lecture Series, 5:30 p.m.

Ruling Elders

Class of 2026
Miriam Ballert
Marilyn Duke
Liz Ratliff Evans
Lindsey Hundley
Lucy Kosse
Deb Vetter
Whitney Watt

Class of 2027
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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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Glen Hume
Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
Kristi Smith

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Kitty deVoogd
Jim Haynes
Patrice Paton
Kay Reis
Sunny Seale

Class of 2028
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Mac Barr
Lee Best
Terry Cissell
Sara Gilford
Nick Hertzman
John Williams

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Elizabeth Clay *Coordinator for Pastoral Care*

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Jim Rittenhouse *Director of Worship & Music Ministry*

Michael Harper *Coordinator for Youth Ministry*

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