

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!

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

*RESPONSE HYMN 480 *Take Me to the Water, vs. 1&4 African American Spiritual*

*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.*

Soloist sings first, then invites congregation:

**Take me to the water, take me to the water,
Take me to the water, to be baptized.
Glory hallelujah, Glory hallelujah,
Glory hallelujah, to be baptized.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth Southgate Edinger & Alden Brewster Clay Edinger

Children of Mary and Wells Edinger

**read in unison when invited*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

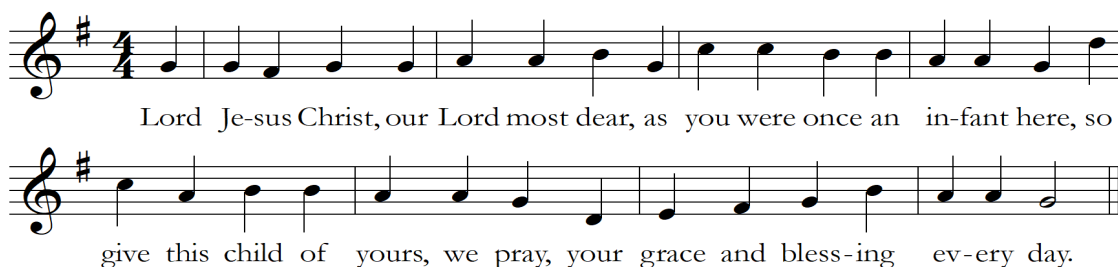
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CONGREGATION *read in unison when invited*

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's one holy and apostolic church. We are the people of God, members of the household of faith, a royal priesthood. Proclaim with us the good news of Christ for all the world. We are one in Christ Jesus: share with us at the table of God's kingdom. Welcome to the family of God and to Christ's ministry with us!

BAPTISM HYMN *Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear* TALLIS CANON



Lord Je-sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as you were once an in-fant here, so
give this child of yours, we pray, your grace and bless-ing ev-ery day.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

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

Luke 15:11-32

Barrett

SECOND READING

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

Micah 6:1-8

SERMON

Peace, Harmony, Love, and Joy

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

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!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Rising Again
The Sanctuary Choir

K. Lee Scott

Refrain Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength, no power over him;
for in that he lives, he lives to God.

Now death with all its dread o'er us no longer reigns,
for Jesus rising from the tomb has burst its iron chains. (refrain)

Destruction is destroyed by Christ, our Lord and King,
whose rising forth with life restored removes death's dreadful sting. (refrain)

Victorious Lord of Life, who sets our hearts aflame,
through deadly pain and fearful strife, we triumph in his name. (refrain)

Congregation is invited to stand and sing:

**Now lift your heart and voice in praise of him who died.
In Christ let all the earth rejoice, Our Lord, once crucified.
Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength,
no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.**

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

MISSION UPDATE

Rev. Andrew Hartmans, Cedar Ridge Camp

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer...**

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 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Marche-sortie

Théodore Dubois

*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 by Missy, Kirk, Sarah, David & Amy, Michael, Kelly, Knox, Mary Rose, Davis, Henry, and Owen & Campbell, in loving memory of Dr. Owen Kirkwood Hitt, whose memorial service was yesterday.

USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Kay Reis, Lucy Kosse, Patrick Kosse, Bruce Dudley, Joan Dudley, Whitney Watt

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, liturgist; Sandy Bailey, lay reader.

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

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, camera

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We welcome Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, President of Louisville Seminary as our liturgist this morning, as well as the presiding officiant for this morning's baptisms. We are thankful you are here, Dr. Pomerville!

We Lift Up in Prayer

Margaret Cregor Radford on the death of her brother, Llewellyn Spears, 4/13/26.

Terry Cissell on the death of her brother, John Harper, 4/4/26.

Cheryl Cooper & family on the death of her husband, Walter Crutcher, 4/1/26.

Missy Hitt and Kelly Gant on the death of husband and father, Dr. Woody Hitt, 3/28/26.

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.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

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

April 26, 12:00 p.m. - Great Hall - Youth Program Shareholder Appreciation Lunch

May 10, 11:00 a.m. - Faith Formation Volunteers Celebrated

May 17, 11:00 a.m. - High School Graduates Celebrated

May 17, 19, 21 - Various Times - Derby City Chamber Music Festival

May 24 - Pentecost - First Sunday of One Service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

742 We Will Walk with God

Sizohamba naye



We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.
Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will walk with God, my sis - ters; we will walk with God.
Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



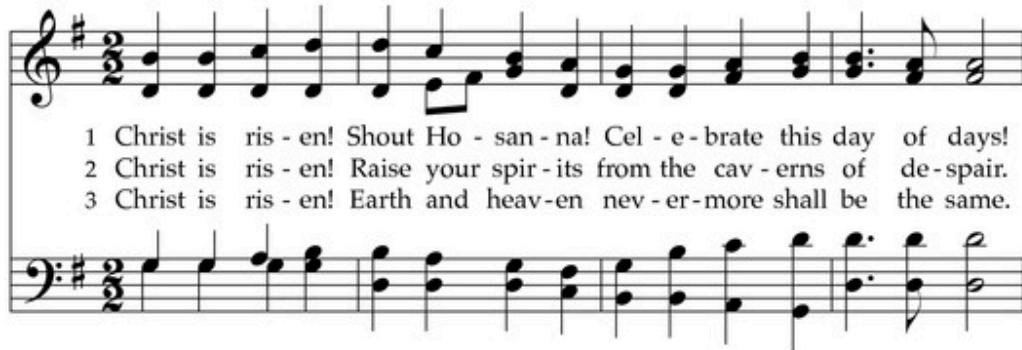
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Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



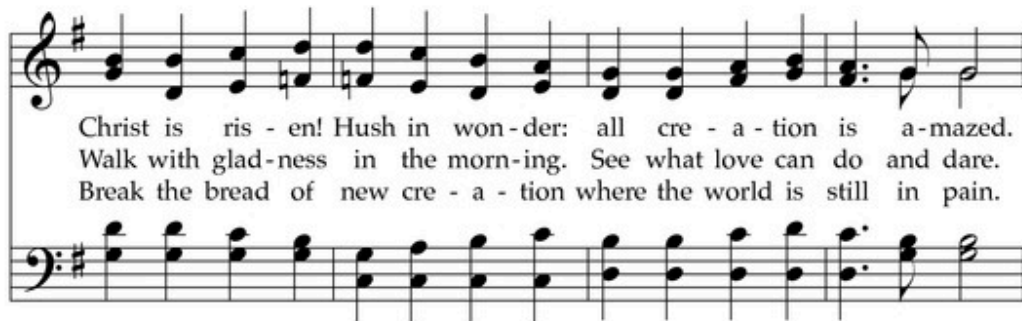
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With its themes of commitment and sending, this energetic song from Swaziland works well for ending a time together, either an occasion of worship or some other gathering. The simple tune does not require supporting instruments but invites percussion and improvisation.

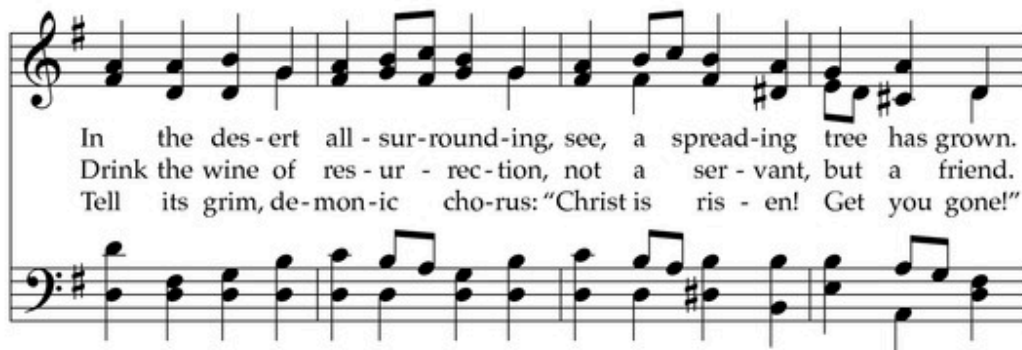
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



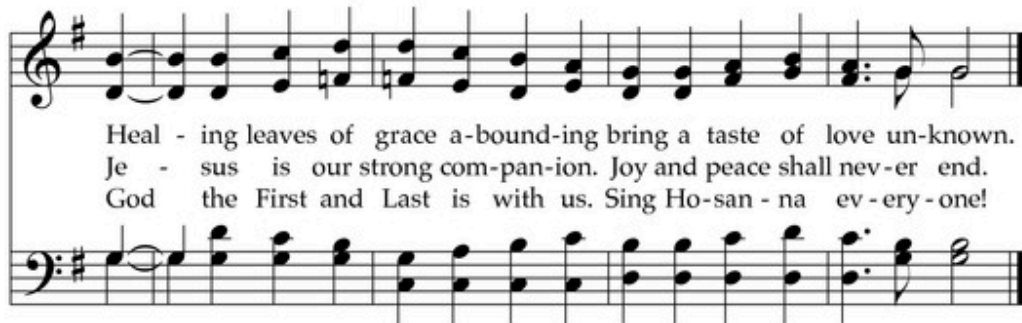
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Ruling Elders

Class of 2026

Vacant

Marilyn Duke
Liz Ratliff Evans
Lindsey Hundley
Lucy Kosse
Deb Vetter
Whitney Watt

Class of 2027

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John Cunningham
Angela Duffy
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Larry Jones
Justin Powers
Kyle Wiggins

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Caroline Dicken
Mary Clay Edinger
Priss Hovious
Crystal Kannapell
Henry Kelsey
Alexandra Ortiz
Larry Sloan

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Clerk: Chip Snyder

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Glen Hume
Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
Kristi Smith

Class of 2027

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Tim Clark
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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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*

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