

# 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.

**PATHWAYS**  
TO OUR BICENTENNIAL

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*

### 11 a 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

8:30 *Le trophée*

François Couperin

11 *Dialogue sur les grands jeux from Veni creator*

Nicolas de Grigny

Mengfei Xu, harpsichord/organ

### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

### INTROIT

*Joyful Alleluia*

Howard Hughes

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11)

### PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

### \*HYMN 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Gracious God, you call us to walk with you, but we prefer other ways which we think will be better. Your way challenges us, and requires sacrifice: of status, money, and power. You teach us your truth, O God, but we close our hearts to it, chasing false beliefs instead. Your son Jesus Christ is the light for all people, but we fall for the lie that some lives are more valuable or acceptable than others. Forgive us, merciful God, for the times we choose the easy life instead of your abundant life. Forgive how we fall for the lies we are told, rather than the truth you bring. Forgive the ways we restrict your grace to fit our rules.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, here is the Good News:

**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE HYMN 246

*Christ Is Alive, vs. 5*

TRURO

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

*11 a.m. 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. **And also with you.**

## *The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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

SECOND READING

2 Kings 2:6-12

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

SERMON

*Rousing Sermon*

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!*



### OFFERTORY

*Ride On, King Jesus*

arr. Bruce Trinkley

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11); Mengfei Xu, piano

*Refrain: Ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-binder me.*

*I was but young when I begun, no man can a-binder me.*

*But now my race is almost done, no man can a-binder me. (refrain)*

*King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse, no man can a-binder me.*

*The river of Jordan he did cross, no man can a-binder me. (refrain)*

*If you want to find your way to God, no man can a-binder me.*

*The gospel highway must be trod, no man can a-binder me. (final refrain)*

## 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.**

God of all creation... Thus, with all the saints in every time and place, we sing our song to you:

**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 alone are holy, O God... we celebrate that great mystery of our faith:

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

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

*King of Glory, King of Peace*

Dan Locklair

The Octet

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee:  
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

—George Herbert, 1633

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

# *The Sending*

\*HYMN 846

*Fight the Good Fight*

DUKE STREET

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*8:30 Magnificat - Fugue in F*  
*11 Horse Racing*

Johann Pachelbel  
Haihuai Huang

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of the risen Christ with one another and the world.  
You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the lower staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic and rhythmic foundation for the vocal line.

# Fight the Good Fight 846

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.  
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
 God's bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove  
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

## *In Worship Today*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Jess and Susanne Wright in honor of their granddaughter Harriet Wright who graduates with a master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington; and in honor of Eh Themoo Po who graduates from Centre College. Congratulations to Harriet and Eh Themoo.

### USHERS

8:30 Greg Treitz

11:00 Nora Moloney, Joe Moloney, Edie Wells, Elaine Duncan, Tony Duncan,  
Sarah Middleton

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Dennis Dolan (8:30) & Jane Roth (11), lay readers

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

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Music Blurb for 11am Postlude:

*An organ transcription inspired by the traditional Chinese erhu piece Horse Racing, reflecting the energy of spring and the shared human tradition of horse culture.*

## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Jason Steigerwalt, Laura Atkinson, and family on the death of his father, Philip Steigerwalt, 4/17/26.

Odetta and Walt Tucker and family on the death of her brother, Larry Burke, 4/15/26.

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!**

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

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

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

**May 17, 3:00 p.m. & May 19 & 21, 7:30 p.m. - Derby City Chamber Music Festival**

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

**June 21, 6:30 p.m. on Chapel Circle- Vespers@Second - *Keltricity* Irish Band**

# Announcements

May 3, 2026

## TO OUR VISITORS - Welcome to Second Presbyterian!

Please help us get to know you better by filling out an information card (in the pew pockets). You are welcome to hand the card to a pastor in the Narthex or place it in the offering plate.  
*Thank you!*

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH - For the month of May, we are collecting items for South Louisville Community Ministries. Please see the list of needed items in Seconds to Go or at the information stations located throughout the building.

FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION will take place May 10 during 11:00 worship. We want to take time to honor the time and talents of children, youth and adult Faith Formation leaders. Mark your calendars to attend!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! This year's VBS *#KidsConnect*, takes place July 6-10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for any combination of days. Youth 6th grade through 12th grade are encouraged to help! Volunteers are asked to be available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each day. Contact Lorie Williamson at [lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org) for more information.

EL SALVADOR - A group will once again be traveling to El Salvador this year, July 7-14. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Andrew at [abowman@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:abowman@2ndpreslou.org).

A FAITHFUL CALL - How Can We Help Mother Nature? A new series on Wednesday evenings. The Meet & Greet starts at 5:30 p.m., and Talks begin at 6 p.m. Come and discover ways we can help our environment and build community.

**May 6** - Tavia Cathcart Brown: *A Pollinator Banquet*

RSVP Here

**May 13** - Paul Cappiello: *Building the Backbone of a Climate-Resistant Garden*

**May 20** - Cindi Sullivan: *The Story of Trees Louisville*



All are welcome to attend; see Seconds to Go for more details.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - Please know that you will be celebrated in multiple ways on Sunday, May 17th! Please check your email for more information, including the deadline for submitting your picture and information for the worship bulletin insert.

FLOWERS - If you are interested in giving memorial flowers for May 24, please contact Nancy Hubbard at 502-939-5744 or email [nancyhubbard@aol.com](mailto:nancyhubbard@aol.com). We also need bud vases and medium-sized vases; you can drop them off at the Church Office, or if you need to arrange for someone to pick them up, please let Nancy know.

AMERICAN FLAG DISPOSAL - Memorial Day is approaching, and if you have an American flag that is worn out and needs to be disposed of, please drop it off at the Church Office. Lorrie Conway will take care of them.

DERBY CITY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2026 - Second Pres. hosts this annual event now in its 5th year. We are privileged to hear world-class, indeed international players alongside the amazing chamber musicians in our region. **THREE CONCERTS:** Sun., May 17, 3 p.m.; Tues., May 19, 7:30 p.m.; Thurs., May 21, 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$40 (Students, \$10). **MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!** If you are interested in ushering, please contact Jim Rittenhouse @ [jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org).

# Upcoming Events - May 3, 2026

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<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter - Holy Communion</i></b>	
8:30 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 251, 252, Parlor, JFH
9:45 a.m.	Youth Breakfast & Bibles	Youth Suite
11:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed
12:30 p.m.	SPOT: Sunday Singles	Mesh
<b>Tuesday, May 5</b>		
10:00 a.m.	SPOT: Walkers	Offsite
3:00 p.m.	Tammy Kissling's Farewell Celebration	Jester Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m.	SPOT: Book Notes	Parlor
<b>Wednesday, May 6</b>		
10:30 a.m.	SPOT: 2nd Act	Beehive Homes of Lyndon
1:00 p.m.	Hope & Healing	Parlor/Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Nature Series - Tavia Cathcart Brown	Jester Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room/Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, May 7</b>		
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168
<b>Friday, May 8</b>		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekly Bible Study	Room 251
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168
<b>Sunday, May 10</b>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	
8:30 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 251, 252, Parlor, JFH
9:45 a.m.	Youth Breakfast & Bibles	Youth Suite
11:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed
12:00 p.m.	SPOT: Busy Needles	Parlor
<b>Monday, May 11</b>		
4:00 p.m.	Caregiver's Group	Zoom
<b>Tuesday, May 12</b>		
7:00 p.m.	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
<b>Wednesday, May 13</b>		
5:30 p.m.	Nature Series - Paul Cappiello	Jester Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	WDS End of the Year Party	Back Parking Lot
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room/Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, May 14</b>		
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168
<b>Friday, May 15</b>		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekly Bible Study	Room 251/Zoom

## *Ruling Elders*

### *Class of 2026*

*vacant*

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*

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