

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

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

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 *Ascension Fanfare* Ellis Martin
Jim Recktenwald & Will French, trumpets; Mengfei Xu, organ

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET
Congregation invited to sing vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5 as invited; Choir sings vs. 3

- 1 **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2 **To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.**
- 3 *(Choir only) People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings to his name.*
- 4 **Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to loose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**
- 5 **Let every creature rise and sing peculiar honors to their King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Eternal God, you have loved us always. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. Your mercy is steadfast, and your grace is all-sufficient. Yet we confess how often we forget you, loving God, and the many ways we are divided from one another. We confess the times our thoughts, words, and actions go against your good ways, denying our calling to be your children.

Forgive us, merciful God. Mend in us what is broken, heal our wounded relationships, and make us again as you would have us be.

In Jesus Christ we pray.

Time for silent prayer.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the promise of this 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 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 113:1-9

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

SECOND READING

Acts 1:1-11

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

SERMON

You Raise Me Up

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from the Confession of 1967 (9.15)*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals this love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS Michael Harper, Coordinator for Youth Ministry

Hayden Delaney
Hadley Dierking
Ceci Flowers
Trevor Gilford
Charlie Lewis

Vivienne Linville
Roberts Sartor
Nolan Williams
Anna Zimmerman

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord
The Octet (8:30); Sanctuary Choir (11)

Dale Grotenhuis

Praise ye the Lord, Praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and evermore.

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and evermore.

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Praise ye the Lord, Praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord.

*DOXOLOGY 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures, high and low: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*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 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Allegro in D

Petronio Franceschini

*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 Marcy Suter in loving memory of Ron Suter.

USHERS

8:30 Nathan Dicken, Caroline Dicken

11 Kit Davis, Curt Engelstad, Julie Engelstad, Patrick Kosse, Lucy Kosse,
Susan McDowell

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, and Michael Harper (11),
liturgists

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11); Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Mengfei Xu,
organist; Jim Recktenwald & Will French, guest trumpeters

11 Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Jennifer, Chip, Cole and Mac Hancock on the death of Jennifer's mother,

Glenna B. Hamilton, 5/01/26.

Gordon and Marilyn Duke on the death of his sister-in-law, Betty Duke, 4/29/26.

Gordon and Marilyn Duke on the death of their niece, Brenda Whorley, 4/21/26.

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

May 20, 5:30 p.m. - A Faithful Call Lecture Series

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

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

268 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

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

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Nathan Dicken
Glen Hume
Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
Kristi Smith

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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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