

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.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA/ST. ANNE
arr. Janet Linker & Jane McFadden
Austin Memorial Handbells; Dr. James Rightmyer, guest organist

HYMN SING *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies MATERNA

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!**

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 289 *On Pentecost They Gathered* MUNICH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of wind and flame, on that first Pentecost your Spirit brought Good News that all who heard could understand. But we confess that we often ignore your message and focus on our own words and understandings, rather than let your Spirit speak through us.

You made us relationship with each other, but we confess that our connections are often broken, and we seek status for ourselves rather than celebrating one another. Forgive our foolish and harmful ways, O God. Send your Spirit once more to inspire our faith and energize our hearts for love, as we join with your people everywhere at your table of peace.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Thanks be to God for this most generous gift:

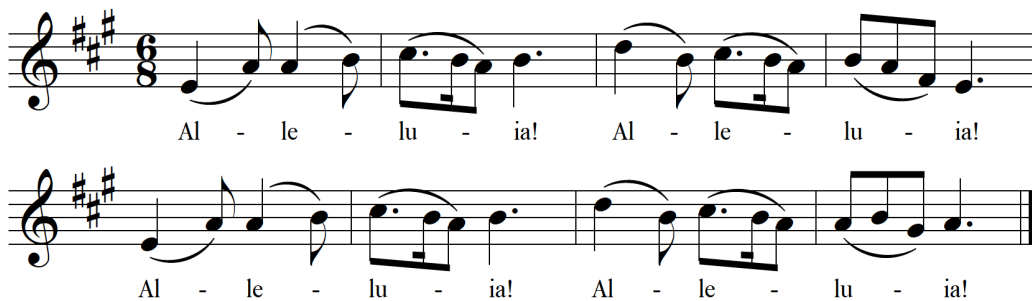
Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and filled with the Holy Spirit! Amen.

*RESPONSE

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Children ages 3 through completed 2nd graders are welcome to come forward and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace. Children can be picked up in the Great Hall or the playground, depending on weather.



*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

ANTHEM

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

arr. James Rightmyer

The Sanctuary Choir; Austin Memorial Handbells; Dr. James Rightmyer, organ

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:*

*Thy blessèd unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight:*

*Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide no ill can come.*

*Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along this may be our endless song,*

Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-8

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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

SERMON

The Spirit's Variety Show

Rev. Andrew Bowman

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison from A Declaration of Faith, PC(US), 1977*

We believe in one true and living God. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.

The Holy Spirit is God active in the world. By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel. By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered. By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with his church. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people, the One who makes real in us what God has done for us.

We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.

We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still calls people to various offices in the church and gives diverse gifts to believers. We are to use them to speak and embody plainly the gospel of Christ in the world. No gift is of value without love.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

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!*



ANTHEM

Come, Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY
Text can be found at Hymn #282

arr. Will Todd

*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

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

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 733

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Dr. James Rightmyer

*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.*

In Worship Today

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Mary & Paul Ayers in honor of their fathers who served our country: Bill Wade, USN Hornet, and Paul Ayers, USMC & Merchant Marines.

USHERS

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Jennifer Scott, Cheeky Bahe

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Elizabeth Clay, liturgist; Janet Rittenhouse, lay reader.

The Sanctuary Choir; The Austin Memorial Handbells; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor;

Dr. James Rightmyer, guest organist

Austin Memorial Handbells: *Bonnie Boram, Ricky Case, Terry Cissell, Lindsay Cook, Jean Herp, Diana Jester, Steven Pierce, Sharon Owens, Sue Rogers, Becky Timerding, Eric Timerding*

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.

2026 Stewardship Campaign Report

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to share our 2026 pledge campaign report. With grateful hearts, we give thanks to God for His continued provision and for each member of our church family who participated through prayerful consideration and generous commitment.

For 2026, total pledges stand at \$1.51 million. This steady level of giving reflects the continued faithfulness and commitment of our congregation.

We are especially encouraged by the momentum created through new participation. This year, 36 new pledges were made, totaling \$143,800, and accounting for 9.5% of the total pledged amount. These new commitments are a meaningful sign of growth and engagement within our church community.

Your generosity makes it possible for us to sustain our ministries, serve others, and continue sharing God's love in impactful ways. We are deeply thankful for the ways God works through this congregation's faithfulness, compassion, and willingness to give. As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude and hope for all that God will accomplish through us.

We also invite everyone to begin fulfilling your commitments as you are able and to keep the ministries of our church in your prayers as we move forward together.

We thank God for the blessings entrusted to this church and for the spirit of generosity that continues to unite and strengthen our congregation.

Thank you for being such a vital and faithful part of our church family.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

June 1 - Summer Music Blast Registration Open

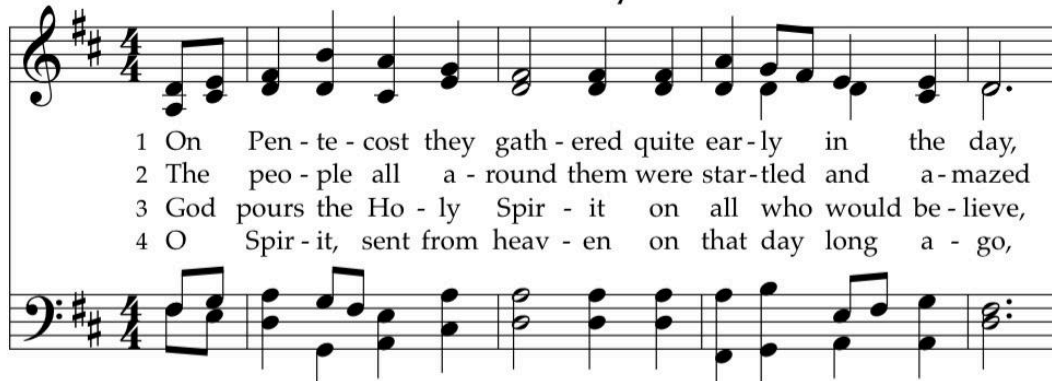
June 8-12 & 22-26 - Smiley Camp (Registration still open)

June 17, 24, & July 15, 7-8 p.m. - Summer Choir Rehearses

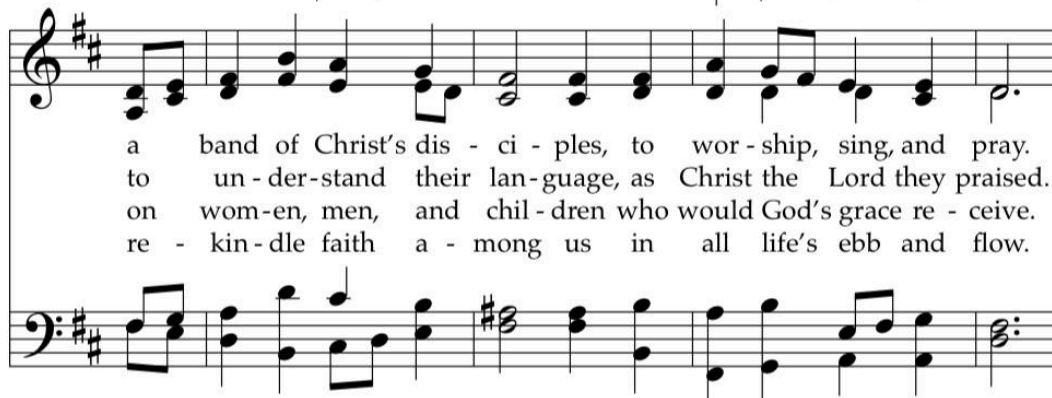
June 21, 6:30 p.m. on Chapel Circle- Vespers@Second - *Keltricity* Irish Band

July 6-10 - VBS (Registration still open)

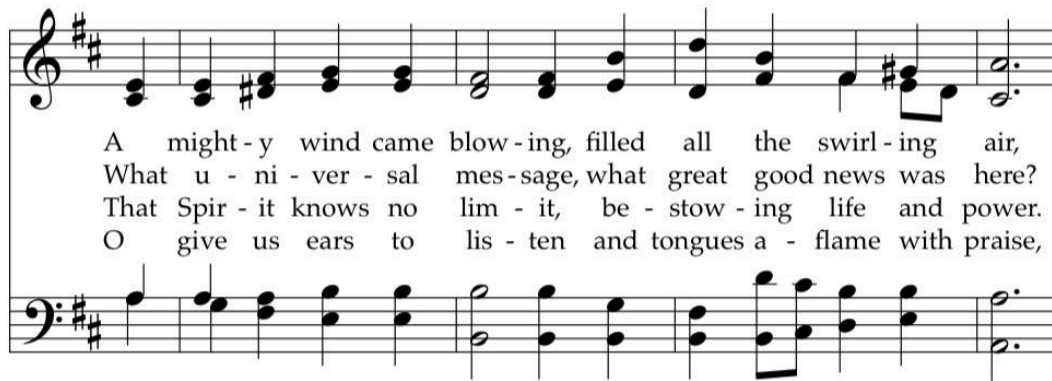
289 On Pentecost They Gathered



1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

Announcements

May 24, 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!

SUMMER WORSHIP begins today - Sunday, May 24th with one service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH begins today! This summer we will explore what nature can tell us about God through stories about and experimenting with seeds, water, rocks, storms, spices, & flowers. Children's Church will take place outside except for when there is inclement weather. **Please dress your child for outside play.** Pick up will be on the playground or in the gym.

WORSHIP ENGAGEMENT BAGS are available throughout the Summer for those children remaining in worship each Sunday. Please return bags after service each Sunday.

ON THE GO WITH GOD - "At Home Bags" to help your family continue faith practices while you are away are available on the children's worship cart. Each week will have activities, lessons and prayer practices that coincide with Children's Church topics. Bags for June lessons are available today.

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.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! This year's VBS *#KidsConnect*, takes place July 6-10 from 9 a.m. to 12 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. Volunteer training will take place on Sundays throughout the month of June. Volunteers look for an email regarding a specific time and place. Contact Lorie Williamson at lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org for more information.

BECOME A YOUTH PROGRAM SHAREHOLDER - During the month of May, the youth will be selling youth program "shares" for the 2026–2027 school year as a fundraiser to support their programming, trips, and retreats. Shares can be purchased for \$25/share by scanning the QR code or by visiting the youth table in the Narthex before or after worship.



BITES WITH BARRETT - Please join us for another Bites with Barrett event. This is an opportunity to meet with a small group of congregants at the home of Peggy Duane on Sunday, June 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. If you are interested, please see the link found in this week's edition of Seconds to Go. The guest list is limited, but future events have been scheduled.

SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS JUNE 17 - Bring your voice and good spirits and join us in rehearsing June 17, 24, and July 15 from 7-8 p.m. We sing with the Sanctuary Choir on July 5, and then on July 12 & 19. No audition necessary - bring a *tuneful* friend.

Upcoming Events - May 24, 2026

Sunday, May 24

9:00 a.m.	<i>Pentecost - First Sunday of One Service at 10</i> Biblical Studies Class & Reading the Bible	Room 252, Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day Children's Church	Sanctuary/Live Streamed Playground/Great Hall
11:00 a.m.	Raising Our Faith Class	JFHB
11:00 a.m.	SPOT: Busy Needles	Parlor

Monday, May 25

Church office/building closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 27

7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room/Sanctuary
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Thursday, May 28

1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168
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Friday, May 29

7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekly Bible Study	Room 251/Zoom
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168

Sunday, May 31

9:00 a.m.	<i>Trinity Sunday</i> Biblical Studies Class & Reading the Bible	Room 252, Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day Children's Church	Sanctuary/Live Streamed Playground/Great Hall
11:00 a.m.	Raising Our Faith Class	JFHB

Tuesday, June 2

10:00 a.m.	SPOT: Walkers	Offsite
5:30 p.m.	SPOT: Book Notes	Parlor/Zoom

Thursday, June 4

1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168
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Friday, June 5

7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekly Bible Study	Room 251/Zoom
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168

Saturday, June 6

11:00 a.m.	Flo Hume Celebration of Life	Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Flo Hume Reception	Jester Fellowship Hall A

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*

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