

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

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 *Aria detto Balletto* Girolamo Frescobaldi

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING #1-450

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of love and mercy, you see us as we really are. You know the details of our lives. We are a people who prefer our will to your way. We focus on selfish things and give little thought or care to others. You see the sin we carry and the sorrow we bear, and you know the problems and the possibilities we face. You see how we harm the world around us, and how we rub each other the wrong way.

We confess we do not always see what you see. Forgive us, God of grace. Open our eyes to the truth of our lives, fill us with your righteousness, and set us again on your path of justice.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

With joy in our hearts, let us hear and proclaim this very Good News:

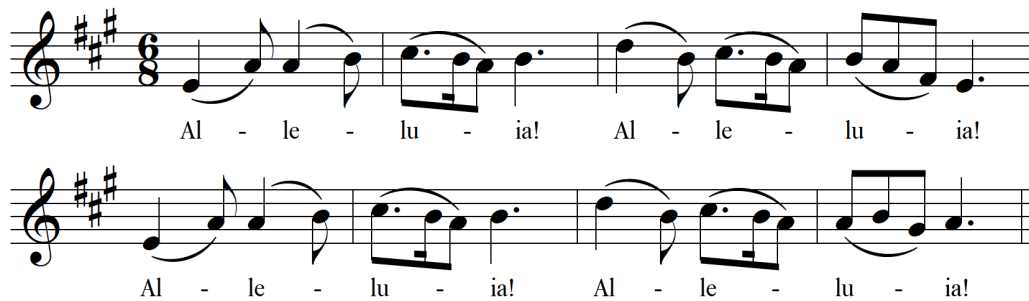
Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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 the weather.



*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 18:1-6

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

SECOND READING

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

John 15:1-8

SERMON

Michelangelo: The Sculptor

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

HYMN OF RESPONSE 288 *seated*

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

From the Confession of 1967 (9.54 and 9.55)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending

day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will and disrupts creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in humanity and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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!



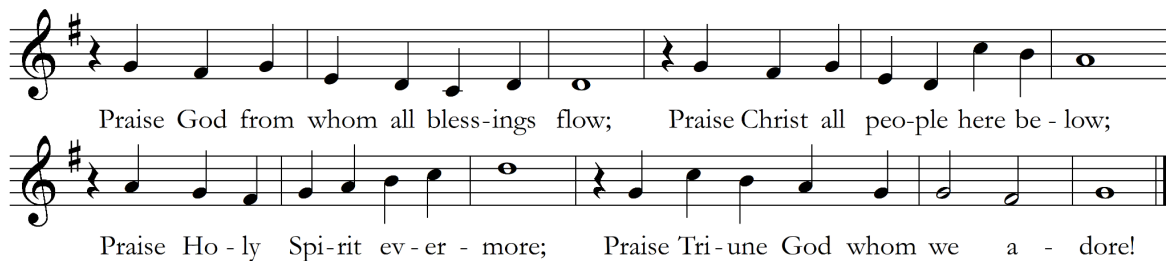
ANTHEM

The Canticle of Brother Sun

Grayston Ives

*Most High, Omnipotent Lord, all honour glory be given to thee, to thee alone, most high, all praise belong.
Be praised, O Lord, for all thy works: For Brother Sun, whose brightness makes the light by which we see.
For Sister Moon, whose beams were formed to shine so clear and bright.
For Brother Wind, whose clouds and breezes blow across the land.
For Sister Water, so precious, humble, lowly, chaste, and pure.
...Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, whose flames and light illuminate the night.
Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, for grass and plants and flowers and all our food.
Be praised, my Lord, for all thy love bestowed on us. Bless those who walk the way of peace, in quiet to live.
By thee, O Lord most high, they shall be crowned.
Be praised, O heavenly Lord, all praise and blessing and glory be given to you.
with humblest thanks for all he's given you. Amen. - St. Francis of Assisi*

*DOXOLOGY 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ all peo-ple here be - low;
Praise Ho - ly Spi-rit ev - er - more; Praise Tri - une God whom we a - dore!

*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

God of Grace, and Love Unceasing

NETTLETON

**God of grace and love unceasing, you have called us from the start;
cherished us before we answered, filled each silent, waiting heart.
Highest praise, and deep thanksgiving through our prayers to you belong,
trusting in your sure salvation, be our hope, and joy and song!**

**God, you formed us for purpose, guide our faithful footsteps now,
as we strive to live as children, heirs to your baptismal vow.
Strengthen us for sacred service, give us voice to speak your might.
By your Word instill conviction, make your will our true delight.**

**To our doubts, Lord, bring assurance as we face the coming years;
vision to reflect your image; peace to calm our raging fears.
In our times of tribulation, when we wander, lost and cold,
bring us, Shepherd, all together, straying sheep into your fold.**

**Great the wonders of your presence: Spirit winds, and tongues of flame;
countless blessings all around us: yours to give, and ours to claim.
Sacraments of bread and water, grace and love attend our days;
may our lives show forth your promise, and our songs unending praise!**

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*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

*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

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERMON SERIES “*Stained Glass Saints*”

This summer, we are exploring the Stained Glass Saints that adorn our narthex (lobby) window. The first time I ever laid eyes on this window, I knew it had to be the basis for a sermon series. I was awed by both the beauty as well as the uniqueness of this window that celebrates people from all walks of life. My hope is that you will be equally intrigued. This belief is not new to me. For years I have enjoyed creating sermon series that reveal what is unique within a particular congregation. I believe it roots us to who we are, while also inviting us to imagine how these notes of Godly wisdom inspire our faith beyond these walls.

Since this is summer, each sermon will stand alone, as each will explore a different saint - from Michelangelo to Madame Curie, and from Rembrandt to Reinhold Niebuhr. My hope is that you will see what I suspect former pastor, Rev. Dr. Glenn Dorris, wanted you to see that God's call upon each and every one of us is full of hope and grace, taking us in different directions, but leading us all to bear witness to the light of resurrection. May we, together, enjoy pondering and gazing into the light God emits through this wonderful window!

— *Pastor Barrett*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in appreciation for all the men and women of our armed forces who have defended our liberty over the past 250 years.

USHERS

Emily Lawrence, Cathy Flowers, Scott Carothers, Patrice Paton, Roy Bowling, Ann Bowling

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Brad Hume, lay reader.

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

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.

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)

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It begins with a long note for 'ho' followed by a rest and then a long note for 'ly'. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, featuring chords and moving lines. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, also featuring chords and moving lines.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The second system of the musical score also consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, starting with 'God' and ending with a double bar line. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The music concludes with a final chord in the piano parts.

Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, followed by a half note G5 and a whole note F5. The bass line consists of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, Bb3, followed by a half note G3 and a whole note F3.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system of music is identical to the first system, featuring the same melody and bass line in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

The third system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, followed by a half note G5 and a whole note F5. The bass line consists of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, Bb3, followed by a half note G3 and a whole note F3.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system of music is identical to the first system, featuring the same melody and bass line in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat.

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

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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

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