

WORSHIP AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

Stained Glass Saints



The Second Sunday after Pentecost
*June 7, 2026 * 10:00 a.m.*

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!

SUMMER CHILDCARE is available on Sunday mornings from 9:45-11:15 in room 120 (birth to 2 years) and room 117 (2's & 3's).

SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH Older 3's (by 8/1 of program year) through completed 2nd graders may exit to Summer Children's Church after the Passing of the Peace. Children may be picked up after worship on the playground or in the gym depending upon the weather. 1st through 5th grades will remain in worship on the 1st Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday).

For worshippers with little ones needing a quiet space during the worship service, there is an infant and caregiver room off the Narthex. If you have any questions, please notify an usher.

For our worshippers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a headset unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices to honor the sanctity of our worship.

** Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

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



Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

Barrett is ready to give the welcome on - Chancel chairs.

Ricky Case (Word) & Andrew (Font) in Chancel Pastoral Chairs for MoG.

Choir in Loft. The candles will be lit ahead of service. No acolytes in summer.

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.

Mengfei - time count: 3'

PRELUDE

Fugue in C Major, op. 13

Jeanne Demessieux

Barrett

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim will introduce. Mengfei plays.

HYMN SING #450-853

MoG starts at the last line of the final request.

Ricky (from lectern/pulpit): "The Word of Life"

Andrew: "The Font of Identity"

Barrett: "The Table of Sustenance. Children of God, Welcome Home!"

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Mengfei

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Andrew

God hears the cries of a broken and hurting world, and binds the wounds of the broken hearted. Jesus came to bring us mercy and redemption. By faith, assured of the grace that is ours, let us confess our misdeeds and admit to our need for healing:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Loving God, you have set the right path before us, but we confess we have often wandered off, seeking our own way. Sometimes we hear your call and return, while other times we ignore you on purpose.

But most of the time we think we know best and have it all figured out, with no need of your guidance. We trust in our ability, strength, and smarts, forgetting how much we rely on your grace. Forgive us, merciful God, and lead us back on your right way. Open our hearts to your love, and draw us ever closer to you.

Time for silent prayer.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Dear friends, God has never wavered in keeping covenant with us, pouring out grace, hope, mercy, and life. Thanks be to God, salvation is not up to us! God's healing has made us whole; God's constant love restores us to life.

Let us proclaim the Good News:

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

Andrew invites children 3-2nd grade to come forward to the side door.

Mengfei

***RESPONSE**

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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.

Children can be picked up in the Great Hall or the playground, depending on the weather.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Andrew

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *read responsively*

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

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Word

Ricky Case. After the prayer, Mengfei intros the refrain, Ricky sings once, and asks congregation to sing again with him. He then leads the responsorial psalm.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom, your word is true, and you are ever faithful to your promises. As we listen to the scriptures read and proclaimed this day, may your Holy Spirit move among us, inspiring us to faith and showing us the right way forward. In Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *read and sing responsively*

Psalm 139:1-18

Refrain



Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

Congregation: you discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it. Refrain**

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,**

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;**

the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. Refrain

(continued)

*For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

*My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

*How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!*

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you. *Refrain***

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

Barrett

SECOND READING

Mark 9:14-29

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

SERMON

Stained Glass Saints: Marie Curie

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

Barrett from pulpit

*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.

Andrew

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

With gratitude for God's grace and love, let us give back from the gifts that have been entrusted to us. We bring our tithes and offerings before God, trusting in God's faithful love and provision. The morning offering will now be received.

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

Creation

William Billings

The Sanctuary Choir

When I with pleasing wonder stand
and all my frame survey,
Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand.
Thus built my humble clay.

Our life contains a thousand springs
and dies if one be gone.
Strange that a harp of thousand strings
should keep in tune so long.

— from Psalm 139 and Hymns and Spiritual Songs II

Andrew

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

There is a hymn that proclaims for everyone born there is a place at this table. For woman and man, for young and for old, for just and unjust, there is a place because the love of Christ Jesus knows no bounds. So come, friends, come with your fervent beliefs and your sincere wonders, for Christ has set a table for you, for me, for all.

Barrett

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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for your grace overflows in your world, creating and redeeming and sustaining all things. Your streams of mercy flow from your glory bringing living water into every place, nourishing creation, making it bear fruit that will last, filling our cup until it runs over, spilling out abundant life. We give you thanks for your generous providing, and for your call to be your people. We have wandered in the desert, we have turned our backs, we have followed the path, we have walked on ahead, and still your Spirit calls us, tugging us back to your way, shining your light and singing your grace so we might follow in faith.

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.

Andrew

It is with gratitude, praise, and hearts lifted high that we come to your table, calling to mind your Son who walked among us, who ate with sinners and tax collectors and women the same as he ate with Pharisees and disciples and neighbors. As he reached out to touch the sick, may we reach out with healing hands. As he went to the bad neighborhoods and visited the homes of the poor, may we go out to where your people long for good news. As he spreads health and holiness with every step, every word, every breath, may we live as if grace is contagious, sharing your love with people near and far...

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Andrew

As we meet at the feast of your family, O God, we carry with us those who hunger and thirst, who cannot imagine the abundance of this table, who feel excluded or forgotten, who live with fear and violence, who wait for justice, who long for peace, who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. While we celebrate this day, some in your family see no cause for celebration. While we have feasted on your word, some still see reading as an impossible luxury. While we have learned and spoken and prayed together, some have been silenced and held aside. When we break bread together, break our hearts too, and then by your Spirit bind us together with all your people to seek your purpose and work your will. Give us a glimpse of your kingdom, where the whole human family eats together, and strengthen us with the courage to build your kingdom here on earth, until grace overflows.

We offer our hearts and lives to you, O God, praying that you would use grain and grape to write your covenant of love within us. So hear us now as we proclaim the words you taught us...

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

Barrett

At table with his disciples, Jesus took a loaf of bread. And after giving thanks, he broke and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body given to you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Andrew

And after supper, he also took the cup, and giving thanks, he poured it, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do so in remembrance of me." As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection until he comes. The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

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 *Almighty and Everlasting God* Orlando Gibbons
The Octet Herbert Wiseman, ed.

Almighty and everlasting God
Mercifully look upon our infirmities
And in all our dangers and necessities
Stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Andrew

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have fed us at this table along with that great multitude of your faithful people. Keep us faithful to your call, and abide with us always, that we may serve you in all things. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Andrew

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

Mengfei leads.

*HYMN 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

Barrett

*BLESSING

Mengfei

*POSTLUDE

Danse variée, op. 54 no. 3

Rachel Laurin

*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 by the Hume family in loving memory of their mother, grandmother, great grandmother, Flo Hume.

USHERS

Lawrence Palmer-Ball, Rosemay Palmer-Ball, Tim Martin, Cathy Martin, Scott Carothers,
John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Ricky Case, lay reader

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

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, Visual Technician

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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!

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 closes 6/14)

July 27-29, 5-7:30 p.m. - Summer Music Blast (Registration now open.)