

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 *Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott, P. 106* Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING #450-853 *please use your hymnals*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Lord, you call us to faithfully follow where you lead, yet we confess that we are impatient with your directed path. You call us to open our eyes to your presence in the world around us, but we often see you only where and when we want to look. Forgive us when we take matters into our own hands. Forgive us for ignoring you until it is convenient for us. Renew your call to us once more, and give us a vision of your image reflected in everyone we encounter.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Join me in proclaiming this wonderfully Good News:

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

*RESPONSE

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, 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.**

ANTHEM

Sweet Beulah Land

Parsons/arr. Mattingly

Sopranos & Altos from the Summer Choir

I'm kind of homesick for a country to which I've never been before.

No sad goodbyes will there be spoken for time won't matter anymore.

refrain Beulah Land, I'm longing for you. And some day on Thee I'll stand.

There my home shall be eternal. Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land.

I'm looking now, just across the river, where my faith will end in sight.

There's just a few more days to labor till I will take my heavenly flight. (refrain)

Beulah Land, oh it's Beulah Land. Oh Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:1-10

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

SERMON

Stained Glass Saints: Martin Luther

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

From the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts.

Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing
ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. John Ferguson

The Summer Choir

The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;

He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!

With craft and dreadful might, he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.

Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!

Jesus Christ our Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us,

We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.

This world's prince may rage, in fierce war engage.

He is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

Congregation joins:

God's word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;

For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.

Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,

Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.

The kingdom's ours forever.

Choir only: The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

—Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr; composite, Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978

*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 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
(sung to the tune of "Faith of Our Fathers")
stanzas 1 & 2

ST. CATHERINE

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me, stanza 3

ST. CATHERINE

*The Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the service.
Members are invited to please remain in the Sanctuary.*

In Worship Today

INFO ABOUT 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 Miriam, Erik, and John Ballert in loving memory of
Bruce Quay Ballert.

USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Patrice Paton, John Davis, Laura Davis, Scott Davis, Greg Treitz

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Ronnie Seale,
lay reader

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Bob Cox and family on the death of his sister, Jean Cox Hill, 7/12/26.

Stephanie Mattingly (Octet) & family on the death of her grandmother, Jane Jacobs, 7/4/26.

Nancy Thomas and family on the death of her brother, Harold H. Helm II, 7/1/26.

Jamie Harper and family on the death of her husband, David W. Harper, 6/23/26.

Cathy Flowers and her daughters Maggie Phelps and Caroline Schifano on the death of
Cathy's father, Colonel Robert N. Clark, 6/17/26.

The family and friends of Elizabeth Haynes on her death, 6/7/26.

Sondra Curth and family on the death of her husband, David Curth, 6/7/26.

Jennifer, Chip, Cole and Mac Hancock on the death of Jennifer's mother,
Glenna B. Hamilton, 5/01/26.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

July 27-29, 5:00-7:30 p.m. - Summer Music Blast (for potty-trained 3's - rising 6th graders)

August 14, 7:00 p.m. - Evan Vicic, viola & Mengfei Xu, piano - Music at Second Concert

August 16, 6:30 p.m. on Chapel Circle - Vespers@Second - Ole Time Gospel Sing

August 30, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Gym - Fellowship Kickoff Picnic

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

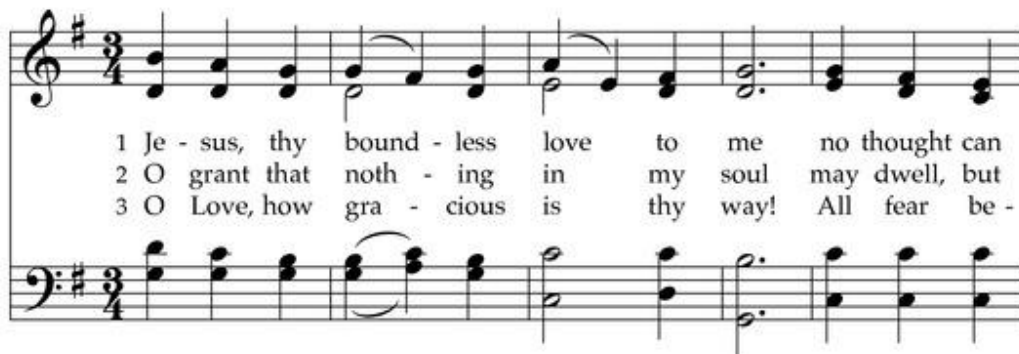


help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



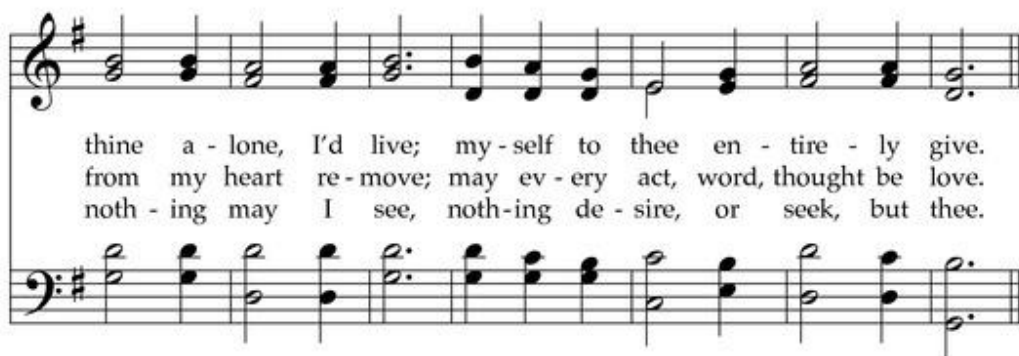
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

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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