

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 *Prelude on Sine Nomine (excerpts)* Leo Sowerby

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Andres Rios, Bellewood & Brooklawn*

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

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 463 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Merciful and patient God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ, and called us to follow his example. Yet we confess that our fear, doubt, and anger cause us to be less than you desire. You call us to live with courage and boldness, but we give up easily and opt for the safer route. You command us to love, yet we are often thoughtless and cruel. You demonstrate goodness, mercy, and healing, but we do not see what is right before us. Forgive us, O God, and renew our ability to notice you and to follow in your ways.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear and believe the Good News:

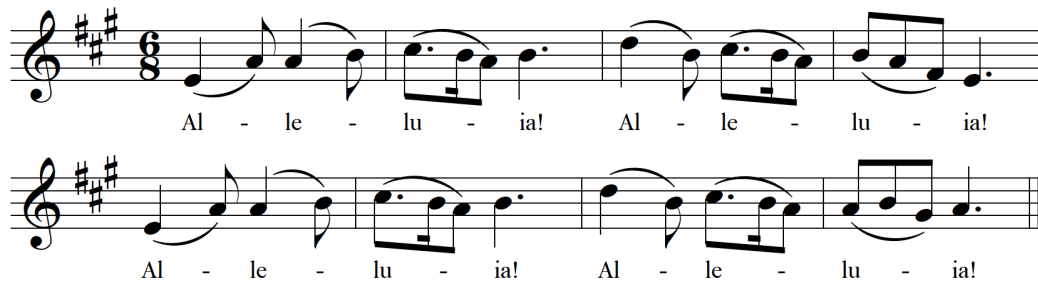
**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

***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.



TEACHER & STUDENT BLESSING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Laura Kathryn Bade

Daughter of Clark and Adam Bade

**read in unison when invited*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

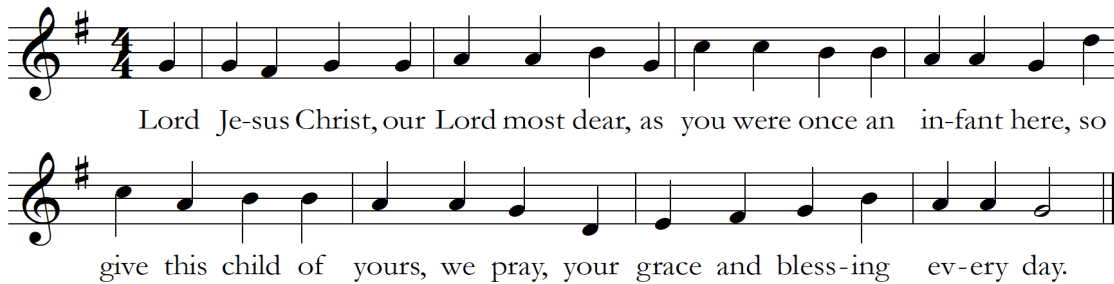
CONGREGATION *read in unison when invited*

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's one holy and apostolic church. We are the people of God, members of the household of faith, a royal priesthood. Proclaim with us the good news of Christ for all the world. We are one in Christ Jesus: share with us at the table of God's kingdom. Welcome to the family of God and to Christ's ministry with us!

BAPTISM HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear

TALLIS CANON



*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Proverbs 1:2-7

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

SECOND READING

Luke 2:40-52

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

SERMON

Stained Glass Saints: Horace Mann

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

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

Go Ye into All the World

David Stanley York

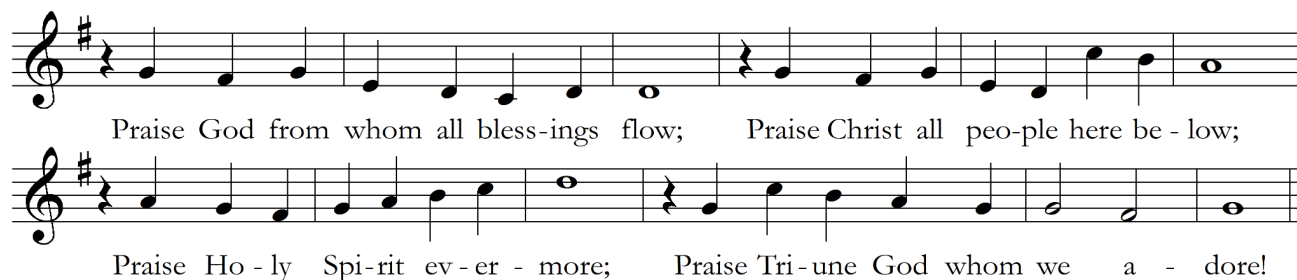
The Octet

Congregation is invited to sing when directed:

**In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, whoever you may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

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



*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 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Tocatta on Hyfrydol (excerpts)

Craig Phillips

*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

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 and 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 celebration of the 50th wedding anniversaries of Elaine & Tony Duncan and Glen & Brad Hume. Both couples married on August 7, 1976. Congratulations to Elaine, Tony, Glen, and Brad!

USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Curt Engelstad, Julie Engelstad, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Key Reis

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Sallie Cunningham, lay reader; Laura Cromer, Elder of Baptism

The Octet; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Mengfei Xu, organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Guthrie, Lisa, & Drayden Zaring on the death of Guthrie's father, Ben Zaring, 7/26/26.

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.

Family of Rev. Gretchen Micka, former assoc. pastor of Second, on her death, 6/20/26.

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.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

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

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

August 23, 5:00 p.m. - Youth Kickoff Dinner - Great Hall

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

September 13, 8:30 a.m. (Chapel) & 11 a.m. (Sanctuary) - 2 Worship Services Return

Sept. 13, 20 & 27, 9:45 a.m. - New Member Classes - Library

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

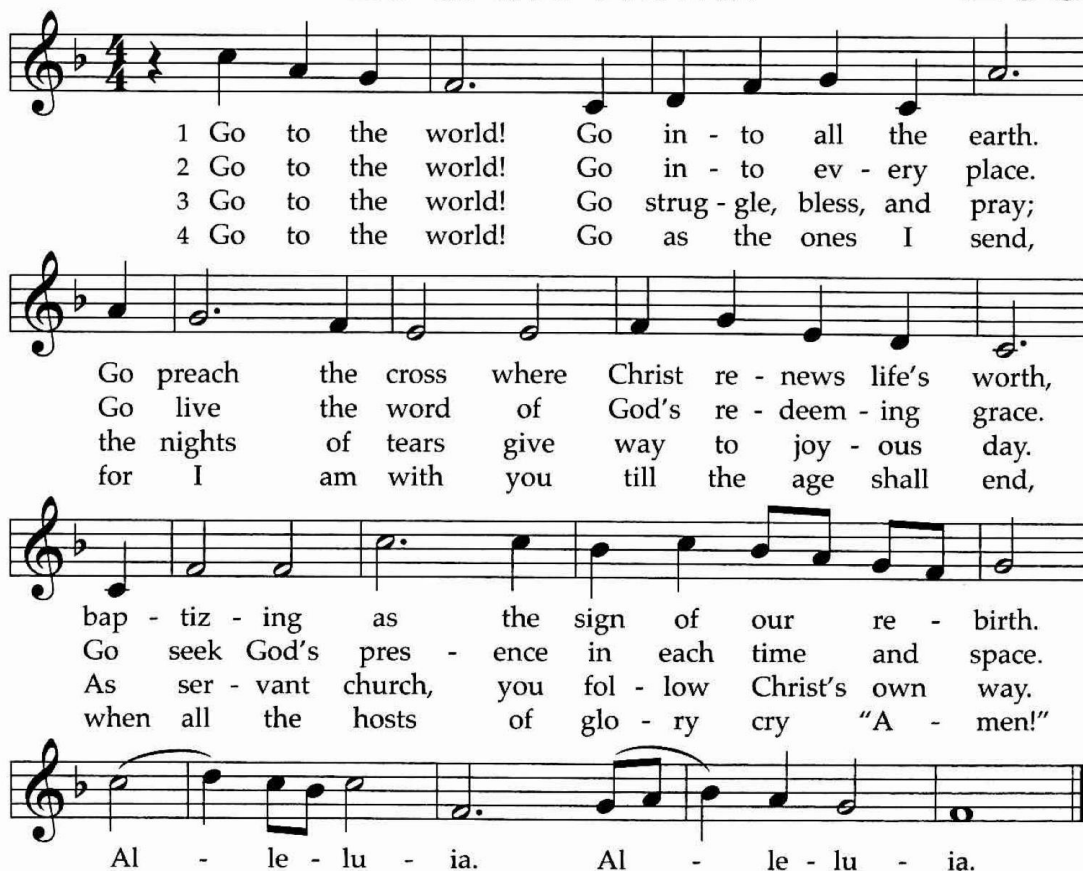
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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SINE NOMINE
 10.10.10 with alleluias

Ruling Elders

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