

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 *Fugue in C major, BuxWV 174* Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 63 *The Lord Is God* AZMON

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Merciful God, you set a path for us to follow, but too often we conform to the ways of this world. You have placed your law upon our hearts, but we confess that we have strayed from your purposes. You have given each of us gifts to use for your kingdom, but we prefer to let others do what needs doing. Forgive us for taking the easy way out, and renew in us the eagerness and energy to serve. Remind us of your love, and your law, and lift us once again into your presence.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear friends, believe and proclaim with me this very Good News:

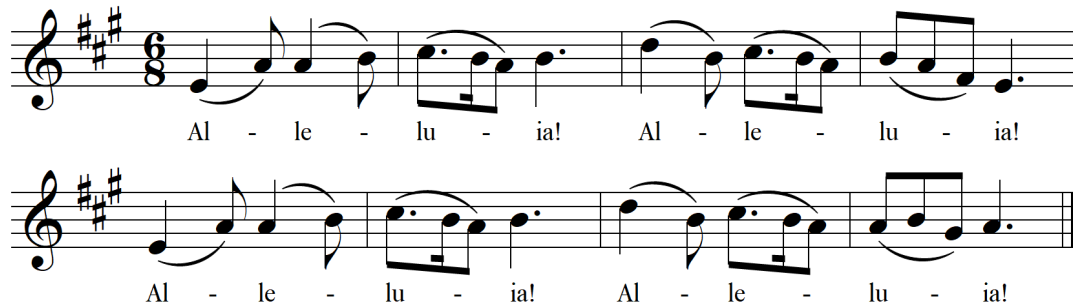
Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:17-20

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

SERMON

Stained Glass Saints: John Marshall

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *read in unison*

from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What does God's law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37–40: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. “And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



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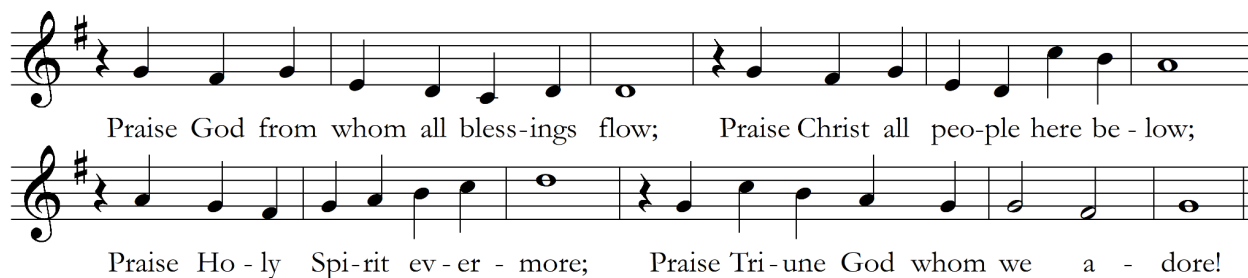
Beati Quorum Via
The Octet

C. V. Stanford

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini.

—from Psalm 119:1

*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 697

Take My Life, and Let it Be

HENDON

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in C major, P. 457

Johann Pachelbel

*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 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 Susan Ehrman Ochs in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Dick Ochs.

USHERS

John Davis, Laura Davis, Jane Roth, Tim Martin, Cathy Martin, Emily Lawrence,
Linda Watson

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

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

August 30, 11:00 a.m. - Church Picnic & Children's Ministry Kickoff - 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

Sept. 16, 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays Together and Children's Choir Program Return

The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38 / Mark 12:28–29 / Luke 10:26–28).

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Take My Life

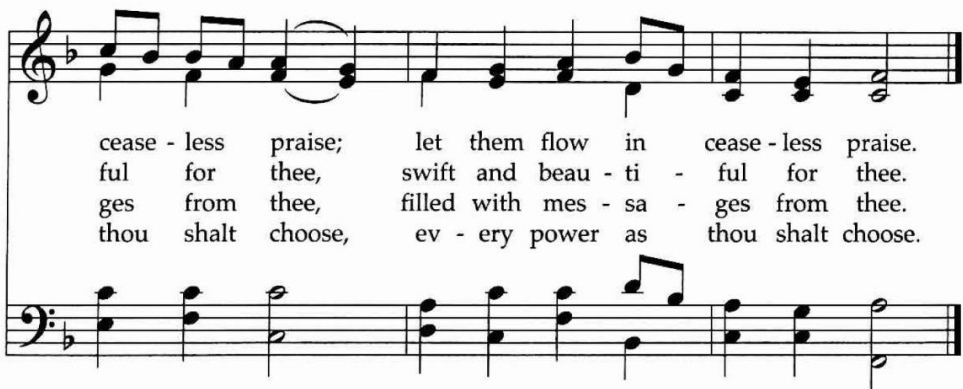
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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Ruling Elders

Class of 2026

Vacant

Marilyn Duke
Liz Ratliff Evans
Lindsey Hundley
Lucy Kosse
Deb Vetter
Whitney Watt

Class of 2027

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John Cunningham
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Stephanie Fellon
Larry Jones
Justin Powers
Kyle Wiggins

Class of 2028

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Mary Clay Edinger
Priss Hovious
Crystal Kannapell
Henry Kelsey
Alexandra Ortiz
Larry Sloan

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Clerk: Chip Snyder

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Glen Hume
Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
Kristi Smith

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Kitty deVoogd
Jim Haynes
Patrice Paton
Kay Reis
Sunny Seale

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Mac Barr
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Terry Cissell
Sara Gilford
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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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