

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 *Variations on an American Air (excerpts)* Isaac Van Vleck Flagler

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING #1-853 *please use your hymnals*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 714 *God of the Fertile Fields* ITALIAN HYMN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of grace, Christ offers us great peace, yet we confess we are a divided people. We cling to fears and jealousy which set neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We pursue profit and pleasures which harm creation and destroy the well-being of all people. Forgive us, O God. Pour out your mercy and set us free from our old ways, that we might spread your wondrous love in Jesus Christ.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear and believe this incredible Good News:

By the grace of God in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and redeemed! Alleluia! Amen.

*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.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:8-11

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 20:1-16

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

SERMON

Stained Glass Saints: John Wanamaker

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*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.

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!

OFFERTORY

Prayer of Being

Mark Hayes



The Octet

Be in my life,
Be in my breath;
Be in my walk,
Be in my rest.
Be in this humble heart of mine;
Be ever present in my mind.

Be in my hands,
Be in my feet;
Be in my eyes
And in my speech.
Be in the smile I give away;
Be in each healing word I say.

Be in my work,
Be in my play;
Be in the struggles of each day.

Be in my joy,
Be in my pain;
Be in my loss,
Be in my gain.
Be in my thoughts,
Be in my song;
Be in my spirit all day long.

Be in my prayers,
At dawn's first light;
Be in my dreams,
all through the night.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen
The prayer of my heart
Forever shall be;
I in You and You in me.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

It is right, and it is our greatest honor to give you praise, almighty God...Therefore we join our voices with saints throughout time and space, singing praise to you:

**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.**

Holy God, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to walk the earth as a human, just like each of us....And so in celebration of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

May the Spirit of the Risen Christ be poured out on us now...through the name of Christ, saying together the words he 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

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 *Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler* Florence Price
 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
 Feet o' Jesus

Molly Melahn, soprano; Mengfei Xu, piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "I Wish I Had Never Sinned"

WANAMAKER

*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 and Chip Snyder in celebration of the Abernethys' first year in Louisville and in honor of our wonderful church staff.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are from the Celebration of Life of Edith McFerrin Courtenay given by her family in loving memory of her.

USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Steve Miller, Mary Miller, Ernie Dreher, Valerie Dreher

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Mindy Farnsley, lay reader

The Octet; Mengfei Xu, organist & conductor

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Watson & Kendy Courtenay and grandchildren Tyler, Matt, and Alex and their families on the death of Watson's mother, Edith McFerran Courtenay, 8/27/26.

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.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

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

September 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

September 20, 3:00 p.m. - Charlie Castner Celebration Concert - Sanctuary

God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

TEXT: Georgia Harkness, 1955, alt.

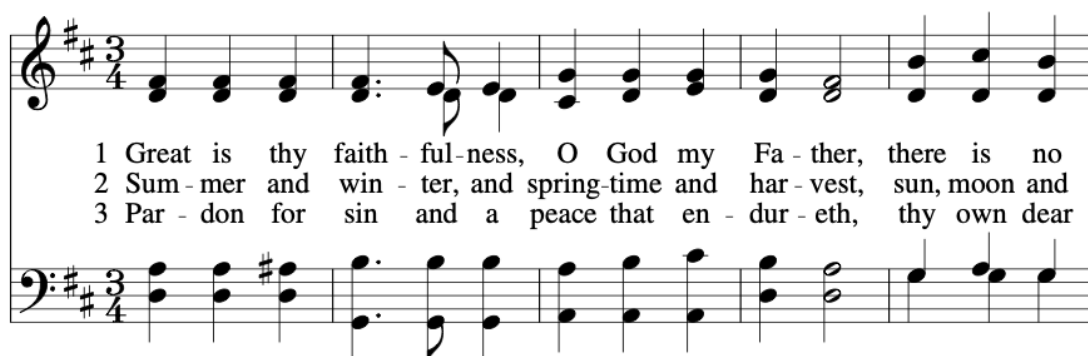
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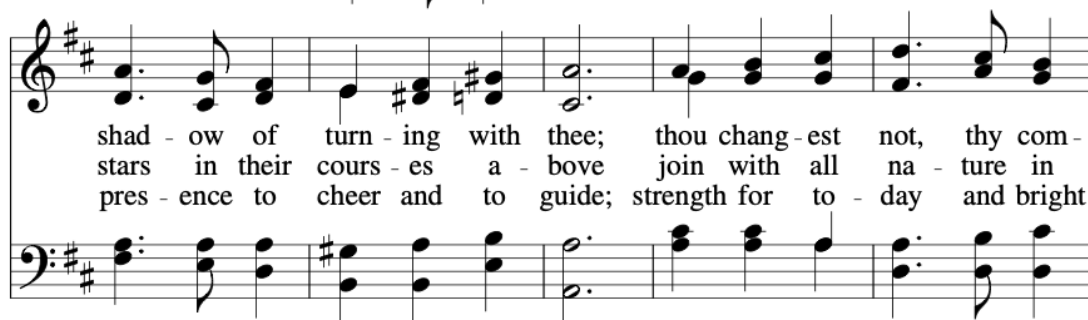
ITALIAN HYMN

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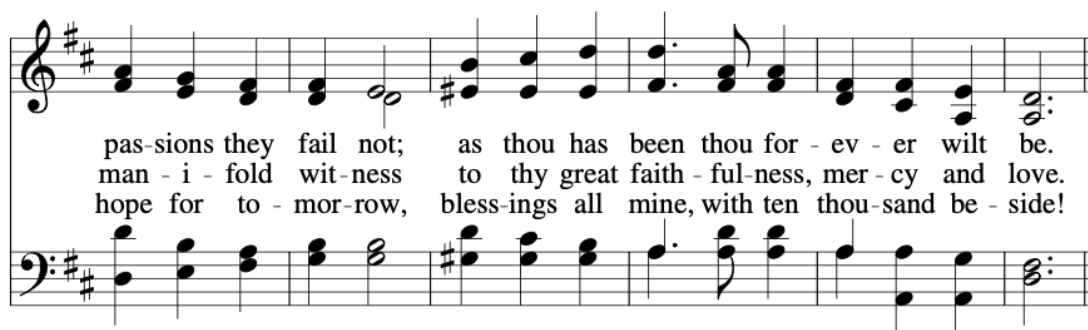
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain
Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

MUSIC: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

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FAITHFULNESS

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hand hath pro - vid - ed— great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "hand hath pro - vid - ed— great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!". The music consists of 12 measures. The first measure has a half note G4, the second a half note A4, the third a half note B4, the fourth a half note C5, the fifth a half note D5, the sixth a half note E5, the seventh a half note F#5, the eighth a half note G5, the ninth a half note F#5, the tenth a half note E5, the eleventh a half note D5, and the twelfth a half note C5. The bass line consists of a series of chords: G2-B2-D3, A2-C3-E3, B2-D3-F#3, C3-E3-G3, D3-F#3-A3, E3-G3-B3, F#3-A3-C4, G3-B3-D4, F#3-A3-C4, E3-G3-B3, D3-F#3-A3, and C3-E3-G3.

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*

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