

WORSHIP AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 4, 2026 AT 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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!

8:30 Worship: Childcare is available for children 5 and under in room 120. Older children are asked to sit with their families during 8:30 worship.

9:45-10:45 Sunday School Hour: Childcare is available in the nursery for those children birth - 3 years and in the gym for PreK-2nd grade. 3rd - 5th grade participate in *Roots* in room 180.

11:00 a.m. Worship: Childcare is available for children ages birth to 2 years in room 120 and ages 2-3 years in room 117. Children 3 years of age (by 8/1 of program year) through 2nd grade will be dismissed from worship to Children's Church for activities. Children remaining in worship are encouraged to visit the worship engagement cart located in the Narthex. 1st through 5th grades will remain in worship on the 1st Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday). Children may be picked up in room 150.

For our worshippers at 11 a.m. 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 at 11 a.m. 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

11 a.m. TOLLING OF THE HOUR

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 *Adagio molto (from Third Sonata for Organ)* Alexandre Guilmant
Guy Younce, guest organist

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalms 19 & 118*)

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.

This is the day the Lord has made:
Let us rejoice, and be glad in it.

INTROIT *Malembe Tokotambola* Trad. Congolese
The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11)

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET
vss. 1-4

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Loving God, we confess that we sometimes look for you in the wrong places. We too often put our trust in material things. We enjoy an abundance many cannot imagine, yet we do not always recognize these blessings. We worry about the future, and we fear having to go without. Forgive the times we seek only our own well-being. Forgive the many ways we ignore the needs of others. Help us to seek your righteousness, and to always put your will first in our lives.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Committing all that we are to God, let us trust in this very Good News:
**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

*RESPONSE HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, vs. 5* DUKE STREET

**Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud 'Amen'!**

*11 a.m. Children of all ages are welcomed to come forward. Following the Peace,
children ages 3 through Kindergarten will be dismissed through the side door for activities;
1st grade through 5th grade may return to their seats.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 14:17-20

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

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

SERMON

Welcome Home: Communion

Rev. Dr. Thomas Sweets

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 ANTHEM

Antiphon

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Octet (8:30); Sanctuary Choir (11)

Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!

The heavens are not too high
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low
His praises there may grow

Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!

The church with Psalms must shout
No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part

Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!
- George Herbert, 1633

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 truly right, O God, to give you our thanks and praise ...we join our hearts and voices with all saints in every age to sing to the glory of your name:

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.

And so it is, God of every good thing, that we gather together ...
as we cherish the great mystery of our faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

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 *Agnus Dei (from ETERNAL LIGHT)* Howard Goodall

The Octet (8:30); Sanctuary Choir (11); Kenneth Oeth, tenor

Translation: Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

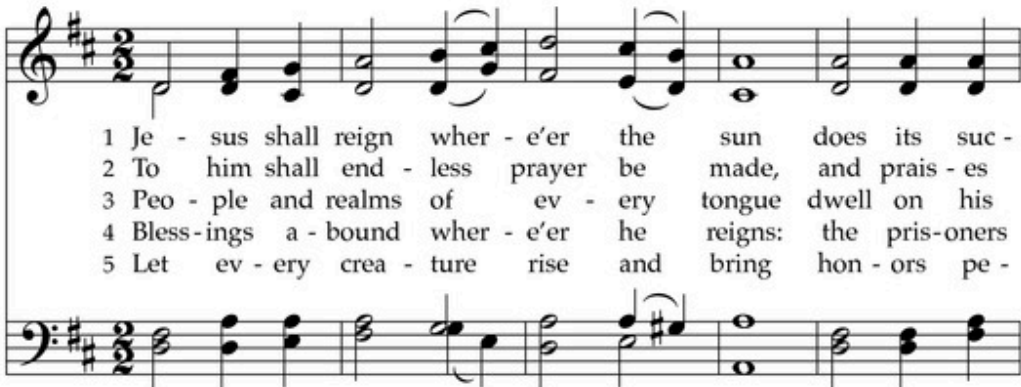
Fanfare

William Mathias

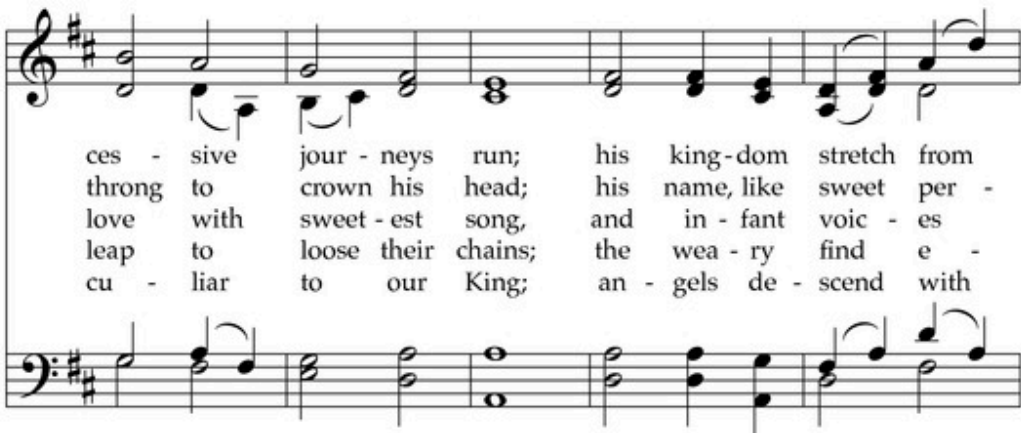
We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of the risen Christ with one another and the world.

You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.

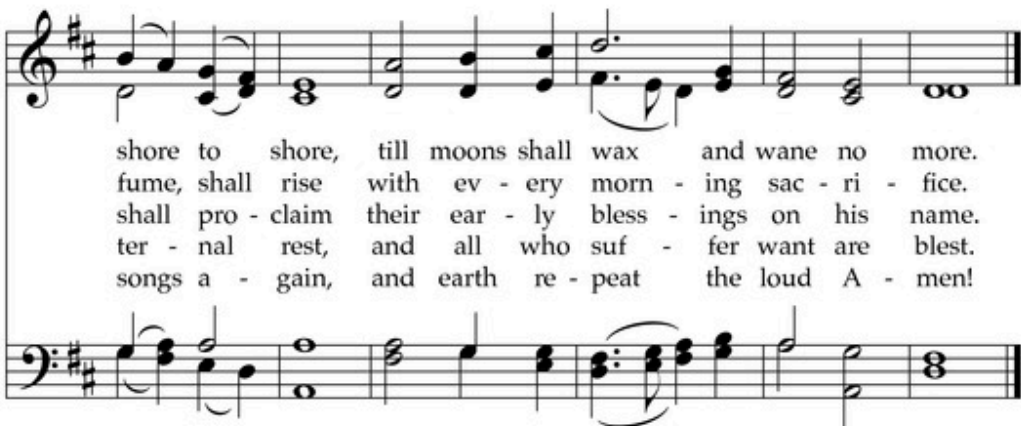
265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

In Worship Today

Introduction to the Sermon Series:

This worship service is different from any other gathering in society. You can find community at a concert, football game, or even a coffee shop, but what we do in worship evokes a different feeling and understanding of community. Every Sunday morning, we begin worship with two simple words: *Welcome Home*. They form the basis of why we are here and how we are called to move in this space. For worship, just like the home, can only function if we all participate.

We each arrive here from different places. In this series we will explore why everything we do for the next hour - from the Prelude to the Postlude, and all parts of worship in between - is meant to draw us closer as a family of faith, as siblings in Christ. We hope it will assure you that your faith is deeply rooted - or welcomes you to ask a question that plants a seed. — Rev. Barrett

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Susan B. Stokes “in gratitude for all of our blessings”.

THE FLOWERS in the Narthex are from yesterday’s Celebration of Life for loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Susan Wood.

USHERS

8:30 Chip Snyder, Susan Snyder

11 Chuck Dobbins, Joey Dobbins, Cheeky Bahe, Cathy Flowers, Sarah Hunter

GREETERS

11 Lynn Dunbar, Mary Beth Moberly, Brad Hume, Glen Hume

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Thomas Sweets, preacher; Rev. Barrett Abernethy, liturgist; Dennis Dolan (8:30) & Emily Lawrence (11), lay readers

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11); Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Guy Younce, guest organist

11 Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Missy Cubine and Susan, Chip, and Henry Snyder and family on the death of Missy's son and Susan's brother, Mark Cubine, 9/22/26.

David Wood, Carter Sartor, Yandell Wood and family on the death of his wife and their mother, Susan Wood, 9/20/26.

Harriet Sudduth and family on the death of her husband, Joe Sudduth, 9/16/26.

Kyle, Andrea, Kathryn, and Zara Wiggins on the death of Kyle's stepmother, Elaine Wiggins, 9/15/26.

The family and friends of Lamoine Cash on her death, 9/7/26.

The family and friends of Bruce Lunsford on his death, 9/5/26.

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.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

Oct. 4, 9:45 a.m. - Rev. Dr. David Gambrell - Worship Topics - Pathways Class - JFHA

Oct. 17, 6 p.m. - Fellowship Family Feud Event - JFH

Oct. 23, 5-7 p.m. - Pizza & Pumpkins - Chapel Circle or Great Hall

Oct. 25, 11 a.m. only - REFORMATION & COMMITMENT Service - Sanctuary (No 8:30 a.m. service)

Oct. 30, 7 p.m. - AGO Louisville Silent Film with Live Organ - "Phantom of the Opera" - Sanctuary

Nov. 1, 8:30 & 11 a.m. - All Saints Sunday Worship - Faure's REQUIEM - Chapel/Sanctuary

**Nov. 7 & 8 - Rev. Dr. Chris Currie, Pastor of St. Charles Pres in New Orleans -
Renewal Speaker (*See Seconds to Go*)**

Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. - Concert Series - World- Renowned TENEBRAE - Sanctuary

Nov. 15, 12:00 p.m. - Friendsgiving Dinner - More info in Seconds to Go

Announcements - October 4

TO OUR VISITORS - Welcome to Second Presbyterian!

Please help us get to know you better by filling out an information card (in the pew pockets). You are welcome to hand the card to a pastor in the Narthex or place it in the offering plate. *Thank you!*

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - For the month of October, we are collecting items for Shively Area Ministries. Please see the list of needed items in Seconds to Go or at the information stations located throughout the building.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS - We are looking for Sunday morning Greeters to share the warmth and love of Second Pres. Please see Seconds to Go for more information.

KIDSCHECK Some folks may remember KidCheck from some years ago. We are reinstating this check-in system in order to keep your child safe. Please create a free parent/guardian account by scanning the QR code to the right to register your child and sign-in for any event you attend at the church. **KidCheck will go into effect on Sunday, October 11.**



CHILDREN'S CHURCH Children ages 3 (by 8/1 of program year) through 2nd grade are dismissed from worship for classes and activities. On communion Sunday (1st Sunday of the month) 1st & 2nd grades remain in worship to partake in communion with their families. Prek - K exit as usual. Children may be pick-up in room 150.

ROOTS, 3RD-5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL-meets at 9:45 a.m. in room 180. Join us as we discover the elements of worship and what it means for us! Roots **will not** meet 10/4 or 10/11 due to fall breaks.

THE ATRIUM COLLECTIVE meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Weekday School Atrium just inside doors 1 or 9. This new class provides a space to share an everchanging life together for those in transition from college to career, career to family, or raising children. Coordinated by Crystal Kannapell and led by Pastors Barrett and Andrew. The Atrium Collective meets the 2nd-4th Sundays of the month.

PUMPKINS & PIZZA, an all family event will take place on Friday, October 23 from 5:30-7:30 pm on the Chapel Circle. Bring your own pumpkin for carving. Pizza, carving tools, and pumpkins for painting are provided.

FAMILY FEUD - Join the Fellowship Committee for Second Presbyterian's version of Family Feud on Saturday, **October 17, from 6:30–8:30 p.m.** Gather a team of five and complete the sign-up form using the QR code. See Seconds to Go for more information.



WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER - Our children's choirs start back Oct. 7, along with Harry Pickens' "Lectio Musica" in the Chapel, and our Breathing Room and Yoga sessions for adults. Dinner is available at 5 p.m. Dinner reservations are due Mondays at 12 p.m. to mhormann@2ndpreslou.org.

YOGA CLASS - Wednesday evenings 10/7, 10/21, 11/4 & 11/18 6:00-6:45 pm in the Narthex. Adults only yoga class led by Abbey Brooks. Please bring your own mat.

THE BREATHING ROOM - Wednesday evenings, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Suite Atrium, The Breathing room is an adults only mid-week gathering space to rest, reset, & recharge. No agenda or plan, just a space for you to do whatever helps to quiet your mind, body and soul.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GIFTING SUNDAY FLOWERS — for October 25 & November 8.
Contact Nancy Hubbard. 939-5744

YOUTH SKI TRIP - It's time to sign up for January's annual high school (9th–12th grade) ski trip to Peek'n Peak (New York). The signup deadline is October 1st.



Upcoming Events - October 4, 2026

Sunday, Oct. 4	<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion Sunday</i>	
8:30 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Rm 251, 252, Parlor, JFH
8:30a	Presbytery Youth Day	Cedar Ridge
11:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed
12:30 p.m.	SPOT: Sunday Singles	Offsite
Monday, Oct. 5		
1:00 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Club	Room 252
Tuesday, Oct. 6		
10:00 a.m.	SPOT: Walkers	Offsite
5:30 p.m.	SPOT: Book Notes	Parlor
Wednesday, Oct. 7		
10:00 a.m.	SPOT: 2nd Act	Choir Room
5:00 p.m.	Wednesdays Together	JFHA, Chapel, Narthex, Youth Ste., Great Hall
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room/Sanctuary
Thursday, Oct. 8		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Joy	JFHA/Zoom
11:00 a.m.	Reflections	Room 251
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168
Friday, Oct. 9		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekly Bible Study	Room 251/Zoom
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168
Sunday, Oct. 11	<i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
8:30 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Rm 251, 252, Parlor, JFH, WDS Atrium
11:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed
12:00 p.m.	SPOT: Busy Needles	Parlor
Monday, Oct. 12		
1:00 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Club	Room 252
4:00 p.m.	Caregiver's Group	Zoom

Sunday, Sept. 27

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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