

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

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

The Good Shepherd

arr. Dale Wood

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me. - John 10:14

Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION

8:30 a.m. Dr. Eric French, *Executive Director, Shively Area Ministries*

11 a.m. Debbie Brawner, *Director of Operations, Shively Area Ministries*

INTROIT

God Is a Spirit

W. Sterndale Bennett

The Octet

God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth:
for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

— *John 4:23-24*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! vs. 1-3

CORONATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of all life, you know everything about us: our deepest concerns and our greatest hopes. You hear our prayers and claim us as your own. Yet we confess we are often anxious to get results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others instead of finding solutions. Forgive us, O God. Help us live in your peace when our hearts are troubled, and remind us of your great love and care.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let us believe and proclaim this wonderful Good News:

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

Amen.

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
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*Children of all ages are welcomed to come forward. Following the Peace,
children ages 3 through 2nd grade will be dismissed through the side door for activities;
3rd grade through 5th grade may return to their seats.*

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

MUSICAL ILLUMINATION *This Is the Record of John* Orlando Gibbons/Robert Shaw
Ricky Case, tenor; The Sanctuary Choir

This is the record of John.
When the Jews sent priests
and Levites from Jerusalem,
From Jerusalem to ask him:
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not,
and said plainly:
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him:
What art thou then?
Art thou Elias?
Art thou Elias?
And he said: I am not.
Art thou the prophet?
Art thou the prophet?
And he answer'd: No.

Then said they unto him:
What art thou? That we may give,
That we may give an answer unto
them that sent us.
What say'st thou of thyself?
And he said:
I am the voice of him that crieth in
the wilderness:
Make straight the way of the Lord,
Make straight the way of the Lord,
The way of the Lord.

—John 1:19-23

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Romans 10:1-13

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

SECOND READING

John 6:35, 8:12, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1

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

SERMON

Welcome Home: Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

from Confession of Belhar

We believe...

- that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; *Isaiah 42:1–7*
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; *Luke 6:20–26*
- that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; *Luke 4:16–19*
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; *Luke 7:22*
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; *Psalms 146*
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; *James 1:27*
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; *Micah 6:8*
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; *Amos 5:14–15, 23–24*
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; *Psalms 82:1–5*
- that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. *Leviticus 19:15*

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

I Am the Vine

Allen Pote

The Sanctuary Choir

I am the vine and you are the branches, abide in me and I will abide in you.
Then you will bear much fruit for without me you can do nothing,
Abide in me and I will abide in you.

As the Father has loved me, so I love you. Go then and love one another.
Keep this commandment, for no greater love have you,
than to lay down your life for your friends.

I am the vine and you are the branches, abide in me and I will abide in you.
Love one another as I have loved you.
I am the vine, you are the branches.
Go then and bear much fruit. Go abide in my love.

- John 15:5-13

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures, here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*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 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Sortie brève, op. 68 no. 1

Théodore Salomé

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.
You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

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 worship hour - from the Prelude to the Postlude, and all parts 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 Patty & Bill West in loving memory of their parents, Pat & Gordon Dabney and Pat & Bill West.

USHERS

8:30 Scott Carothers, Michael Vairin

11 Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Crystal Kannapell, Kitty deVoogd,
Chuck Dobbins, Joey Dobbins

GREETERS (11)

Sarah Middleton, Jonathan Evans, Susan Langford, Linda Watson

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Scott Carothers (8:30)
and Liz Evans (11), lay readers

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11); Mengfei Xu, conductor & organist

11 Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Video 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.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

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

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant



4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

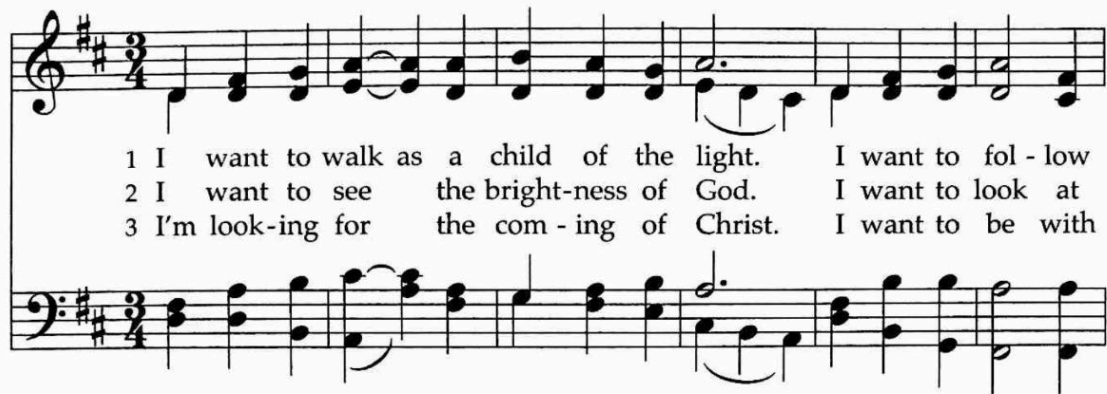
bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

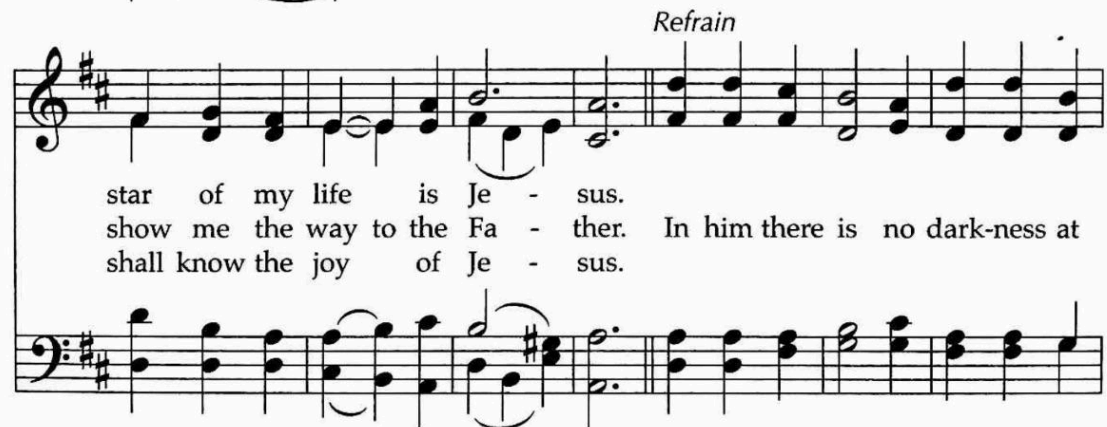


1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain



star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus." The music ends with a double bar line.

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
Angela Duffy
Stephanie Fellon
Larry Jones
Justin Powers
Kyle Wiggins

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Priss Hovious
Crystal Kannapell
Henry Kelsey
Alexandra Ortiz
Larry Sloan

Youth Elders: Scott Davis & Lillian Powers

Clerk: Chip Snyder

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Nathan Dicken
Glen Hume
Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
Kristi Smith

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Tim Clark
Kitty deVoogd
Jim Haynes
Patrice Paton
Kay Reis
Sunny Seale

Class of 2028

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Mac Barr
Lee Best
Terry Cissell
Sara Gilford
Nick Hertzman
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Mengfei Xu *Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music*

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