

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

Children of the Heavenly King
Mengfei Xu, organ

arr. Alexander Matthews

WELCOME

Bible Presentation

Lorie Williamson, *Director of Children's and Family Ministry*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is with us everywhere we go.

God is inside of us and has been with us all the way.

God, you are in my shadow,

Watching me as I grow.

INTROIT

Your Command Is Clear and Plain

J. R. Able/arr. J. S. Bach

The Sanctuary Choir

Your command is clear and plain, and we would obey it duly:

“You must all be born again, heart and life renewing truly,
born of water and the Spirit, and my kingdom thus inherit”. - *Benjamin Schmolke, 1704*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters
vs. 1-2

BEACH SPRING

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We neglect our baptismal vows by holding grudges, hurting creation, and continuing habits that separate us from one another and from your son, Jesus Christ.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy upon us and free us from sin. Fulfill and renew us to live out the promises made at our baptism so that together we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Time for silent prayer.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

***RESPONSE HYMN 490** *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters, vs. 3*

BEACH SPRING

**O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, waterwashed and Spiritborn.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!**

*Children of all ages are welcomed to come forward for the Baptism. 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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lily Ann Dorsey
Daughter of Ashley and Lee Dorsey

**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 SONG

I Am the Vine

Seth Hendricks

Cherub, Carol & Chapel Choirs; Krista Mueller, director

I am the vine. You are the branches.
Together we'll climb side by side.
Stay with me and I with you,
Bearing fruit in all we do.
Love will be our home.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 2:37-42 (NT, p. 112)

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

SECOND READING

Mark 1:4-11 (NT, p. 32)

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

SERMON

Welcome Home: Baptism

Rev. Andrew Bowman

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!



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Mack Wilberg

Sanctuary Choir

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good feel it,
Safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that goodness like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

*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

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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 487

These Treasured Children
vss. 1, 4, 5

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G, op. 6 no. 7

John Stanley

*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 Odetta and Walter Tucker “in Praise to God for giving us 65 years together!”

USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Jane Roth, Paige Reinstine, Jennifer Scott, Emily Lawrence,
Sallye Pence, Kitty DeVoogd, Cheeky Bahe

GREETERS

Cheryl Cooper, Sunny Seale, Cheeky Bahe, James Seiler

CHOIRCHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Cherub Choir: Krista Mueller, director

*Lio Bego, Hal Clark, Bailey Cook, William Cranford, Alden Edinger, John Hertzman,
Keaton Mayer*

Carol Choir: Rachael Cole, director

Sam Bryant, Ellis Clark, Cal Cranford, Teddy Mayer

Chapel Choir: Lorie Williamson, director

Evie Abernethy, Ellis Bowman, Joshua Cook, Coral Mueller, Miriam Ransan

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Rev. Barrett Abernethy, liturgist; Lindsay Cook, lay reader; Elizabeth Arton & Joshua Cook, children's worship readers; Ann Bowling, elder for Baptism; Ava Grace Wright, Acolyte

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Mengfei Xu, organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Video Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Stuart, Jennifer, Anabelle, Beau, and Elise Ferguson and family on the death of Stuart's mother, Barbara Ferguson, 10/15/26.

Jeannette Pardue and family on the death of Tom Pardue, 10/12/26.

Angela, Patrick, Hayden, Graham, & Zac Duffy and family on the death of Angela's mother, Judy Milby, 10/8/26.

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. 21 & 28, Nov. 4 & 11, 5:45 p.m. - "In the End: Grief, Growth, and Pre-Planning"

(More info in Seconds to Go)

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 *(More info in 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)*

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$



1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) F (Bm) Dm



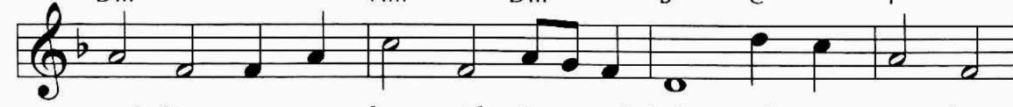
of your womb. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (A) C



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (A) C (D) F



spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (D) F



send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

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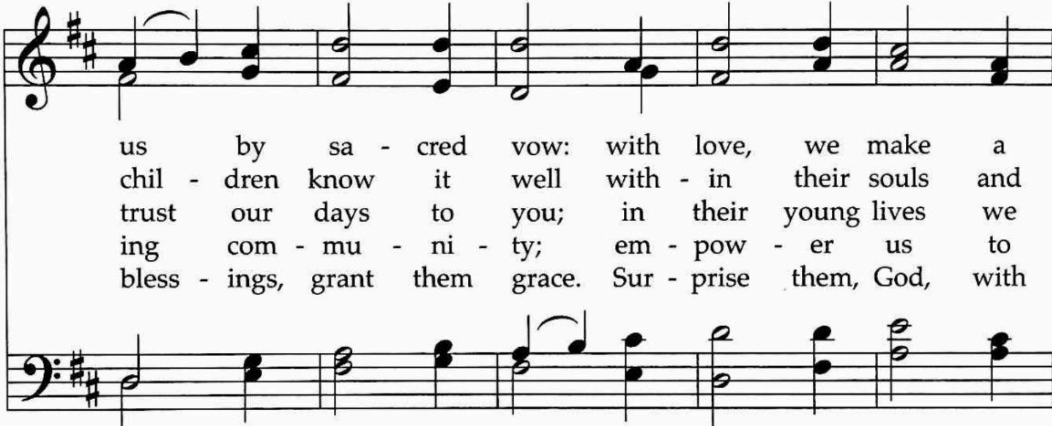
BEACH SPRING

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These Treasured Children 487



1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshiping community's commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.

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

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Class of 2026

John Davis
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Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
Kristi Smith

Class of 2027

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Kitty deVoogd
Jim Haynes
Patrice Paton
Kay Reis
Sunny Seale

Class of 2028

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Nick Hertzman
John Williams

Staff

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