

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

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* (from BWV 80) J. S. Bach
Kentucky Brass Ensemble; Mengfei Xu, Organ arr. Empire Brass

TOLLING OF THE HOUR Austin Memorial Handbells

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

INTROIT *God Is My Refuge and Strength* J. William Greene
The Sanctuary Choir; Kentucky Brass; Mengfei Xu, Organ
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- Martin Luther

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON
arr. Sam Libra

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Ever-present God, you know our hearts: how sometimes we truly love our neighbor, and other times merely tolerate each other. You know our minds: when we are focused on you, and when we chase our own purposes. You know our bodies: the ways we have served you, and the ways we have served only ourselves. Forgive us, merciful God, for those times we went our own way. Draw us back to your path, and renew our commitment to live as you desire.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assured of our redemption, let us proclaim together this wonderful Good News:
Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!
Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

The Austin Memorial Handbell Choir arr. Manz/Thompson

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

John 2:7-17 (NT, p. 87)

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

SECOND READING

Luke 12:13-21 (NT, p. 70)

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

SERMON

Welcome Home: Offering & Dedication

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* (from the Confession of 1967 9.54 & 9.55)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

*LITANY OF DEDICATION *read responsively*

God calls us to be faithful stewards of all entrusted to us.

In gratitude, we pledge to return to God a portion of all we have been given.

We are called not to be served, but to serve, and to grow in generosity and thankfulness.

With joy, we bring our pledges and commitments for the next year of ministry and mission. With joy, we bring this year's promised gifts and tithes.

We give so that the Good News of Jesus Christ increases and is shared, as we wait for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

All are invited to come forward during the organ introduction, placing our pledge and commitment cards, as well as our regular morning offering, in the baskets at the front chancel. If you prefer to remain in your pew, please signal to an usher, who will bring an offering plate to you in the pew.

You are also welcome 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!



ANTHEM

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Jeremy J. Bankson

The Sanctuary Choir; Kentucky Brass & Ensemble; Mengfei Xu, organ

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone;
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
From everlasting You are God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight
Are an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

CONGREGATION:

**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles
last and our eternal home!**

— Isaac Watts

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

The Sending

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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 Jeanne and Stan Curtis in celebration of the marriage of their grandson, Ethan Dobratz to Kaylynn Barnard on October 16, in McMinnville, TN. May God's richest blessings be with them as they begin their life together.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are from the celebration of life of our long time member Marty Rankin.

USHERS

Lawrence Palmer-Ball, Tom Tyrrell, Youth Confirmands

GREETERS

Middle School Youth

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Lilian Powers, Kate Watkins, William Dierking, Charlie Schadt, & Scott Davis, youth liturgists; Zach Burrice, Acolyte; Michael Harper, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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

The Austin Memorial Handbells: *Bonnie Boram, Ricky Case, Terry Cissell, Elizabeth Clay, Kitty deVoogd, Steve Farris, Jean Herp, Steven Pierce, Sue Rogers, Carmen Sanders, Eric Timerding, Susanne Wright; Becky Timerding & Lindsay Cook, subs. Jim Rittenhouse, director*

Kentucky Brass & Ensemble: *Jim Recktenwald, trumpet; Will French, trumpet; Brooke Ten Napel, horn; James Seymour, trombone; Stasi Fafalios, bass trombone; Christopher Choir & Quinton Schwaniger, percussion*

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Video Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Ed (& Carrie) Rankin and Ann (& Ken) Fleming, her granddaughters, Katherine (& Lee) Cotton and Caroline Fleming, and her niece, Edie Wells, on the death of Ed and Ann's mother, Martha Rankin, 10/17/26.

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. 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

624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;

my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place:
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
 that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

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
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Glen Hume
Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
Kristi Smith

Class of 2027

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Tim Clark
Kitty deVoogd
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Patrice Paton
Kay Reis
Sunny Seale

Class of 2028

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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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