Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.

196 195 200 PATHWAYS TO OUR BICENTENNIAL

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 *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. Craig Phillips
Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME
MOMENT FOR MISSION Rev. Dr. Corey G. Miller, Exec. Director, Cabbage Patch

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

INTROIT *We Gather Together* Kremser
The Octet *(8:30)*; The Sanctuary Choir *(11)*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God vss. 1-3* Nun Danket Alle Gott

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gracious God, you have given us so many blessings to be grateful for. You invite us to follow on your path of mercy and generosity. Yet we confess we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We focus on protection, rather than your call to welcome and love everyone. We treat our blessings as our own, rather than seeing them as ways to care for others. Forgive our hesitation and fear, loving God. Forgive us when we lose trust in you, and fail to honor your desires.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Proclaim with me this very Good News:
Through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God vs. 4* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
the God who was and is, and shall be evermore.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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

SECOND READING John 20:19-29

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

SERMON *Welcome Home: Passing the Peace & Sending* Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from Brief Statement of Faith*

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
And give you peace. Amen.

*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 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation, vss. 1 & 2* AR HYD Y NOS

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE *For the Fruit of All Creation, vs. 3* AR HYD Y NOS

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Join us for our Friendsgiving Lunch in the Great Hall following the 11 a.m. service.
We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

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 Hom*e. 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 Kitty and Stan deVoogd to honor all veterans, including Kitty's father, who is celebrating his 97th birthday this month.

USHERS

8:30 Peter Conway, Lorrie Conway

11 John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Ernie Dreher, Valerie Dreher, Walt Tucker, Odetta Tucker, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey

GREETERS *(11)*

Gale Brezosky, Armand Hayes, Leigh Speiden

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Chip Snyder *(8:30)* and Sallye Pence *(11),* lay readers

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

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

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Joe Helm and family on the death of his wife, Louise "Sissy" Wile Helm, 10/26/26.

Emily, Rob, Ella, Johnny, and Zach Burrice on the death of Emily's mother, Christabel Rocap, 10/25/26.

Lindsey, John, Madeline, John Jr., and Mary Hollis Hundley and families on the death of Lindsey's father, Delmar Meadows, 10/23/26.
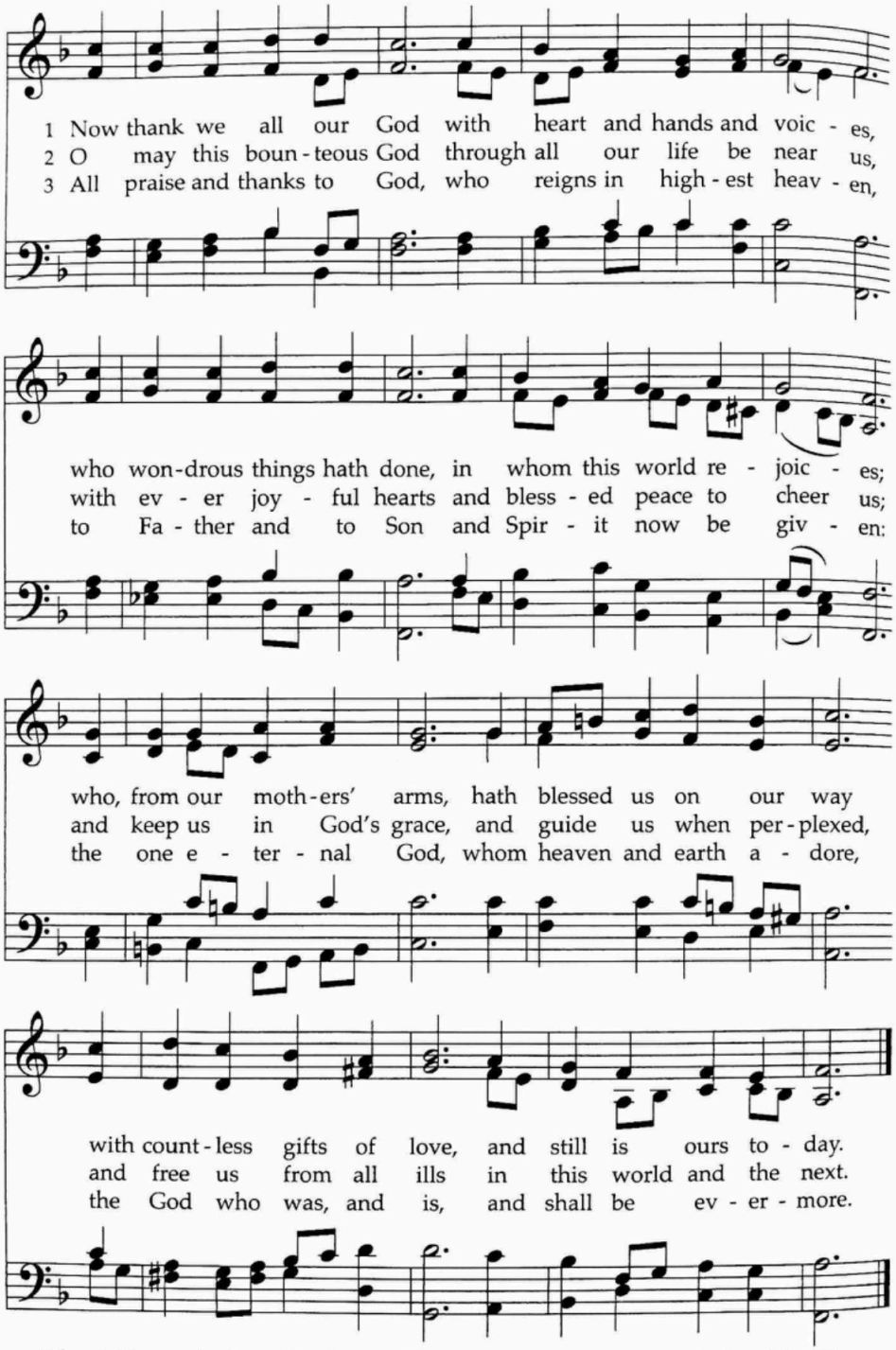
Ed (& Carrie) Rankin and Ann (& Ken) Fleming, her granddaughters, Katherine (& Lee) Cotton and Caroline Fleming, and her niece, Edie Wells, on the death of Ed and Ann's mother, Martha Rankin, 10/17/26.

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.

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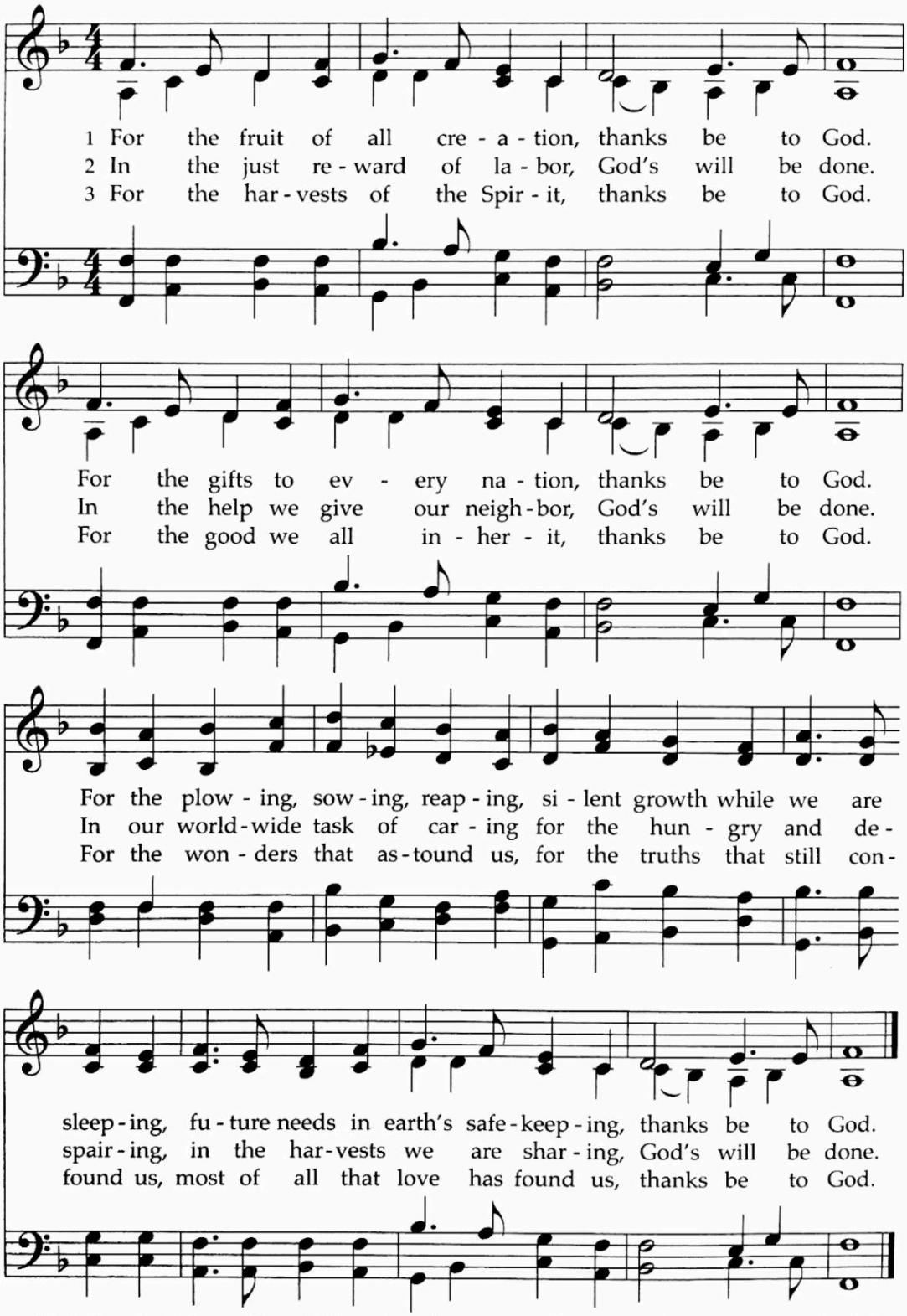


Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

For the Fruit of All Creation 36



Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784
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AR HYD Y NOS
8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

Nov. 15, 12:00 p.m. - Friendsgiving Dinner - Following worship in Great Hall

Nov. 29, 8:30 & 11 a.m. - The First Sunday of Advent "Light of the Nations, Come"

Dec. 6, 9:45 a.m. - Cabbage Patch Wrapping - Great Hall

5:30 p.m. - Family Advent Worship, Dinner, & Workshop - Chapel & Great Hall

Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - "Hail, Gladdening Light" - Musical Celebration of Joy Sunday. (Preludes 15 minutes prior)

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services - 3 & 5:30 p.m. (Family; no communion); 9 p.m. Lessons & Carols with Communion; 11 p.m. in Chapel (with communion)

Dec. 27 - One Service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary (livestreamed)

Jan. 3, 2027 - One Epiphany Service at 11 a.m. with communion in the Sanctuary

Ruling Elders

Class of 2026	*Class of 2027*	*Class of 2028*
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Marilyn Duke	John Cunningham	Mary Clay Edinger
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Deb Vetter	Justin Powers	Alexandra Ortiz
Whitney Watt	Kyle Wiggins	Larry Sloan

Youth Elders: Scott Davis & Lillian Powers

Clerk: Chip Snyder

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Class of 2026	*Class of 2027*	*Class of 2028*
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