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

Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." - Mark 13:35-37

The Gathering

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 *Fantasy on "Creator of the Stars of Night"* Charles Callahan
Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

INTROIT *O Nata Lux* Thomas Tallis
The Octet

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis
Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.

Translation
O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Mercifully deign to accept the praises and prayers of your suppliants.
O you who once deigned to be hidden in flesh on behalf of the lost,
Grant us to be made members of your blessed body. *– Cantiones Sacrae 1575*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Lindsay, Joshua, and Bailey Cook*

*HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of peace, you invite us to watch and wait, but we confess that waiting is hard when the world around us is on edge. We hear of wars and rumors of wars that betray our fascination with violence, and destructive and dehumanizing ways. We are impatient with each other, too often showing our anger in words or deeds. And we are impatient with you, O God, desperate for a sign of hope. Forgive our restless, anxious hearts. Draw us back to you once more, and teach us again to wait for your promises.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Have hope in that love, trusting and living this very Good News:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and have unending hope! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 103 *Come Down, O Prince of Peace, vs. 3* O-SO-SO

Come, hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

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 — Isaiah 64:1-9 (OT, p. 652)

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

SECOND READING — Mark 13:24-37 (NT, p. 47)

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

SERMON — *Hope of the Nations, Come* — Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* — 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.

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 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* arr. David Willcocks

The Sanctuary Choir

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on Earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to a tree,
Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Yea! Amen! let all adore thee
High on thine eternal throne!
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly! O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

*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 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* arr. Richard Hudson

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

THE CHRISMON TREE

In 1986 a former member of our church, Edith Breed, President of the Women of the Church, had a dream of one day having a Chrismon Tree during the Advent Season in our church. Many women in the church researched the symbols of Christianity and handmade all of the decorations that you see on the tree in the Sanctuary. White is the liturgical color of Christmas which refers to the purity and perfection of Christ, and gold to the majesty and glory of Christ. The first Chrismon Tree was put in the Narthex for all to see in 1989. Please enjoy this piece of our history, which represents the work of so many women of our church.

THE CHAPEL ADVENT CANDLE STAND

The Advent candle stand found in the Chapel is constructed of cherry and maple wood, stained red cherry and finished with lacquer and polished with paste wax. The lathed candle holders are etched with 3 rings representing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Attached at the bottom of the main pole is an acorn symbolizing God's abundant forgiveness, love, and grace. The stand was constructed by Dr. Larry Boram and the wood was donated by Dr. Lynn Ogden.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of their parents, Dr. & Mrs. Wm. Burford Davis, and their grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Frederic C. McCracken and Mr. & Mrs. E. Howard Davis, by the Davis family.

USHERS

Ken Fleming, Ann Fleming, Tim Martin, Cathy Martin, Kay Reis

GREETERS

Delise Bilharz, Armand Hayes, Ann Bowling

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Janet Rittenhouse, lay reader.

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

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.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

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

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

***"Light of the Nations, Come"* - 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) - Sanctuary

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

3:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. (Family; no communion)

9:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols (with Communion)

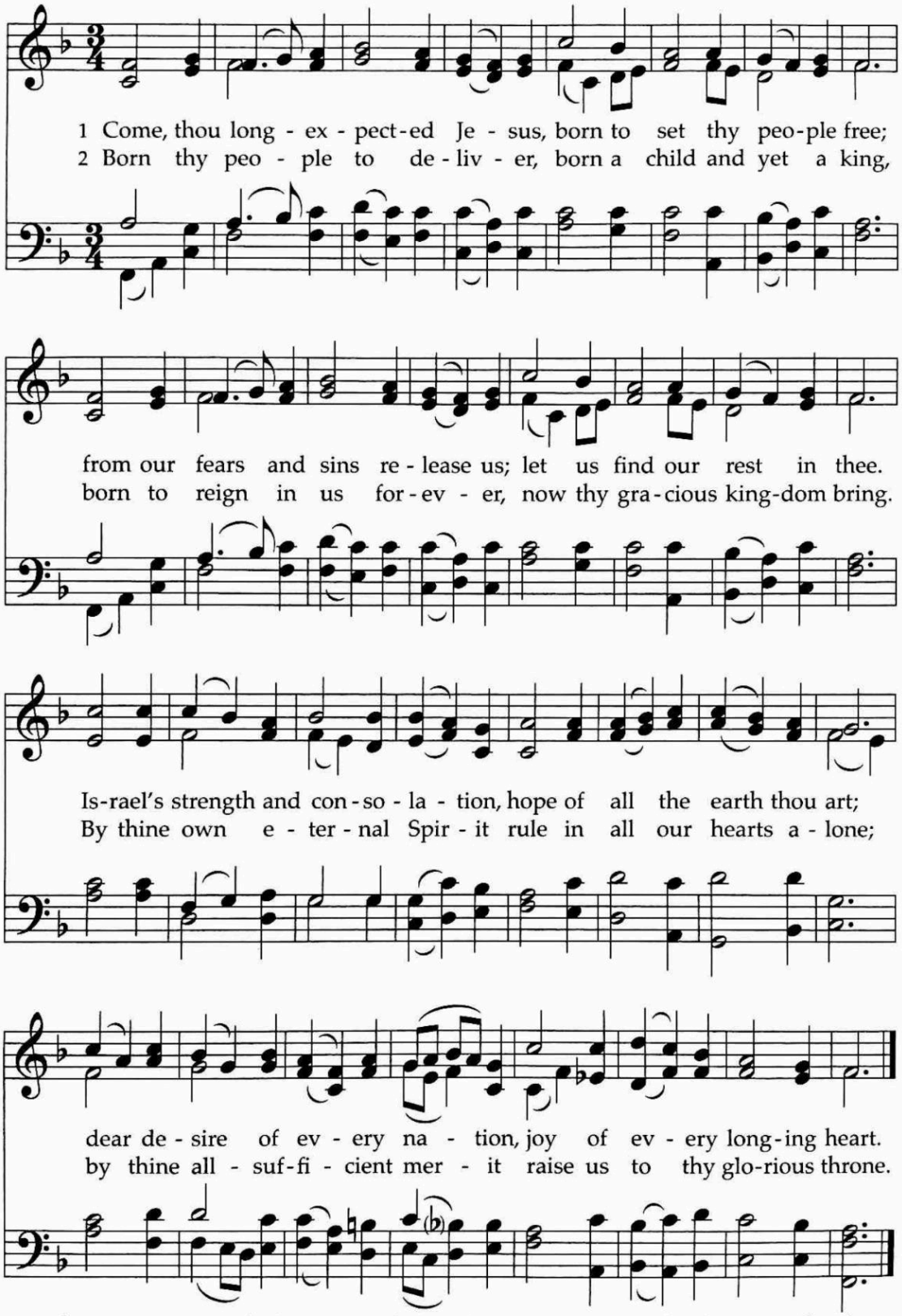
11:00 p.m. in Chapel (with communion)

Dec. 27 - One Service at 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary (livestreamed)

Jan. 3, 2027 - One Epiphany Service at 11:00 a.m. with communion - Sanctuary

Jan. 6, 2027 - Wednesdays Together Resumes - Epiphany Celebration

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



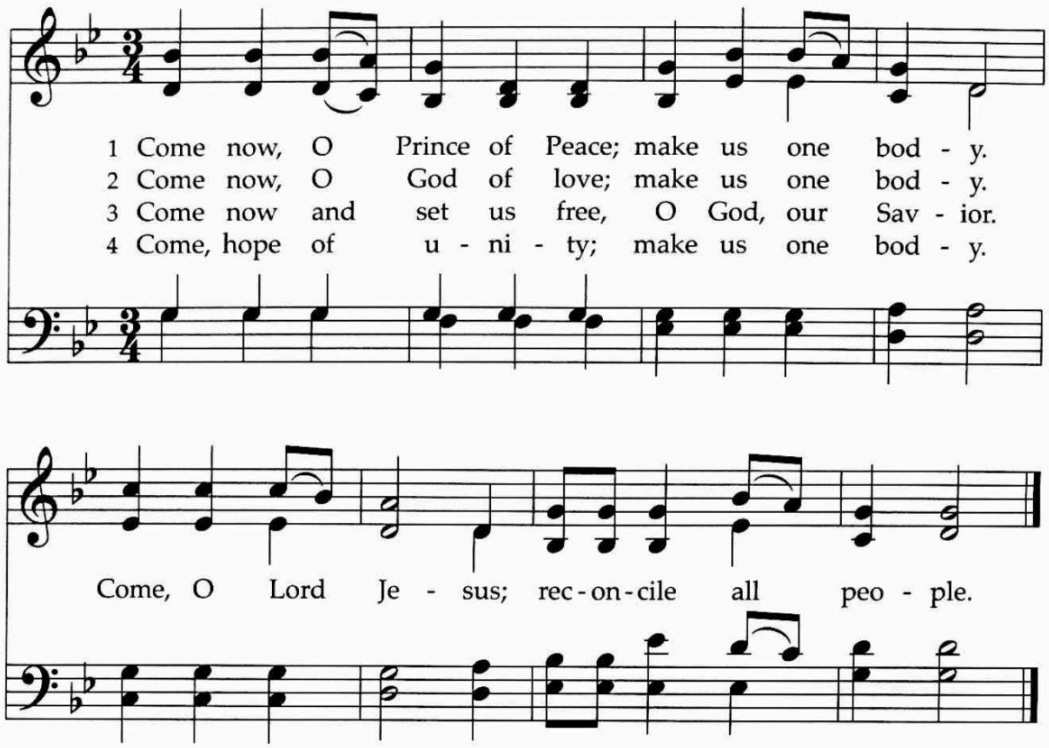
With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

HYFRYDOL
8.7.8.7.D
(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서



KOREAN

1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

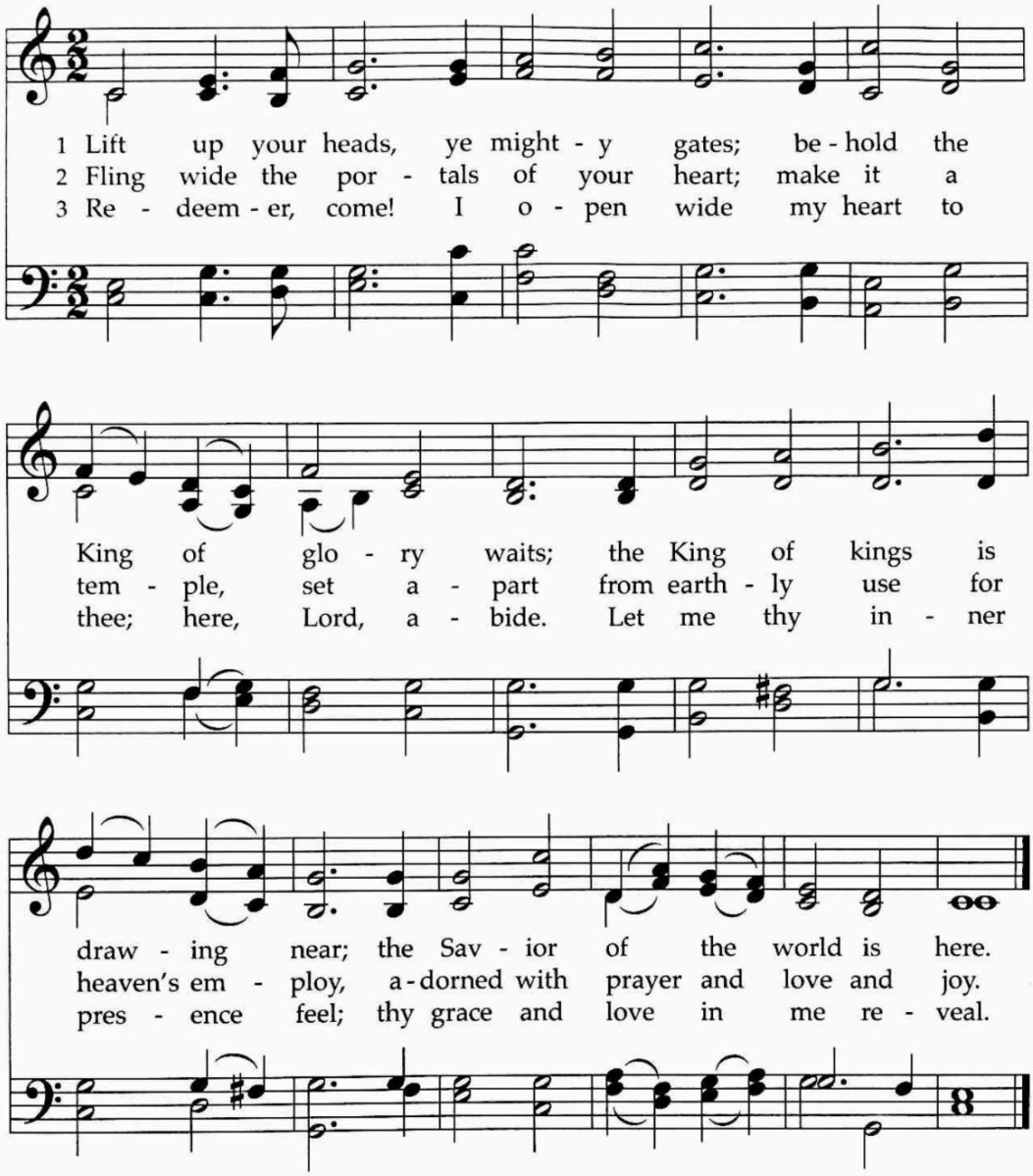
4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.

TEXT: Geonyong Lee, 1988; English trans. Marion Pope, c. 1990
MUSIC: Geonyong Lee, 1988
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O-SO-SO
6.5.5.6

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

TEXT: Georg Weissel, 1642; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863
MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

TRURO
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