

Worship at Second Presbyterian Church August 8, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

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, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; 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 our various ministries, or to contact our office for more information about our faith community.



REGISTER

If you are new to Second Presbyterian or would like to share a prayer concern, please scan this code to fill out our online Friendship pad.



THANK YOU for silencing mobile phones or any other devices to honor the sanctity of our worship.

SHARING GRACE THROUGH GIVING: We welcome you to visit our Giving page on our website, www.2ndpreslou.org/giving to fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. When you scan this QR code, it will direct you to the giving page of our website. Giving by text message is also available: Text 844-584-2059 or by using the Vanco app and enter the amount you wish to donate. Thank you for your faithful support!



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 8, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDECanariosFransisco GuerauJamie Monck, guitar

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Stanzas 1, 2, and 4 Hyfrydol

Rev. Nathan Sautter

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read Responsively)

Loving God, You are love itself and You tell us that love is patient and kind.

But we confess the times when we have been impatient and unkind.

Love does not envy, boast, and is not proud.

But we confess that sometimes we have been envious, and boastful, and proud.

Love is not rude, and it is not self-seeking.

But we confess that in many ways we have been inconsiderate of those around us, thinking only of ourselves.

Your word tells us that love is not easily angered, and that it keeps no record of wrongs. But we confess how quickly we get angry, and how carefully we keep score when we have been wronged.

Your word says that love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth, that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

O love divine, help us not to take pleasure in what is evil, but to rejoice in the truth of Your love. Protect us with your love, Lord, and help us to choose the way of trusting You, putting our hope in You, and persevering in Your ways, knowing that love never fails, for You are love.

(Time for silent prayer)

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

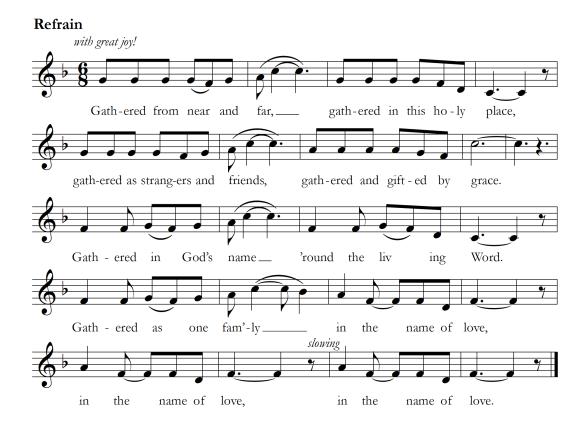
All children are invited forward for the Moment for Children. Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders will be dismissed through the side door for childcare and activities. Completed 4th & 5th graders are encouraged to remain in Worship.

*RESPONSE

Gathered in God's Name

Michael Burkhardt

Soloist sings stanza; Congregation sings refrain when invited:



THE WORD

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Nathan Sautter

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Hosea 11:1-9

MUSICAL REFLECTION

If Ye Love Me oprano; Jamie Monck, guitar

Paul Mealor

Erin Shina, soprano; Jamie Monck, guitar

The Octet Thomas Tallis

SERMON

"More Than Just a Word"

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 31

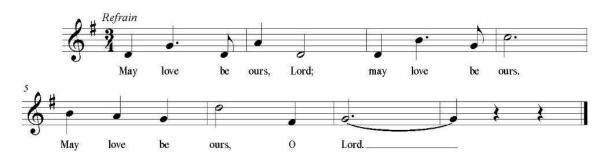
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please also see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin. You are invited to pass the Friendship pad found at the end of the pew.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels Congregation sings refrain when indicated Michael Joncas



Not for tongues of heaven's angels, Not for wisdom to discern, Not for faith that masters mountains, For this better gift we yearn: *Refrain*

Love is humble, love is gentle, Love is tender, true, and kind. Love is gracious, ever patient, Generous of heart and mind. Refrain Never jealous, never selfish, Love does not rejoice in wrong; Never boastful or resentful, Love believes and suffers long. *Refrain*

Soon will fade the word of wisdom, Faith and hope be one day past: When we see our Savior clearly, Love it is alone will last. *Refrain* Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore!

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 693 Though I May Speak Gift of Love

*BLESSING

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 be dismissed or to sit and listen to the Postlude.

POSTLUDE Postlude on Gift of Love Rebecca Groom Te Velder

*Please stand if you can do so comfortably. **Bold** text indicates congregational participation.

August 5 Protocol Update:

The church's Re-opening Task Group recommends no changes to COVID-19 protocols at this time. The group, composed of active elders, at-large members, and members of the church staff, will continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly to recommend any necessary changes.

Fully vaccinated adults and youth are welcome to mask or not to mask for all indoor church events, depending on their comfort level and health needs. However, per recent CDC guidelines, individuals are strongly encouraged to mask for their own protection and as an additional layer of protection for those around them. Children masking or not masking for indoor activities is left to the discretion of parents or other guardians.

For worship in the Sanctuary, please be reminded that there are designated sections with seating available every other pew for those who care to allow more space around them.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS for today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Margaret and Clifford Clay and Gate Flanders by the Clay family.

USHERS: Nora Moloney, Joe Moloney, Crystal Kannapell, Sallye Pence, Jennifer Scott

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION:

Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Jamie Monck, guitar; Samuel Libra, piano and organ Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Brooks Owen, camera; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor All Music is used by permission for livecasting under OneLicense.net #718492, and CCLI License No. #2036813.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Becky Shaw and her family on the death of her brother, Judd Shaw, 8/4/2021 The family and friends of Mary McDaniel on her death, 7/18/2021. Carol McCarty and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Everett Travisono, 7/12/2021.

Call For Those Who Haven't Made Their 2021 Pledge

Last year was an exceptional year with 295 pledges surpassing the 2020 Ministry Budget by over \$16,000. To date, we have 256 pledges for 2021 and are delinquent \$64,971 in reaching our 2021 Ministry Budget goal. Covid has certainly interrupted our church life, but things are getting closer to normal with actually being able to greet and hug each other in person. Reminders will be sent to everyone who made a pledge last year but hasn't done so this year and to all new members. When considering your pledge take a few moments to remind yourself how much the church does for you as well as our contributions to those in need outside our walls.

The Stewardship Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of August 8, 2021

Youth Music And Arts Forum after church today at 12 pm in the Youth Suite. Students and parents are welcome to join us for a quick bite to eat and a time of discussion about how our youth can participate in worship through arts. Whether you have been in Youth Choir or not, we would love to hear your ideas and share some vision.

Childcare for both 9:30 and 11:00 Worship is available for children 4 and under in room 117 in Hilbert Hall (former ITP hallway), located adjacent to the Weekday School Atrium, entrance #1 or #9. Children K-3rd are asked to begin worship with their families. They will have the opportunity to exit Worship for a time of fellowship together after the Children's Sermon. Children who have completed 4th & 5th grades are asked to sit with their families during worship. Parent's may pick up their children on the playground or in the gym, in the case of inclement weather. A children's bulletin will be provided as well as extra resources on the "Worship Wagon" in the Narthex during 11:00 Worship and at the back of the circle drive during 9:30 Worship.

The playground will be available in between services for families to enjoy. Children must be supervised by a parent during this time.

A Faith Formation informational meeting will take place on August 15th at 10am in the Youth Suite Atrium. Please join Pastor Jordan and Ms. Lorie for a continental breakfast and time to discuss the happenings of the upcoming year for both children and youth.

Welcome Reception for Samuel Libra - The Music Committee is pleased to invite everyone to officially welcome Samuel Libra, our Organist, after the 11 a.m. service on August 15 in Fellowship Hall. Samuel has served beautifully in these transitional months since the beginning of the year. We are excited to be able to actually gather and get to know him and let him know our appreciation of his gifts and spirit.

SANCTUARY CHOIR resumes August 18, 7 p.m. - The Choir meets weekly on Wednesday night, and leads worship at our Sanctuary services each week, along with the special Advent and Holy Week observances. We encourage you to join us if you love music and fellowship, and have a desire to serve God with your voice. Please call Jim Rittenhouse at 895-3483 ext 212 for more information to join.

Parent's Night Out - Children birth through 5th grade are invited to pack a dinner and join us on August 21, 5pm-8:30 for Parent's Night Out. Please contact Amy Heckmann, Childcare Coordinator at aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org to reserve your spot.

SECOND'S CHURCH FAMILY REUNION - On Sunday, August 22, from 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. we invite you to come together at Cedar Ridge for an all-day church reunion including worship, fellowship, food and fun! We will worship under the cedars at 11 a.m., enjoy a fellowship lunch from Mark's BBQ at Hopkin's Hall afterwards, and the remainder of the day will be open to various activities such as swimming, hiking, Hymn Sing, gaga ball, fishing, and canoeing on the Cedar Ridge campus. More information and the opportunity to RSVP for lunch will be sent out in Seconds to Go.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for
Community Life
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and
Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's
Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant
Virginia Fortner, Formation and Worship Assistant

Beth Haendiges, Community Life Assistant
Keith DeCosta, Sexton
Samuel Libra, DMA, Organist
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
Co-Coordinator
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator
Amy Heckmann, Childcare Coordinator
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita



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