

# 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](http://2ndpreslou.org) to connect with various ministries, or to contact the office for more information about our faith community.

If you are new to us, scan this QR Code to register as a guest and receive information about our life at Second.



*Children of God, welcome home!*

*Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices  
to honor the sanctity of our worship.*

For our worshippers with little ones needing a quiet space during the worship service, there is an infant and caregiver room off the Narthex. If you have any questions, please notify an usher.



For our worshippers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

*\* Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

**Bold type** *is sung or read in unison.*

<sup>+</sup> *Texts for anthems and reflections can be found in the back of your bulletin.*

## The Gathering

PRELUDE

<sup>+</sup>*Hodie*

Healey Willan

The Octet

<sup>+</sup>*Esurientes* from *Magnificat*

Antonio Vivaldi

Christina Recktenwald & Isabella Recktenwald, soloists

*Variations on a French Noël*

J.-J. Beauvarlet-Charpentier

Samuel Libra, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem!  
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels. O  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ, you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may watch and wait and once more hear the story of our Savior coming into our midst. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for you.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, vs. 3*

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## *The Word*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Mark, Donna, Kyle, and Phoebe Church

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

## *That Night in Bethlehem*

*Mary and Joseph*

Russ Dunlap

*Away in a manger, vs. 1*

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

*The Animals*

Isabella Recktenwald

*Away in a manger, vs. 3*

**The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

*The Angels*

Laura Atkinson

*Angels we have heard on high, vs. 3*

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains:  
Gloria...in excelsis Deo! Gloria...in excelsis Deo!**

*The Shepherds*

Jason Steigerwalt

*Angels we have heard on high, vs. 2*

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria...in excelsis Deo! Gloria...in excelsis Deo!**

*Conclusion*

Rev. Jordan Akin

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, vs. 3*

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1–20

HOMILY

Rev. Steve Jester

## *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.**

**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.**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are invited to pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pen.*

*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!*



ANTHEM

*+A Simple Gloria*

Libby Larsen

VOLUNTARY

*O Little One Sweet*

O JESULEIN SÜSS, arr. te Velde

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *read in unison*

**God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in the Word made flesh. Amen.**

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*To light, please tilt your unlit candle toward the lit candle of the person next to you.*

\*CAROL

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

STILLE NACHT



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;



'round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so  
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia



ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 "Al - le - lu - ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 to our King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

# The Sending

\*BLESSING

\*CAROL

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing...**

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on ANTIOCH*

David Cherwein

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the light of Christ's coming  
& the grace of God with one another and the world around us.  
You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

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## *In Worship Today*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Charles and Jerry Pence by their daughter, Sallye.

USHERS

Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Chip Snyder, Susan Snyder, Henry Snyder, Brad Williams, Lori Williams, Graham Williams, Ben Williams, Nolan Williams, David Will, Beverly Will, Patrick Farnan, Georgia Farnan, Avery Summers

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin & Rev. Rich Gianzero, liturgists;

Russ Dunlap, Isabella Recktenwald, Laura Atkinson, Jason Steigerwalt, lay readers

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir: Laura Atkinson, Brent Collins, Russ Dunlap, Jill Felkins, Kenneth Oeth, Christina Bouras Recktenwald, Isabella Recktenwald, Jason Steigerwalt

Conductor: Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship & Music Ministries

Organist: Samuel Libra

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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*A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped decorate for the Advent/Christmas season. Chapel: Bonnie and Larry Boram, Nancy Hubbard, and Sallye Pence; Reception/Office Area: Kenneth Oeth and Linda Dukes. Sanctuary: Mary Ayers, Cheeky Babe, Dixie Baird, Bonnie Boram, Anne Fleming, Nancy Hubbard, Diana and Steve Jester, Susan and Eric Lehmann, Carol McCarty, Sudee Mosley, Kenneth Oeth, Sallye Pence, Jennifer Scott, Sunny Seale, Chip Snyder, Henry Snyder, Susan Snyder, and John and Bonnie Stone.*

*We are grateful to some special folks who have donated a lasting treasure! Because of a generous gift from members who wish to remain anonymous, we are now able to enjoy hearing our carillons each day. In the last couple of years, our digitized system and display had been faltering, but we now have a new system with new speakers installed. Each Monday through Saturday at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. our neighboring community will be able to hear the Westminster chimes and the chiming of the hour followed by two short seasonal hymns. On Sunday, instead of the noon peal, you will hear the tolling of the hour at 10:55 ahead of our regular 11 a.m. service, and then our normal scheduling at 6 p.m. Stay tuned for more on how we will program the use of this beautiful way to share grace! And THANK YOU to our generous friends.*

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

The Palmer-Ball family, especially Lawrence, Elizabeth, Helen, Virginia, Connie, and Chris, on the death of their mother, Helen, 12/11/22.

Charlie Castner and his family on the death of his step-sister, Iva Gillet.

Scott Carothers and his family on the death of his mother, Dorothy, 12/9/22.

Ron Suter and his family on the death of his sister, Martha Dorsey, 12/6/2022.

John Y. Brown III and his family on the death of his father, John Y. Jr., 11/28/22.

The family of Carolyn Allen on her death, 11/22/22.

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## *Texts & Translations*

*Hodie*

Healey Willan

*Hodie Christus natus est:*

Today Christ is born:

*Hodie Salvator apparuit:*

Today the Savior appears:

*Hodie in terra canunt Angeli,  
laetantur Archangeli*

Today the angels sing on earth,  
and the Archangels rejoice.

*Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:*

Today the just exult, saying:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Glory to God in the highest.

*Alleluia.*

Alleluia.

*Antiphon for Christmas Day*

*Esurientes* from *Magnificat*

Antonio Vivaldi

*Esurientes implevit bonis*

He hath filled the hungry with good things:

*et divites dimisit inanes.*

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

*from Luke 1:46–55, Latin Vulgate*

*trans. Book of Common Prayer, 1662*

*A Simple Gloria*

Libby Larsen

And it was in a simple Gloria that quiet morn,

And it was in a simple Gloria the Child was born.

The angels sang a simple Gloria,

That echoed gently through the stars.

The shepherds heard the simple Gloria,

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Salvatore Mundi est.

Ergo nos cum gaudio, natus est Emmanuel.

*M.K. Dean*

*The flowers and wreaths are given  
to the glory of God and...*



*Poinsettias:*

In loving memory of J.D. Angelina and Carletta Buckman by Ann Buckman.

In honor of our grandchildren—Eleanor and John Gleason, Rose, Josephine and Dorothy Conway—by Peter & Lorrie Conway.

In honor of our family near and far by Jeanne Curtis.

In honor of our children—Abby, Allison, & Scott—by John & Laura Davis.

In memory of our parents, Lester Key, Norma McCray, and Bill Dickman, and in honor of our daughters, Lillie and Maggie, by Cindy & Mike Dickman.

In memory of Charles and Brenda Shaneyfelt, “BeBe and Granddaddy,” by Mark, Shannon, Henry, Louisa, and Charlie Doyle.

In honor of Grace Fellon; in honor of Sunny & Ronnie Seale; and in memory of Leonard Fellon by Stephanie, Drew, & Morgan Fellon.

In memory of Lucy & Gene Owen by Virginia, Rob, Caroline, Graham, & Olivia Foshee.

In honor of Jane Shewmaker with love from the Glasscock family.

In memory of Babs & Pryor Hancock by Jennifer & Chip Hancock, and James P. Hancock Jr.

In honor of our children and grandchildren by Nancy and John Hubbard.

In memory of Dr. Walter I. Hume, Jr. by Florence Hume, Brad and Glen Hume.

In memory of M. C. Hwang, Maria Niu, and Hedy Shao; and in memory of Henri Hou, M.D., John Church, and Eric Hwang by Evelyn Hwang.

In honor of Mary F. and Ed Glasscock by Mary Kirkpatrick.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Lewis by Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwin Lewis.

In memory of Max Lyles by the Lyles family.

In memory of Patrick & Kelsey McGuire by Jayne, Shannon & Tim McGuire.

In honor of Anne A. Lewis and in memory of Kenneth N. Middleton by Sarah Lewis Middleton, Brian & Margaret Lewis.

In honor of Betty Kilgore Gibbs, by her son Jack Moss Jr., Susan Moss, and grandchildren Elliott, Wesley, and Rhodes.

In memory of George S. Gibbs (Pops) by his grandchildren, Elliott, Wesley, and Rhodes Moss.





In memory of William S. Elliott and Louise Elliott, by their daughter Susan Elliott Moss, Jack Moss, and grandchildren Elliott, Wesley, and Rhodes.

In memory of Nicholas J. Ochs and Dr. Nick Ochs by Susan Ochs.

In memory of Barbara and George Dudley by their family.

In memory of Coach David Jones by Brooks Owen.

In loving memory of our parents, Alice Cary and Eugene Farmer, Leelia Reynolds Hill, and Douglas H. Owen by Elizabeth and Doug Owen.

In memory of Helen Palmer-Ball by Lawrence & Rosemay Palmer-Ball & family.

In honor of Jim Rittenhouse, and in memory of Thames Palmer-Ball, by Tom & Jeannette Pardue.

In memory of Thomas Dunbar, Wallace Dunbar, Evan Dunbar, Jonathan Dunbar by Sarah and Duane Parker.

In honor of wonderful grandparents and great grandparents—Margaret Flowers, Bob & Sylvia Clark, Cathy Flowers, Bill Flowers, David & Debbie Phelps—by Charlie Phelps.

In memory of my grandmother, Jane Ware, by Liz Ratliff Evans.

In memory of Jim Reuther by the Reuther family.

In honor of Madge & Gorman Roberts with love from their family.

In memory of Mary Ann & Duncan MacDonald and Laura & Rudy Ross by Ann and Ron Ross.

In celebration of the birth of granddaughter, Claire Blake Kosse, by Jane Roth.

In memory of our loved ones—forever in our hearts, forever loved—by Cheryl and Dan Russell.

In memory of Alexander and Eleanor Daunis, Jacques and Denise Sartor, W. Roberts and Katherine Wood, Melvin and Bessie Carter, by Patrick and Carter Wood Sartor.

In honor of our grandchildren, Morgan Fellon & Jackson Seale; and in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary by Ronnie & Sunny Seale.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John G. Seiler Jr. by Kelly, Joe, Campbell, and Elizabeth Seiler.

In honor of our children, Campbell & Elizabeth Seiler, by Kelly and Joe Seiler.

In memory of Charles Shishmanian and in memory of Ralph Harbold by the Shishmanian family.



In memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. Mason Venner Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Rausch by Gene & Connie Smith.

In memory of our parents by John and Bonnie Stone.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Dade; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Tyrell; and in memory of Gerald G. Tyrell, by Sandall & Tom Tyrrell.

in honor of Edith Mapother Wells by Lindsey, Teaj, and Miles Anderson; Nathan and Caroline Dicken; and Joshua and Mary Peyton Kragenbring.



In memory of Caroline and Jim Mapother and Marion and Peyton Wells by their children and grandchildren.

In memory of Peyton Wells by his family.

In loving memory of Pat & Gordon Dabney by their family.

In loving memory of Bill West by their family.

In memory of Jeanie Wilson by Ed Wilson.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carter and Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Wood by Susan & David Wood and family.

In honor of their children & grandchildren: Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Wright, Ada and Harriet Wright, Laura and Mr. Ian McCray, Allison and Jesse McCray, by Jess and Susanne Wright.

In memory of our parents—Wyatts & Cunninghams—by Bill and Lynda Wyatt.

### *Wreaths:*

In memory of Joan Muir by Prentice Brown, Kim Muir Graven and families.

In memory of Judy Brown and son Chip by Prentice Brown, Allison Duncan, Mark Brown, and families.

In memory of our parents George and Ruth Conway, Robert and Marilyn Smith, by Peter and Lorrie Conway.

In memory of Lucy & E.J. O'Brien III from Mary Scott & Mike Herrington, & Trina & Jay O'Brien, by Peter and Lorrie Conway

In loving memory of her parents Jack & Jane Duerson by Mrs. W.T. Scovil and family.

In memory of Mrs. Louise B. Seiler by Kelly, Joe, Campbell, & Elizabeth Seiler.



## *The Ministry Team*

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