

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" arr. A.D. Miller

The Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Because of his great mercy, he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

This fills us with a living hope.

And so, we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The Hymn of Praise "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" 106

*The Call to Confession

The Lord says, "Come now, let us settle the matter. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Claiming this promise from God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. When we accept your offer of salvation, but fail to walk in your ways, forgive us. When we allow doubts to overwhelm us and take our eyes off you, forgive us. When we judge our brothers and sisters in their times of struggle, forgive us. When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, forgive us. Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

Test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Response

"Alleluia!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GTG hymnal 587

The Anthem

"Hymn of Promise"
FPC and SPC Choirs

by Natalie Sleeth

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm Psalm 16 page 601 OT

The New Testament Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9 page 315 NT

The Gospel Reading John 20:19-31 page 154 NT

The Sermon

Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) page 14

*The Hymn "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" 399

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" GTG hymnal 609
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" 379

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Erstanden ist der heilige Christ" ("The holy Christ is risen"), BWV 628
by J.S. Bach

(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Karen Kalina

Greeter: Wally & Anne Schmidt

Ushers:

Fellowship Hour:

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is alive

Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Mission News



For the month of April, our Mission Focus will be through Presbyterian Giving Catalog - Livestock Gifts. The goal of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is "To connect people as neighbors with others experiencing needs, supporting projects and friendships that grow gardens and generations, bring water and watch for corruption, share education, tools and training, and link each of us, more closely with one another and with God." Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting donations to purchase livestock, which will be given to those in need to help foster independence through farming. The amount and number of donations received will determine the animals we are able to sponsor (flocks of chickens, piglets, goats, cows, beekeeping, or oxen/plow. Donations may be placed in the box on the Missions table or in the church office. If you would like more information on the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, please visit their website at [Presbyterian Giving Catalog](http://presbyteriangifts.org)

Music and Worship Committee



We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgists, Greeters and Ushers on Sundays. There are sign-up sheets available so please look for a Sunday service you can help! Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!

We also need people willing to learn and help with the Live-

Stream operations. Please see Linda Poplewski, Fred Herter, Karen Schadel or Bruce Smith if you are interested in learning the live-stream process.

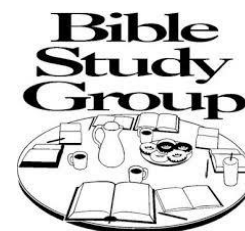
The church office will continue to be open Monday -Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please call (989) 792-1023 if you need to schedule a different time to come and conduct any church business

Building and Maintenance Committee

Second Presbyterian is putting together a group of volunteers that can help with the upkeep and small maintenance projects at the church. We need all sorts of talented people that can help with painting, small plumbing projects, carpentry, landscaping, and more. If you have an interest in helping, please call either Alan Poplewski @ 989-928-7957 or Sonia Hoepfner @ 989-781-0542 or call the church office @ 989-792-1023.

Attn: There are many dishes and containers that have been left from church functions or funeral dinners. Please check the hallway between the kitchen and sanctuary to see if there is a container with your name on it.

2nd@Second



Second at Second will resume beginning next week, April 23 and continuing through Pentecost Sunday, May 28. This will be an informal time to connect with one another and journey together in our Christian faith. We will be discussing the Upper Room devotional from the previous Wednesday. Discussion questions can be found at the back of the Upper Room booklet. All who are interested are invited to join us in the library after the fellowship time following the worship service.

Sunday School



Sunday School will be following the new program from The Sunday School Store. The dates are as follows: **April 23; May 7 & 21 (last day of Sunday School until September)** Please let the Christian Education Committee know if you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings. The members are Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388, Natalie Martinez @ 989-714-1011; and Laura Bosley @ 989-780-1420.