

# Sunday Worship

January 21, 2024

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. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Trumpet Tune* Young

The Call to Worship

Let the redeemed of the Lord gather this day for worship. God invites us into relationship with him.

**We were once condemned by our sins, but now we know the mercy of God. We praise God's holy name!**

Let us follow Christ and proclaim his righteousness for all the world to hear.

**As the people of God, we follow him. Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*The Hymn of Praise *Hear the Good News of Salvation* 355

\*The Call to Confession

Jesus proclaimed the good news of God, for the kingdom of God had come near. We are called to repent and believe the good news, for through Christ there is forgiveness of sins.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in Christ you offer us grace, forgiveness, and new life, yet so often we choose not to accept it. You call us to follow you, yet so often we follow you in word only. We are so preoccupied with our own lives that we disregard you and the work that you are calling us to do. Our hearts have become callous to the physical and spiritual suffering of this world. Forgive us. [Silent Confession.] Merciful God, cleanse us of all sin. Give us the courage and strength to live as you would have us live. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God is merciful and just. As we turn from our old ways and respond with faith to Christ's call, we receive the assurance that we are saved. Through the blood of Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 577

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\*The Passing of the Peace

The Anthem *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Larson

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* page 1003 OT

The Gospel Reading *Mark 1:14-20* page 47 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed(traditional)* hymnal, page 14

\*The Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* 369

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 *I Danced in the Morning* arr. Wagner

\*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn *We All Are One in Mission* 435

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

\*Postlude *A Trumpet Fancy* Nelson

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**Liturgist :** Peggy Donaldson

**Ushers:**

**Greeters:** Brian & Cathy McNalley

**Fellowship Hour:** Genie Herter

**Musical Talents:** Laurel Taipale

### **For The Hearing Impaired**

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

**2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second** will resume **TODAY** following worship in the library.

**Second Presbyterian Session** will meet Tuesday, January 23 @ 7:00 p.m. in the library.

# Second Presbyterian Church

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# Announcements and Upcoming Event



The Second Presbyterian Church Session has called **The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for Sunday, February 4, 2024 immediately following worship.** Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted.



**January Mission Focus** will once again be taking a collection at the end of the month for “2 Coins a Meal” to help combat hunger. This is a wonderful program to help combat hunger – both globally (through PCUSA Hunger Program) and locally (through local food pantries) to help alleviate hunger in our community. We invite you to begin

gathering any spare change you may have at home. The little buckets around the gathering area are for you to place your contributions to this mission. The collection will take place until January 28. A little goes a long way!



We are considering having a Lenten Bible Study. Before making definite plans, however, we would like to know if there is enough interest. We would meet on the following five Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 PM: February 22 & 29, March 7, 14, &

21. Participants would be invited to bring a snack to share. This Lenten Bible Study would be based on the newly published book *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms* by Elizabeth Caldwell. You would not be expected to purchase or read the book. Each week, there would be a short lesson based on one chapter of the book and then a time of reflection and discussion. A different Psalm and theme would be explored each week, so it would not matter if you missed one of the lessons. To help us determine if there is enough interest to hold this Lenten Bible Study, please fill out the enclosed form today and drop it in the basket on your way out after the service. Thanks!

The church office will be open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.

## Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women’s Circle, Community events.



## Help Needed



We need your help! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgist, Greeter(s), and Ushers on Sundays. There are sign-up sheets available in the gathering area, so please look for a Sunday service you can help! Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!

## 2024 Per Capita Apportionment

Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The per capita for 2024 amount is **\$29.50 per member** (not per household). It goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT**

Every church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount varies with the needs of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, and is a regular expense payable by this church at the spring meeting of presbytery. The amount to be paid this year per communicant member is

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Prayer of Illumination**

Almighty and gracious God,  
the true understanding of your holy Word helps us to grow  
into the fulness of the salvation you so freely offer us in Christ.  
Grant to all of us that our hearts, being freed from worldly affairs,  
may hear and grasp your holy Word with all diligence and faith,  
that we may rightly understand your gracious will,  
cherish it, and live by it with all earnestness, to your praise and honor.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **Jonah 3:1-5 New International Version**

### **Jonah Goes to Nineveh**

**3** Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: **2** "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

**3** Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. **4** Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." **5** The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

**10** When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

## **Mark 1:14-20 New International Version**

**14** After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. **15** "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

**16** As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **17** "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." **18** At once they left their nets and followed him.

**19** When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. **20** Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.