

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 14th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* arr. M. Kellner

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 139

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

All: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

One: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

One: Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

All: **From the deepest pit to the highest mountain, you are there. Your hand leads me and holds me fast.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #65

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in your mercy, you seek the best for us; but we continue to act in ways that are not pleasing to you. We are a people divided against ourselves, clinging to the values of a broken world. We fail to care for one another and for your creation. We reject the good gifts you have given us, using them for our own gain rather than the benefit of others. Forgive us, Lord, and grant us wisdom and understanding to live according to your will. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Colossians 1:13-14

One: Give thanks to God with joy.

All: **God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.**

One: In Christ, the beloved Son of God, we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins.

All: **We give thanks to God with joy!**

✠ RESPONSE *I've Got Peace Like a River* #623, v. 1

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Bailey Schad, *Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Knoxville*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.

Following this time, children through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Take My Life* #697, vv. 1,2,5,6

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Micah 6:6-8 p. 866 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Beautiful Savior* arr. Tom Fettke

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1:9-14 p.199 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *God Leads Us Along* arr. R. Boud

✠ Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Westminster Larger Catechism

In the third petition of the Lord's Prayer (which is, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"), we pray: that God would take away from ourselves and others, by his Spirit, all blindness, weakness, lack of motivation, and perverseness of heart; and that by his grace he would make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to his will in all things, with the same humility, cheerfulness, faithfulness, diligence, zeal, sincerity, and constancy as the angels in heaven.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* #816

✠ BENECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Toccata in D Minor* J.S. Bach

✠ PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Dana Hendrix – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lisa and John Henley, Tracy Horton and, Henry Naff

Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: This morning we begin a study in Colossians. Paul writes to the Colossians to help them get back to the basics of Christianity. We are calling this series *Christianity Made Simple*.

Jan 14	Colossians 1:9-14	Christianity Made Simple: <i>God's Will</i>
Jan 21	Colossians 1:15-23	Christianity Made Simple: <i>The Gospel</i>
Jan 28	Colossians 1:24-2:3	Christianity Made Simple: <i>Ministry</i>
Feb 4	Colossians 2:4-23	Christianity Made Simple: <i>Spirituality</i>

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie Reynolds by her family, and in honor of Morton Rose by friends in the congregation.

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR JESSICA LEWIS: On Sunday, January 21st at 2:00 p.m., Jessica Lewis will be ordained as a Teaching Elder and Minister of the Word & Sacrament. The service will take place in Lambert Hall (part of Clayton Center for the Arts) at Maryville College. All members of 2nd Presbyterian Church are invited to come and be part of this special worship service.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: Sunday worship will never be cancelled due to weather, though there may be some last-minute modifications to the worship service. Please use your own discretion, however, in deciding whether or not to come. Safety is of primary importance; stay home if you don't feel you can make it to worship safely. You can always join virtually. All other activities will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Any cancellations will be posted in Realm and on the website. Please check these if you are unsure.

USHERS NEEDED Are you interested in serving 2nd Presbyterian in a position that allows you to meet and welcome both members and guests to Sunday Worship? Kim Hudgens and Janis Smith, who coordinate the usher schedule, are recruiting new members of the ushering team. This is a low-stress way to make a personal contribution to church worship. Please contact Kim (kimhudgens05@comcast.net or 865-567-6477) or Janis (smithjb1@gmail.com or 615.260-7784) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. Children ages 2 through 1st grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: All are invited to stay for coffee, cookies, and a time of fellowship following worship each week.

100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR MORTON ROSE: Morton Rose turns 100 tomorrow! Join us immediately following worship today during the fellowship time as we celebrate Morton's birthday in the Mary Chambers Room.

REALM CLASSES resume this week. To register, please click on the registration link in the Friday e-News to sign up for the class of your choice or call Bonnie at the church office.

GROW

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday night Bible study begins a study of the book of Colossians this Wednesday. This will allow us to go deeper into discussion of the texts for the *Christianity Made Simple* sermon series. Those wishing to join via Zoom can do so by clicking the link on the home page of our website. This week (1/17), join us for fellowship and study in the library or on Zoom at 6:30 pm.

GO

WEST VIEW STUDENTS NEED YOU! Get involved as a lunch/buddy mentor, read to students, or participate in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters programs by volunteering. For more information, contact Pastor Sarah Morgan. You can also get in touch with Jill Ellis, the Coordinator of West View Community School at 865-742-5826 or EllisJ@unitedwayknox.org.

SUPPORT

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place in conjunction with the Souper Bowl luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, February 11th. Please mark your calendars now!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, Monday, January 15th, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 14th

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, January 15th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED / MLK

Tuesday, January 16th

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, January 17th

9:00 a.m. Realm 101 (Small Conference Room)
10:00 a.m. Realm 102 (Small Conference Room)
2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)
6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library & Zoom)

Thursday, January 18th

10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)
12:00 p.m. Realm 101 (Small Conference Room)
1:00 p.m. Realm 102 (Small Conference Room)

Sunday, January 21st

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Neal Peebles, The family of Chris Poole, The family of Ruth Ewald, Gerry Turner, Amy Cross, Sue Jacox, Arlys Milligan, and Brice Gilmer.

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

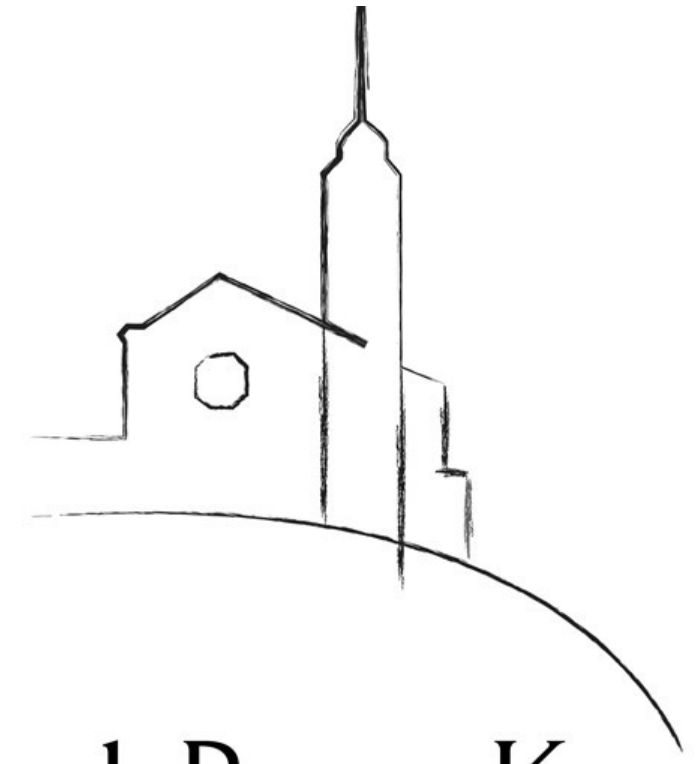
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



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*Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace,
we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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