

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*O for a Closer Walk with God*

*Arr. G. Young*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

*from* Isaiah 9; Psalm 40

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: **those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.**

One: We have waited patiently for the Lord, and the Lord has increased our joy.

All: **He puts a new song in our mouths, a song of praise for our God.**

One: The Lord has done wondrous things for us; nothing can compare!

All: **Let us rejoice before the Lord!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Love, How Deep*

#618, vv. 1,2,4

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we want to worship and serve only you, but we are easily distracted when there are so many things around us that crave our attention and praise. We allow ourselves to be pulled in all directions, leaving little room to glorify you. Forgive us, Lord, for all the ways we give in to the temptation to put possessions, celebrities, status, personal success above you. Correct our paths and guide us in the way you would have us go. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Beloved in Christ, hear the good news:

All: **God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life. Thanks be to God!**

✠ RESPONSE

*O Love, How Deep*

#618, v.5

✠ 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

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.**

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

#167

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Deuteronomy 8:2-6

p. 165 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Esto les Digo*

*Kinley Lange*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 4:1-17

p. 3 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

*It is Well With My Soul*

*Bliss/ Arr. Kerrick*

✠ Response

*Great God of Every Blessing*

#694, v. 1

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from* The Westminster Confession of Faith

**In the fullness of his wisdom, righteousness, and grace, God often allows his own children to be tempted in various ways and for a time to pursue the corruption of our own hearts. God does this to chastise us for our previous sins and to reveal to us the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness in our hearts, so that we may be humbled. In addition to various other just and holy results, we are thereby raised to a closer and more constant dependence on God for our support and are also made more alert in detecting and resisting opportunities to sin.**

✠ HYMN OF SENDING

*Within Your Shelter, Loving God*

#168

✠ BENECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in F Major*

*J.S. Bach*

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

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Charles White – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Patton and Jack Lewis, Lisa, and John Henley

**Technicians:** Dale Henley (video) and Matthew Lowe (audio)

## SERMON NOTES

1) The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to faith.

The wilderness is that place where everything that \_\_\_\_\_ us in life

is \_\_\_\_\_ and we discover

\_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_.

## The 5 Factions of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Israel

If you can't \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_: The \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ the Roman \_\_\_\_\_!: The \_\_\_\_\_

Maintain the \_\_\_\_\_: The \_\_\_\_\_

Live \_\_\_\_\_: The \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_: The \_\_\_\_\_

**Jesus didn't pick \_\_\_\_\_, he picked \_\_\_\_\_.**

2) Our \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus didn't come for just \_\_\_\_\_,

He came for \_\_\_\_\_.

**We are currently in Covid Phase GREEN. There are no Covid precautions.**

**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 the 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. A **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

**WORSHIP**

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently following the Narrative Lectionary, Year 1.

Jan. 15	Matthew 4:1-17	Temptation in the Wilderness
Jan. 22	Matthew 5:1-20	The Beatitudes
Jan. 29	Matthew 6:7-21	Treasure in Heaven
Feb. 5	Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29	The Golden Rule

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God.

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** is returning in 2023! When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, we worship in the Fellowship Hall instead of the Sanctuary. Worship on these Sundays is a little less formal and gives us an opportunity to be together in a different way than usual. The first 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year is January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**CONNECT**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP** in the Mary Chambers Room at the front left of the sanctuary following worship this morning.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S GROUP** at Second will not meet in January but will continue its mission and Bible studies on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 10-11:30 a.m. Add it to your new 2023 calendar and plan to be with us in the Fellowship Hall.

**GROW**

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

**PRESBYTERY BIBLE STUDY ON GENESIS:** This January and February, the Presbytery of East Tennessee is hosting a virtual/in-person Bible study of Genesis. Each week, participants will gather in person at 3:00 p.m. at a Presbyterian Church near them. (2nd Pres is one of the hosts.) Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff will lead the study from a different location each week. Participants may also join via Zoom from home each week. The remaining dates are January 22, 29, February 5, and 12.

**JOIN US!** Beginning this Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join Kathy Duggan, Angela Jones, and Janis Smith on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church Library as we take pragmatic first steps to end poverty in America. We will base our work on the book *Evicted* by Harvard socio-economist Matthew Desmond. Although we will read and discuss the book first, this is not a book study but a call to action. Contact Kathy at kduggan55@gmail.com for more information.

**THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship (Mary Chambers Room)
- 3:00 p.m. Bible Study on Genesis (Mary Chambers Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Small & Mighty (Youth Room & Gym)

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day

**Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room & Gym)

**Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Fellowship Hall)

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship (Mary Chambers Room)
- 3:00 p.m. Bible Study on Genesis (Mary Chambers Room)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

The Family of Harriet Campbell, Leilla White, Sue Jacox, Kennedy Wilson, Jerry Young, Arlys Milligan, Beverli White, and Peter Douglas Hamilton.

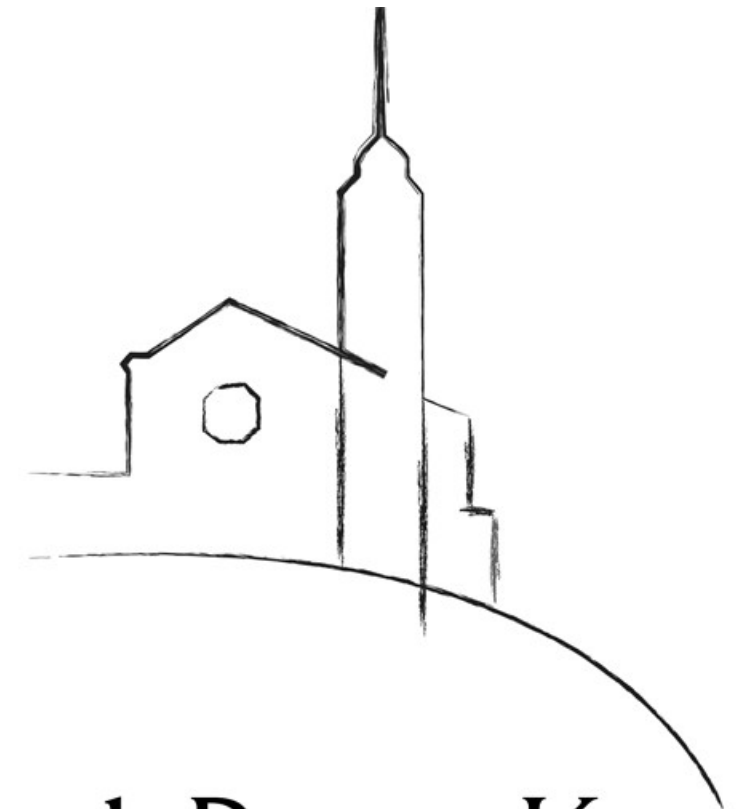
\*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

*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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**January 15, 2023**