

3^d Sunday after Epiphany

January 21st, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Page

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Colossians 1

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

All: And also with you.

One: Come and worship Christ,

All: the visible image of the invisible God,

One: the firstborn of creation,

All: the eternal God:

One: the One through whom all things were created,

All: and in whom all things are held together.

One: This is our God!

All: Let us worship him together!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* #394

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and Glory, you call us to place our hope in you, but we have placed our hope in other things. Our hearts are set on things of this world rather than your kingdom; our minds are fixed on things we can see rather than being renewed by your Word. Forgive us, Lord, for not believing and trusting in your Gospel of Good News. Send us your Spirit that we may be filled with your hope, grow in faith, and truly comprehend your amazing grace, as we seek to lead lives worthy of and pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Colossians 1

One: All the fullness of God was pleased to live in Christ, and God reconciled all things to himself through Christ.

All: Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us through Christ's death.

One: Through his grace, God has made us holy and faultless, without blame, bringing peace through the cross.

All: Let us remain established and rooted in the hope given to us in this good news, which we have heard and which we proclaim!

✠ RESPONSE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* #108, v. 6

✠ 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.

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

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION *There is Now a New Creation* #774, omit v. 4

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 Isaiah 9:2-7 p. 638 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1:15-23 p. 200 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* arr. Wischmeier

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

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humanity. He is the eternal Son of God, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls people to be reconciled to God and one another.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* #444

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* arr. Page

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Lisa Henley – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Linda and Gerald Cook, Goeff Duggan, and Mary Kay Sullivan

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Neal Henley (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 21 Col. 1:15-23 Christianity Made Simple: *The Gospel*

Jan 28 Col. 1:24-2:3 Christianity Made Simple: *Ministry*

Feb 4 Col. 2:4-23 Christianity Made Simple: *Spirituality*

Feb 11 Col. 3:1-17 Christianity Made Simple: *Living the Christian Life*

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

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR JESSICA LEWIS: THIS AFTERNOON 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.

REALM CLASSES have resumed. Check the calendar for the class schedule. 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 is studying the book of Colossians. 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. 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!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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)

Monday, January 22nd

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)

Tuesday, January 23rd

9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 p.m. GROW team meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 24th

10:00 a.m. Realm leaders training (Small Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library & Zoom)

Thursday, January 25th

1:00 p.m. Realm leaders training (Small Conference Room)

Sunday, January 28th

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

Charlene Cotton, Tom Sullivan, 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

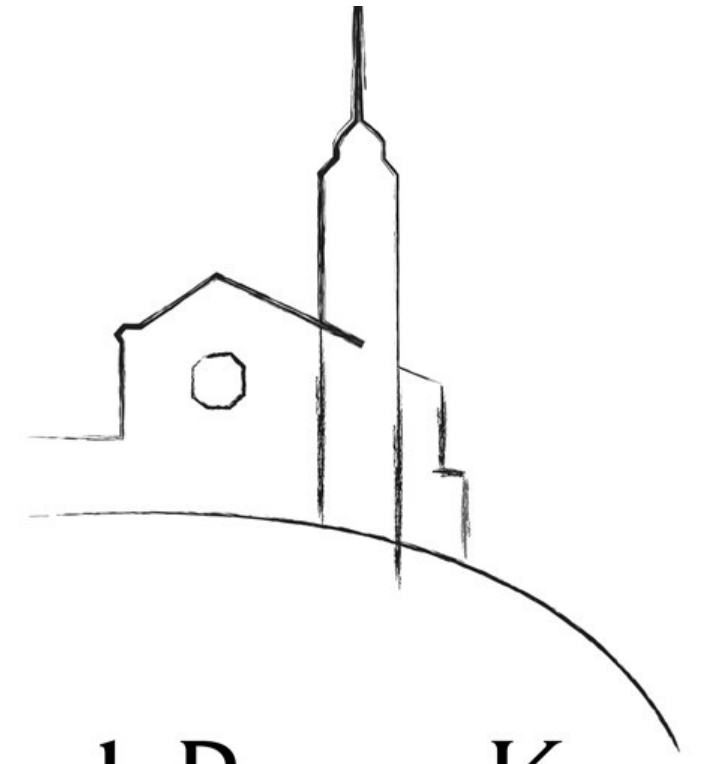
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

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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