

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Prelude of Worship*  
*Jesu, Priceless Treasure*  
*I Am His, and He Is Mine*  
*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Wyrzten*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

*from* Psalm 111

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.**

One: Great are the works of the Lord.

**All: They are full of honor and majesty.**

One: The works of his hands are faithful and just.

**All: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness.**

One: His praise endures forever.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

#2, vv. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we see you in the wonders of your creation. You reveal yourself to us through your word. You fill us with inspiration; and, you call us to make your glory known far and wide. But, we are timid. We admit that we do not know how to live into this calling, because we prefer comfort over courage. We are intimidated by the idea of sharing your good news with those who need to hear it. Forgive us, Lord. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faithfulness so that we may begin again with renewed strength, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: God knows the heart of those who seek forgiveness.

**All: God grants us grace beyond our understanding.**

One: In Jesus' name, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

✠ RESPONSE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

#2, v. 4

✠ 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* #707

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 Exodus 18:13-27 p. 65 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Beautiful Savior* *arr. Tom Fettke*

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1:24-2:3 p. 200 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 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* *arr. G. Young*

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

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

**The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or at play, in private or in the life of society. Each of us is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and we are responsible for the integrity of our witness in our own particular situation. Each of us is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. Each of us in turn, in our own competence, helps to guide the church.**

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #761

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *He Is Exalted* *arr. F. Bock*

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

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor  
Kirsty Bleyl – Liturgist  
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts  
John Lasater – Organist  
2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Betsy Foster, Doug and Leslie Matthews and Bill Ragsdale

Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Dale Henley (audio)

## WORSHIP

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** This morning we continue our 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 28	Col. 1:24-2:3	Christianity Made Simple: <i>Ministry</i>
Feb 4	Col. 2:4-23	Christianity Made Simple: <i>Spirituality</i>
Feb 11	Col. 3:1-17	Christianity Made Simple: <i>Living the Christian Life</i>
Feb 14	John 1:35-42	Jesus Most Pointed Questions: <i>What Are You Looking For?</i>

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emily Rose, by her family.

**ORDINATION SERVICE FOR JESSICA LEWIS:** THIS AFTERNOON at 3:00 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate with a service of Imposition of Ashes at 6:45 p.m. (following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Dinner) in the Sanctuary.

**SCOUT SUNDAY** is NEXT Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. For over 100 years Boy Scouts has enjoyed the support of religious organizations. Our own Troop 6 was founded on January 29, 1915, and is the oldest troop in the Great Smoky Mountain Council. Second Presbyterian Church has been the charter organization since 1916. We will celebrate this long history of common service together, as members of Troop 6, and their families will join us in worship.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 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.

**OUR NEXT 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY DINNER** is Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner, we will move into the sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday Service of Imposition of Ashes at 6:45.

**REALM CLASSES** have resumed in 2024. Check the calendar for the class schedule (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of each month). 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.

## 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*.

**ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** meet for Sunday School each week at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

**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

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON** will take place in the fellowship hall following worship on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The Souper Bowl Luncheon is a fundraiser to support the hungry here in Knoxville. An electronic signup sheet has been created so you can sign up to let us know what kind of soup you are bringing to share with everyone. A link to the signup is on the home page of our website. You can also click the QR code in this announcement. If you don't want to sign up electronically, just call the church office and let us know what you'll be bringing!

## SUPPORT

**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 *Psalms100*.

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



## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
  - Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour Room)
  - Elementary (Room 206)
  - Middle & High School (Youth Room)
- 10:20 a.m. Children's Music Time (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

### Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

- 11:30 a.m. Presbytery Retired Ministers Lunch (Mary Chambers)

### Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library & Zoom)

### Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. GO team (Barbour Room)

### Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Scout Sunday/Communion Sunday

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:20 a.m. Children's Music Time (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Charlene Cotton, Tom Sullivan, The family of Chris Poole, 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.

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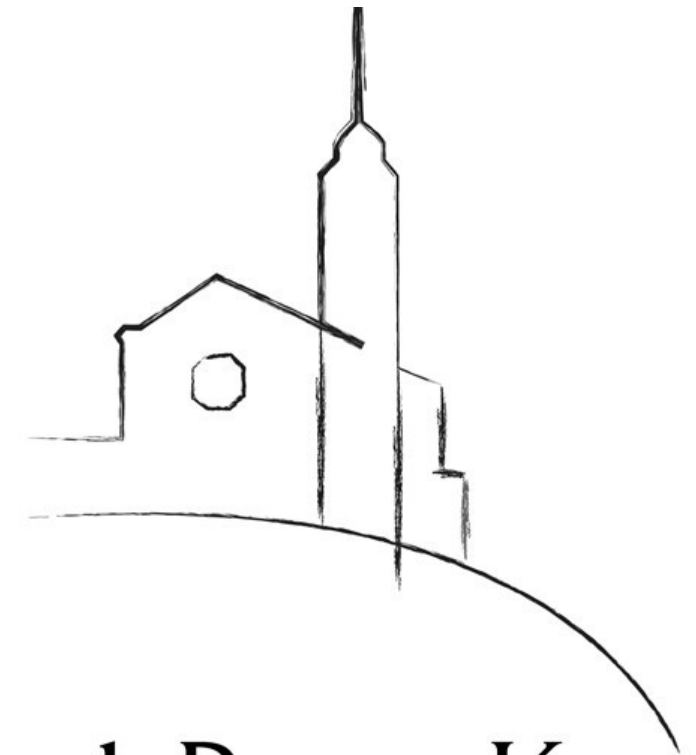
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*Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace,  
we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,  
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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