

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

The Lord's Prayer

Mallotte

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 126

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: The Lord has done great things for us!

All: **Let us rejoice!**

One: Our mouths are filled with laughter,

All: **and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

One: The Lord has done great things for us.

All: **With thanksgiving, let us worship the Lord.**

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

#265, vv.1-3

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that are closed to your grace. We have lifted our voices in praise, but our lives don't reflect your glory. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our lack of faith, O Lord, and pardon our acts of injustice. Clothe us in your mercy, and shower us with your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: God offers forgiveness to all who turn to God in true repentance.

All: **God offers forgiveness and covers us in mercy. Thanks be to God!**

✠RESPONSE

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

#265, 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 on the table and pass it around.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom,

so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven.

Give us the bread we need for today.

Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you,

just as we also forgive those who have wronged us.

And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

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

✠HYMN OF PREPARATION

Open My Eyes, That I May See

#451

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Ecclesiastes 5:1-3

p. 617 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 6:5-21

p. 5 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

Seek First the Kingdom

McDonald

✠Response

Great God of Every Blessing

#694, v. 1

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg & Westminster Catechisms

Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies. It is the chief part of the gratitude which God requires of us. God bestows his grace and Holy Spirit to those who sincerely beseech him in prayer without ceasing, and upon those who thank him for his gifts. When we pray we are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others' good, and with an apprehension of the majesty of God, a deep sense of our own unworthiness, and humble submission to God's will.

✠HYMN OF SENDING

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#465

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

My Tribute

Crouch

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Bruce Foster– Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug and Leslie Matthews, Marty and Fran McLean

Technicians: Matt Casey (video) and Dale Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

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

Jan. 29

Matthew 6:5-21

Prayer

Feb. 5

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

The Golden Rule

Feb. 12

Matthew 13:24-43

Wheat and Weeds

Feb. 19

Matthew 16:24-17:8

The Transfiguration

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed Buckner by his family.

PASTOR SARAH IS OUT OF THE OFFICE this week on vacation. She will return on Wednesday, February 8th.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR WEEKEND: On Valentine's Day weekend, 2nd Presbyterian Church will join with other houses of worship in Knoxville to proclaim a message of love, respect, and kindness. A limited number of yard signs advertising this event are available in the church office to those who would like one.

SERMON NOTES

5 Practical Tips for Prayer

1) Prayer is like a _____: _____ makes it _____.

Prayer can be _____, but that doesn't mean it isn't _____.

2) Prayer is a _____.

Pro tip: _____!!!

3) Prayer can't always be _____.

4) Prayer works best when we are _____ with God.

5) The goal of prayer is to _____ with _____.

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.

CONNECT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP following worship this morning.

SECOND READERS will meet on February 8 at 11:30 at the Buckingham Clubhouse. Our book this month is “The Ninth Hour” by Alice McDermott and Margaret Sullivan will lead the discussion. Join us at 11:30, bring your lunch and share your thoughts on this book. All are welcome to join the group. For questions, call Margaret Sullivan at 865-363-3967.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S GROUP will meet Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 10-11:30 a.m. We will have representatives from the Emerald Youth Foundation sharing about their organization and how they serve the youth within the inner city. Also, we will continue with our bible study. All are welcome!

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 29, February 5, and 12. ***This week’s study has been canceled due to a death in the teacher’s family.***

STUDY GROUP ON POVERTY: 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 29th

- 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)

Tuesday, January 31st

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room & Gym)

Wednesday, February 1st

- 2 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. *Evict* Book Study/Call to Action (Library)

Thursday, February 2nd

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

Sunday, February 5th

- 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, Kennedy Wilson, Jerry Young, Arlys Milligan, Beverli White, and Peter Douglas Hamilton.

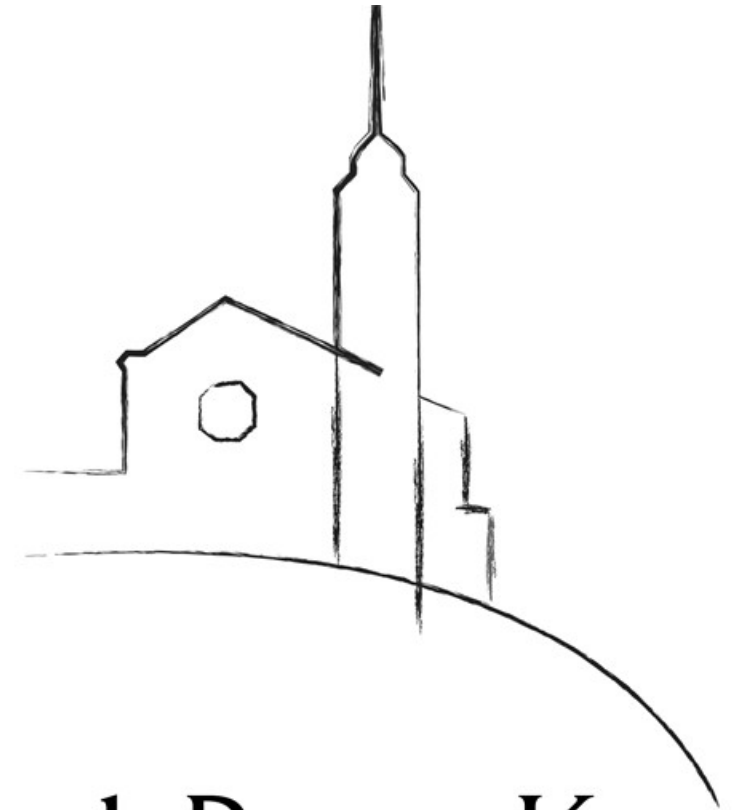
**Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.*

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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*.



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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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