

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

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*Veni Creator Spiritus*

*Jehan Titelouze*

***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 111*

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.**

One: Great are the works of the Lord and full of honor and majesty.

**All: The works of his hands are faithful and just.**

One: Holy and awesome is his name.

**All: His praise endures forever.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

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On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day  
A band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air  
And tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe  
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago  
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise  
So folks of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption – power that disguises itself as truth, convenience that masquerades as goodness, selfishness that imitates care. We confess that we have been caught up in the web of the world's sinfulness. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us from these deceptions and help us to see more clearly the joy of Jesus' resurrection that we might receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

**All: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.**

RESPONSE

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one, "May the peace of Christ be with you."

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer & Welcome

## *PROCLAIMING THE WORD*

HEBREW BIBLE READING      Deuteronomy 30:1-6,15-20a

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*I Will Lift My Eyes*

*Mark Hayes*

I will lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
My hope is in the Lord.

He will not let you stumble. He will not let you fall.  
The one who watches over you neither slumbers nor sleeps at all.

The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all harm. He will guide your life.

I will lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
My hope is in the Lord.

The Lord will watch over your coming and going, both now and forevermore.

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Acts 2:14-41

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Tim Reynolds**

## *RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

TIME FOR REFLECTION

*Come, Holy Spirit: Duo*

*Nicolas de Grigny*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

*O Day of Joy and Wonder!*

O day of joy and wonder, Christ's promise now fulfilled  
The coming of his Spirit, the Father's love has willed  
Our Lord in human body to mortal eye is lost  
Yet he returns forever at blessed Pentecost

The world, in sheer amazement, the truth must now declare  
That those who once were cowards are brave beyond compare  
And tongues, which could not utter their faith in Jesus' name  
Defy all persecution God's glory to proclaim

We, too, may know your power; your courage make us strong  
Your love, your joy, your patience can all to us belong  
Come now and dwell within us, O Comforter divine  
Come to our hearts and keep them; there let your brightness shine

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Come, Holy Spirit: Les Grands Jeux*

*Nicolas de Grigny*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor  
Sarah Morgan – Pastor  
Charles White – Liturgist  
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts  
David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist  
2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir  
Technicians: Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

The Rose family, the Levy-Tatum family, Pam Maples, Mary and Frances Johnson,  
Imogene Posey, and Aggie Bell

\*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.*

**WORSHIP & CELEBRATION**

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary. Our Advent theme is *Those Who Dream...* Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Jan 31	Acts 2:14-41	Peter's Sermon
Feb 7	Acts 2:42-47	The Gospel in Community
Feb 14	Acts 3:1-10	Miracle in the Temple
Feb 17	Acts 3:11-26	Repent and Turn to God (Ash Wednesday)

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

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND BUILDING CLOSURE UPDATE:** At its January meeting, the Session decided to wait another month before determining the schedule for returning to in-person worship and reopening the church building. We will continue virtual-only worship and the church building will remain closed through the end of February.

**TODAY WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME** the Lewis family into our fellowship. Josh and Jessica Lewis recently moved to the area and they have 3 sons: Patton (10), Jack (7), and Noah (6). Their picture and bio will be in February's *2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Since we are not able to extend the right hand of fellowship in person, why not shoot them a welcome email?

The Lewis Family: [jessica.k.lewis84@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.k.lewis84@gmail.com)

**THE FEBRUARY SECOND EDITION** is now available on our website (2ndpres.org). Copies can also be picked up in the vestibule Monday through Thursday.

### ***FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE***

**A PASTORAL CARE PAGE** is on our website under the 'About Us' tab. For the password to access, please contact the church office.

**MEALS FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at [flowlilly@gmail.com](mailto:flowlilly@gmail.com) or 865.765.0549.

### ***DISCIPLESHIP***

**JOIN THE TRIPLE P** (Presbyterian Prayer Partners). The Discipleship Team is extending this spiritual growth opportunity of having a prayer partner as we enter the "winter of our discontent." For many reasons, it is important that we stay in contact with each other. Communication can be accomplished by phone, Facetime, Zoom, or snail mail. To participate, go to the homepage of the church website to sign up, or call/email the church office to sign up and leave your name with Audrey (865.523.2189, [ajohnson@2ndpres.org](mailto:ajohnson@2ndpres.org)).

**BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Tim is leading us in a virtual study of the *Major Messages of the Minor Prophets*. A new lesson will be posted on our YouTube channel and on our website each Thursday and we invite you to study the lesson at your leisure. Then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12) we will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the lessons from the previous month. This will be a time to bring your questions, comments, and insights and share them with the group.

**FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets at 9:30 a.m. by conference call.

### ***SERVICE & OUTREACH***

**FISH FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Second has participated in the Fish Food Pantry for decades. To continue to effectively carry out this long-time mission of the church, we are very much in need of more participants. We will evaluate the local health and safety factors in early March and hope to restart on Tuesday, March 23rd. Please consider joining the effort. Contact Dick Dodson, [rtododson52@gmail.com](mailto:rtododson52@gmail.com) or 865-414-7413 to volunteer.

**PRESBYTERY HABITAT BUILD:** Our congregation will be participating in a Presbytery of East Tennessee Habitat build in Knox County beginning March 20<sup>th</sup> along with: Bethel (Kingston), Farragut, First Knoxville, First Oak Ridge, Fountain City, Lake Hills, First Lenoir City, Powell, Sequoyah Hills, UKirk at UTK, West Emory, and Westminster. As a Presbytery we have committed to raising \$30,000 towards the cost of the build. Our Session has committed \$5,000 from the John Smartt Sr. endowment fund, but we are still short of our goal as a Presbytery. If you are interested in making an individual contribution to the build, you may do so through the church or directly to Habitat for Humanity, Knoxville.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**THE CHURCH BUILDING IS CURRENTLY CLOSED** by order of the Session. The church staff is working from home. The vestibule is open Monday through Thursday so that drop offs and deliveries can take place, however, the building is still closed. Thank you for your consideration and help to keep everyone safe!

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The annual report will be ready and posted online on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Hard copies will be available in the vestibule the week of February 8<sup>th</sup> for anyone who wishes one. Those on our email list will automatically receive a Zoom invitation. If you are not on our email list but would like an invitation, please email the church office.