

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 5th, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *The Lord Is In His Holy Temple* arr. Joseph Nikon

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *from* John 1

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

All: And also with you.

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

One: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

One: The true light, which enlightens everyone has come into the world.

All: Praise the Lord!

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE *Joy to the World* #134, vv. 1-3

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wisdom and understanding, we confess that we often fail to seek you in the midst of our daily lives. We are distracted by our own plans, focused on our own desires, and we are slow to recognize your presence in unexpected places. We face the future with uncertainty and doubts. Help us, instead, to put our trust in you so we may live faithfully, as we depend on the wisdom of your Holy Spirit and the love of Christ to shape our lives and actions. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* John 1

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

All: From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

One: In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

✦ RESPONSE *Joy to the World* #134, 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 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

We Three Kings

arr. Phillip Keveren

✦ Response

What Child Is This?

#145, v. 3

✦ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Proverbs 4:1-9 p. 587 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:39-52 p. 59 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

✦ Preparatory Hymn *Once in Royal David's City* #140

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People *All Praise to Thee* Elaine Hagenberg

Prayer after Communion

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church

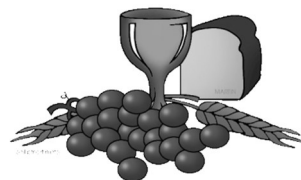
Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

✦ HYMN OF SENDING *Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly* PLEADING SAVIOR

✦ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✦ POSTLUDE *Farandole from L'Arlesienne Suite* Georges Bizet

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



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. **Communion will be received via intinction this morning.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Linda & Gerald Cook, Mary Kay Sullivan

Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: On Christmas Eve we began Part II of our look at the Narrative Arc of Scripture. For the next several months, we are focusing on *The Life of Jesus*.

Jan 5	Luke 2:39-52	The Life of Jesus: <i>Visit to the Temple</i>
Jan 12	Mt 4 / Lk 4	The Life of Jesus: <i>Baptism</i>
Jan 19	Mt 4 / Lk 4	The Life of Jesus: <i>Temptation</i>
Jan 26	Mt 4 / Lk 4	The Life of Jesus: <i>Jesus Announces the Kingdom</i>

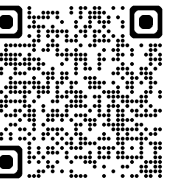
COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. Please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are seated, and return to your seat via the side aisle. A gluten-free communion station is provided to the left. If mobility or health concern is an issue for you, there are self-serve cups available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

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 to come. Safety is of primary importance; please 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.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Join us after worship each week for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship.

FOOD & FRIENDS is a ministry to college students and young adults. Following worship on the 2nd Sunday of the month, any college student or young adult who would like to go to lunch with other young adults is invited to meet up front. We will go to a local restaurant together, and lunch will be paid for by the church. If you would like to sign up to host, please use the sign-up link in the weekly email blast, the QR code to the right, or contact Jack Rosamond (jrosamond@2ndpres.org). The next Food & Friends is January 12th!



SECOND WEDNESDAYS @ 2ND: Our January 2nd Wednesday dinner and program is January 8th. Dinner is at 6:00 pm. At 6:45, Zach Burch will give a presentation entitled "The Effect of the Internet on Religion". Hope to see you there!

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** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

GROW

THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. weekly. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*. All are invited – join us!

GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY: Beginning Thursday, January 9th, Pastor Tim will be leading a weekly Bible study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room (Library). We will be looking at Paul's letter to the Galatians. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As our nursery and preschool continue to grow, we are needing more volunteers! If you are interested, please contact Holly Grimm at (865) 243-6353.

GO

FISH MINISTRY DONATION NEEDS: The FISH ministry is currently in need of dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, and maxi pads. Donations can be placed in the FISH bin in the hallway between the Atrium and kitchen. And we can always use more volunteers -- either for packing in the mornings or delivering in the early afternoon -- to help expand the number of Knox County residents with food insecurity that we can assist. It's the 4th Tuesday of every month. Contact Dick Dodson at rtdodson52@gmail.com.

SUPPORT

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place in conjunction with the Souper Bowl luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, February 9th. Please mark your calendars now!

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, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.



E-MAIL LIST UPDATE: If you are not receiving the weekly Friday E-News and would like to, please send Jack (jrosamond@2ndpres.org) an email letting him know you would like to be added to the email list.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 5th

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, January 6th

9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conference Room)
3:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Support Team Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 7th

4:30 p.m. Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
5:00 p.m. Facilities Support Team Meeting (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Session Budget Workshop (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, January 8th

5:30 p.m. Grow Team Meeting (Small Conference Room)
6:00 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Dinner & Program (Fellowship Hall)

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10:30 a.m. Galatians Bible Study (Library)

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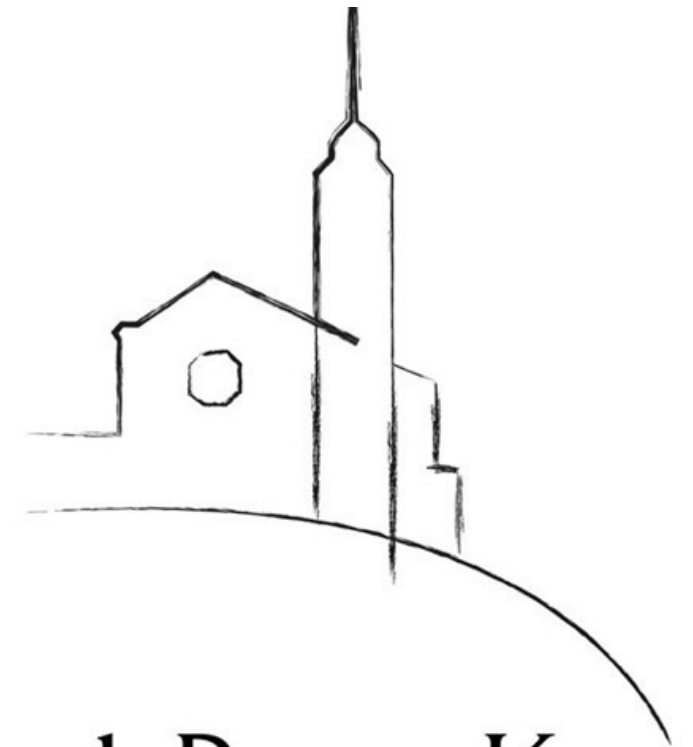
PRAYER CONCERNS

Sarah Kinnard Seaton, Drew Wall, The family of Bob Campbell,
Amy Garcia, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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