

Baptism of the Lord

January 7th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"* *Murphree*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

☩ CALL TO WORSHIP *From Psalm 29*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

All: **The God of glory thunders.**

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

All: **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

One: Give to the Lord the glory due his name.

All: **Let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

☩ HYMN OF PRAISE *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* #744

☩ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, light of the world, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness that surrounds us. Instead, we give in to the smallest temptations to turn from you. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You take pity on the weak and the destitute, but our hearts are hard in the face of their need. You heal the wounded and save the oppressed, but we have placed our trust in systems that oppress them. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us of your grace that we may reflect your love to all those around us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

☩ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the good news of the gospel:

All: **As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us, "You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased."**

One: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

☩ RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #581

☩ 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 *Chorale on "Lobe den Herren"* *Johann Walther*
(*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*)

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

☩ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 146 p. 581 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1:1-8 p. 199 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

☩ Hymn of Preparation *God of Our Life* #686

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People *I Will Remember You* *Lloyd Larson*

Prayer after Communion

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

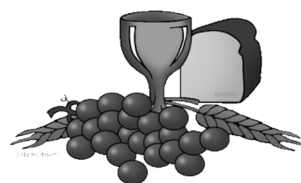
Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

☩ HYMN OF SENDING *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #353

☩ BLESSING AND CHORAL RESPONSE

☩ POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* *arr. L. Wolz*

☩ 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

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, and Kim Hudgens, Tracy Horton and, Henry Naff

Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk (video); Matt Casey (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 7 Colossians 1:1-8 Christianity Made Simple: *Faith*

Jan 14 Colossians 1:9-14 Christianity Made Simple: *God's Will*

Jan 21 Colossians 1:15-23 Christianity Made Simple: *The Gospel*

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

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

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR JESSICA LEWIS: On Sunday, January 21st 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.

SECOND WEDNESDAYS @ 2ND: Our next 2nd Wednesday dinner and program is January 10th. Dinner is at 6:00 pm. At 6:45, our program will be a sample Faith, Science, and the Future Sunday School lesson. FSF studies current events through the lens of faith. We will email the topic, some brief reading, and some questions to consider on Monday, January 8th. Then on Wednesday night, Dick Dodson will lead us in discussion and study. Hope to see you there!

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 will NOT meet this week, due to the 2nd Wednesday dinner and program. On January 17th we will begin a study of 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. Next week (1/17), join us for fellowship and study in the library or on Zoom at 6:30 pm.

GO

THE GO TEAM is looking for volunteers for KARM lunch on *Wed, Jan 17 from 11 am-1 pm*. 2nd Pres needs seven volunteers. If you haven't served at KARM before, please take this chance. If you have, please consider volunteering again. Contact Leonard Bailey at 865-207-4947 or lbailey@chartertn.net to sign-up or learn about more opportunities to serve in the next year.

SUPPORT

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place in conjunction with the Souper Bowl luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, February 12th. Please mark your calendars now!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 7th

- 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 8th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. Session Budget Workshop (Barbour Room)

Tuesday, January 9th

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, January 10th

- 11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Library)
- 6:00 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Dinner & Program (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 14th

- 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

Chris Poole (hospice), 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

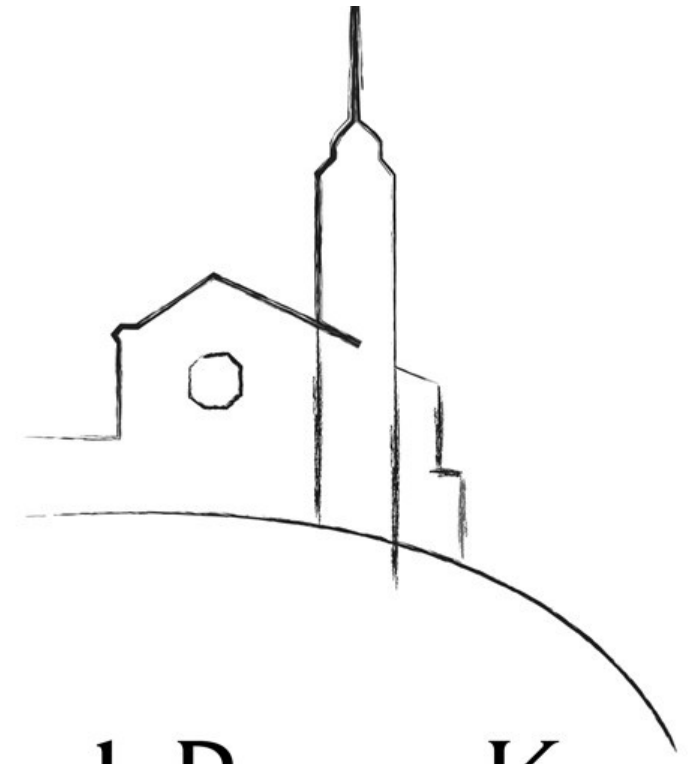
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.



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



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WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

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