

# World Communion Sunday

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*arr. Kerrick*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Isaiah 55*

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: From north and south and east and west,

**All: all Creation sings forth God's praises!**

One: The mountains and hills burst forth in song;

**All: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

**All: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Here in This Place*

#401

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, and conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, each of us bearers of your image. Send us your Spirit to rekindle our faith in Christ, that we might be made new and partake in the bringing forth of your kingdom. Amen.**

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*from Lamentations 3*

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

**All: God's mercies are new every morning.**

One: Believe the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✠ 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Helen Grant

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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*arr. Wood*

✠ Response

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#606

✠ Prayer of Dedication

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

p. 5 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Daniel 6:6-23

p. 826 OT

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**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

✠ Hymn

*We Come as Guests Invited*

#504

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

*At This Table*

*Menzel/Myrin*

Tuesday Reynolds

Prayer after Communion

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm* #731

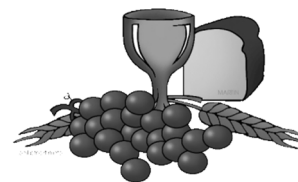
✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*arr. Page*

✠ 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.** Prefilled communion cups are available at the entrances to the sanctuary for those who do not wish to come forward for intinction.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Lauren Dodson, Liz Peebles, Bill Ragsdale, and Nancy Smythe

**Technicians:** Matt Casey (video); Dale Henley (audio)

## WORSHIP

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently in a 7-week sermon series on the book of Daniel. Daniel was written to provide encouragement to good and faithful Jews living in Babylon as a minority under foreign rule. It presents a portrait of how to live faithfully as God's people in a land in which God's people are not in control and where worship of God is not at the center of public life.

Oct 1	Daniel 6	Daniel: The Lions' Den
Oct 8	Daniel 7	Daniel: The Four Beasts
Oct 15	Daniel 8-9	Daniel: The End of Exile
Oct 22	Daniel 10-12	Daniel: The Hope of God's Sovereignty

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

**JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP EACH WEEK** in the courtyard outside the sanctuary for coffee, lemonade cookies, and a time of fellowship. If you would like to provide cookies one Sunday, there is a button with a link to sign up on the home page of our website and a signup sheet on the cookie table.

**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, self-serve cups are available at the sanctuary entrance.

**SANCTUARY WALLS:** *Sanctuary Walls* is a work written in response to a mass shooting which took place at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in the summer of 2008. It is meant to reflect on what the trauma caused by a hate crime feels, looks, and sounds like. This performance will be the world premiere. It was conceived as a work for mezzo soprano, bass and orchestra and will be given in its piano/vocal version for this World Premiere Performance. Music by Forrest Wentzel; Words by Brian Griffin. To be presented on October 17, 2023, 7:30 PM Powell Recital Hall in the UT College of Music with: Karen Nickell, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Wentzel, bass; Julia Haas, piano.

## 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. 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** for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

## CONNECT

**REALM TRAINING CLASSES:** Bonnie Smith is offering free training classes this fall on our new congregational connectivity app, Realm. Classes for anyone will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month. Classes for leaders of groups are the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month. Although you can pre-register, you do not have to sign up for these classes in advance. See calendar for dates and times.

## 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*.

## GO

**THE GO TEAM** needs volunteers for the upcoming opportunities to GO and SERVE the homeless and those in need. We need volunteers for October 12 (KARM), November 29 (LOVE KITCHEN) & December 29 (VMC). For more information, please contact Leonard Bailey 865-207-4947 / Lbailey@chartertn.net.

**WEST VIEW STUDENTS NEED YOU!** Get involved as a lunch/buddy mentor, read to students, or participate in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters programs by volunteering. For more information, check our Friday e-news email. You can also get in touch with Jill Ellis, the new Coordinator of West View Community School at 865-742-5826 or EllisJ@unitedwayknox.org

## SUPPORT

**SPECIAL OFFERING** *The Peace and Global Witness Offering* will be received this Sunday. This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing injustice in our own communities and around the world.

**SCHOOL COUPON BOOKS** are being sold to benefit West View School. In-church sale dates: Sunday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> before and after worship in the Atrium. Cost per book \$20 (Hard copy + code to digital download for Android or iPhone) Consider donating books via teachers to children unable to purchase. Sandra Butler will sell, take orders, deliver: sandyb446@comcast.net / (865) 659-4416

**2ND ANNUAL PRESCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL** It's that time of year to begin planning the 2nd Annual Preschool Fall Festival happening on October 25<sup>th</sup> in Hudson Hall. We are inviting anyone in the congregation to set up a booth and pass out candy or do an activity for the 2nd Pres preschool families (approximately 80 children 6 weeks-5 years of age). Examples of booth themes may include a favorite children's book, song, movie, or activity. Please let us know if you will be contributing to the fun so we can plan accordingly. Please contact Linda Sue Byrd (lsbyrd@2ndpres.org, 865-310-0355) or Holly Grimm (hgrimm@2ndpres.org, 865-243-6353). Can't man a booth? You can still help by sending in bags of individually wrapped candy (NO NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE). A collection box will be in the atrium starting 10/8.

## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

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, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)  
3:00 p.m. Budget Finance Support Team (Zoom)  
4:30 p.m. Cross Ministries Board Meeting (Barbour Room)

### Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

4:30 p.m. CONNECT Team (Barbour Room)  
5:00 p.m. Facilities Support Team (Zoom)

### Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)

### Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. GO team (Barbour Room)  
6:00 p.m. Child help Foster Family Services (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

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

The families of Frances Johnson and Jerry Young;  
Ginny Williams, Leslie Testerman, Janis Smith, 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

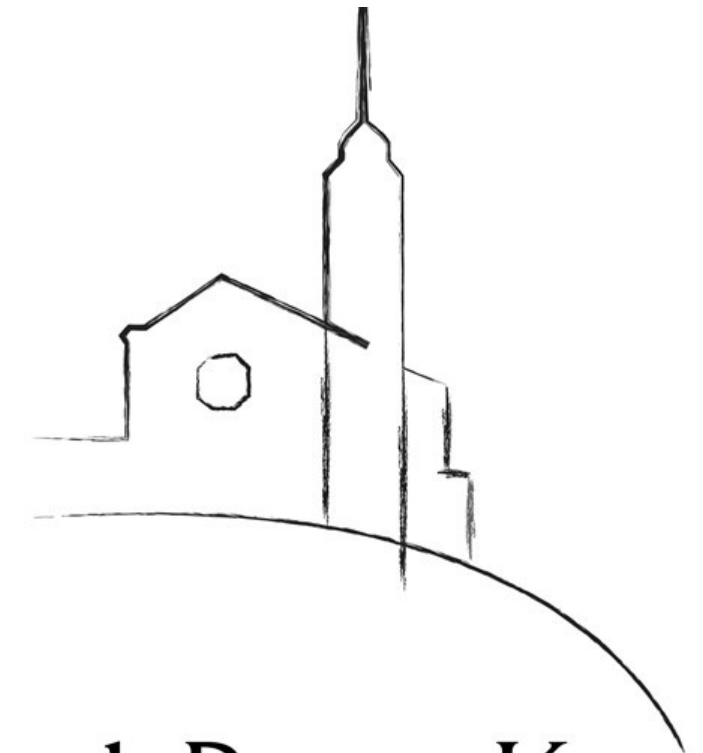
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**GIVE ONLINE:** Visit us at [www.2ndpres.org/give](http://www.2ndpres.org/give), text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



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