28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Jesus Loves Me arr. Joel Raney

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

♦CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 90

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

All: And also with you.

One: The Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations;

All: Before the mountains were brought forth or the sea was confined,

One: Even before the formation of the earth and the heavens.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, the Lord is our dwelling place.

One: Let us join together, near and far, in the presence of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

†HYMN OF PRAISE *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* #305, vv. 1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and to one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of the Holy Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

\PhiAssurance of God's Love

One: Beloved, through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us,

All: God forgives us and strengthens us for love.

One: Let us live knowing the love of Christ,

All: Which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of

God.

One: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

₱RESPONSE Com

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! #305, v. 4

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Hosea 4:1-11

p. 837 OT

p.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Gentle Voice

Susan and Lee Dengler

Far above the noise of life, there's a voice that is gently calling.

"Leave behind your cares and strife. Come to me. I will give you rest.

Bring your fear and bring your pain. Bring your anger and bring your worry."

Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, "Come unto Me"?

Gentle voice, so meek and mild; gentle words of understanding.

"You are my beloved child. Come to me. I will give you rest.

Bring your grief and bring your cares. Bring your heartaches and bring your sorrow."

Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, "Come unto Me?"

Gentle voice, so full of love. Gentle words, so rich in mercy. "You are my beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest"

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 24:1-27

p. 145 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Abide With Me

arr. Joshua Evanovich

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other. God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

† HYMN OF SENDINGIn the Midst of New Dimensions#315, vv. 1-4

†BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Blest Be the Tie

arr. Rudy Atwood

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor Sarah Morgan – Pastor Jessica Lewis – Liturgist Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts 2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Kay Weaver, Terry Weaver, Fran McLean, Marty McLean **Technicians:** Elizabeth Seastrunk, Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given in loving memory of Emily Rose.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Oct 10	Acts 24:1-27	Paul and Felix
Oct 17	Acts 25:1-12	Paul and Festus
Oct 24	Acts 25:13-26:32	Paul and Agrippa
Oct 31	Acts 27:1-44	Paul is Shipwrecke

THANK YOU FOR WEARING A FACE COVERING: Face coverings are currently required for worship, regardless of vaccination status. We also ask that everyone maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between households while in the building. (Visiting outside in the courtyard before or after worship is encouraged!)

COVID PRECAUTION PHASES: Our current Covid Phase will always be visible on the home page of our website, where you can also find the guidelines for each phase. Additionally, signs on the doors of the building will alert you to the current Covid Phase. **We are currently in Phase Orange.**

[†]THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

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 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 always welcome in worship, but a **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Hearing Devices** are available, if needed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

FOOD & FRIENDS has been suspended indefinitely.

COMPASSIONATE CUISINE 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 or 865.765.0549.

EXTENDED COMMUNION? If you are interested in being part of our Extended Communion Program, please contact Jan Barber.

VISITING SHUT-INS UPDATE: Some of our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities continue to be shut down due to Covid-19. Be on guard and call before visiting anyone who may be in a facility to get the latest updates.

DISCIPLESHIP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The Bible Study is currently in-person with a virtual option for those who wish to join from home. We will also gather for dinner at 6:00 p.m. This week a prepared meal will not be served. Instead, we invite those who desire to gather for dinner with each person/family providing their own "brown bag"

This fall we are studying *The Kingdom Parables of Jesus*, those parables in which Jesus says, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." The format is lecture/small group discussion. Pastor Tim will review the story for 10 minutes or so then we break into small groups for discussion questions together. The discussion questions are provided.

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will resume meeting in the Barbour Room at 9:45 a.m. while we are in Covid Phase Orange.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING PLATES are at the entrances/exits to the sanctuary. Please remember to offer your gift of thanksgiving as you enter or leave.

THE OCTOBER SECOND EDITION is now available! Hover over the 'Resources' tab on our website and select "Monthly Newsletters" to read online or pick up a hard copy in the vestibule/narthex.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 10th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, October 11th

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Meeting 6:30 p.m. BSF (All Facilities)

Tuesday, October 12th

6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Unit

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

Wednesday, October 13th

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Fellowship Hall)6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 17th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)

11:00 a.m. Worshi

PRAYER CONCERNS

Charlotte Klieman, Fran McLean, Marianne Thuesen, Alex & Phyllis Robinson, David & Jean Frazier, and Peter 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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Check out our blog: 2ndpresknox.blogspot.com

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*.

THE KNOX COUNTY REGIONAL FORESENIC CENTER will be utilizing parts of our parking lot on October 14th and 15th.

AUDREY JOHNSON WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE NEXT WEEK beginning October 11th and returning Monday October 18th. Phone coverage has been arranged for the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Monday through Thursday). She will not be monitoring emails during this time.



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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