

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. John Purifoy

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: Teach us to number our days, O Lord,

All: that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

All: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

One: Let your work be shown to your servants,

All: and your glorious power to their children.

One: May the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands.

All: Let us worship the Lord, whose favor shines upon us!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Worship God

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✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us into covenant relationship with you, inviting us to draw near and experience your grace. Yet we confess that we have failed to hold up our end of that covenant. Though we claim that we will do all that you have spoken, our actions often fall short of our words. We struggle to obey, and we turn away from your commands. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have neglected your word to us, doubted your promises, or taken your grace for granted. Remind us that we are a covenant people, and restore us to right relationship with you. Empower us by your spirit to live faithfully, reflecting your love and truth. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the good news! Though we fall short of God's commands, God's covenant with us is sealed not by our perfection but by God's grace in Jesus Christ.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 on the table and pass it around.

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.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION

Standing on the Promises

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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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 8:1-12

p. 222 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Almighty Father

Benjamin Harlan

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Exodus 23:20-24:8

p. 69 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

Covenant Faithfulness

arr. Lisa Hoekstra

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

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from The Confession of 1967

God expressed his love for humanity through Israel, whom he chose to be his covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, he disciplined the nation with his judgments and maintained his cause through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. They proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose for Israel and for humanity would be realized...Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus – the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING

O God, Who Gives Us Life

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✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Standing On the Promises

arr. Ellen Stephenson

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Helen Grant – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Dick Smith, Mary Kay Sullivan, Kay & Terry Weaver

Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our current sermon series is called *God's Kingdom People*. From now until Christmas we are focusing on the relationship between God and the Israelites.

Oct. 13 Exodus 20-24 God's Kingdom People: *The Covenant*

Oct. 20 Exodus 32 God's Kingdom People: *The Second Fall*

Oct. 27 Joshua 1-8 God's Kingdom People: *Covenant Renewal*

Nov. 3 Judges God's Kingdom People: *The Downward Spiral*

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

PASTOR TIM IS ON MEDICAL LEAVE until the end of November.

FOUNDER'S DAY IS APPROACHING: Our Founder's Day luncheon is Sunday, October, 20 after the worship service. All attending church that day are welcome. Don't forget to bring your covered dish if you can, and, if you have one, a copy of your favorite old recipe.

THE FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE is offering, to those who want one, a free copy of the 200th anniversary history book of 2nd Presbyterian Church. See Clara Hardin at the end of the luncheon meeting to receive one.

NURSERY: The nursery is available beginning at 9:20 a.m. for families interested in attending the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour. If you are interested in volunteering to serve in the nursery, please contact Holly Grimm. (hgrimm@2ndpres.org)

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is November 5th. If you have a friend or loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like their name to be read in worship, please email Pastor Sarah (smorgan@2ndpres.org).

CONNECT

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

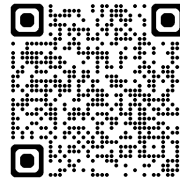
WELCOME VISITORS!

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!

FOOD & FRIENDS is a ministry to college students and young adults. Following worship, 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, the QR code to the right, or contact Jack Rosamond (jrosamond@2ndpres.org). **The host for today is Marty McLean.**



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.

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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.

SUPPORT

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.



THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 13th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - Elementary Youth (Rm 206)
 - Middle & High School Youth (Rm 208)
 - Faith, Science and the Future (Barbour Rm)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, October 15th

- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)

Thursday, October 17th

- 10:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts (Room 227)

Sunday, October 20th: Founder's Day

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

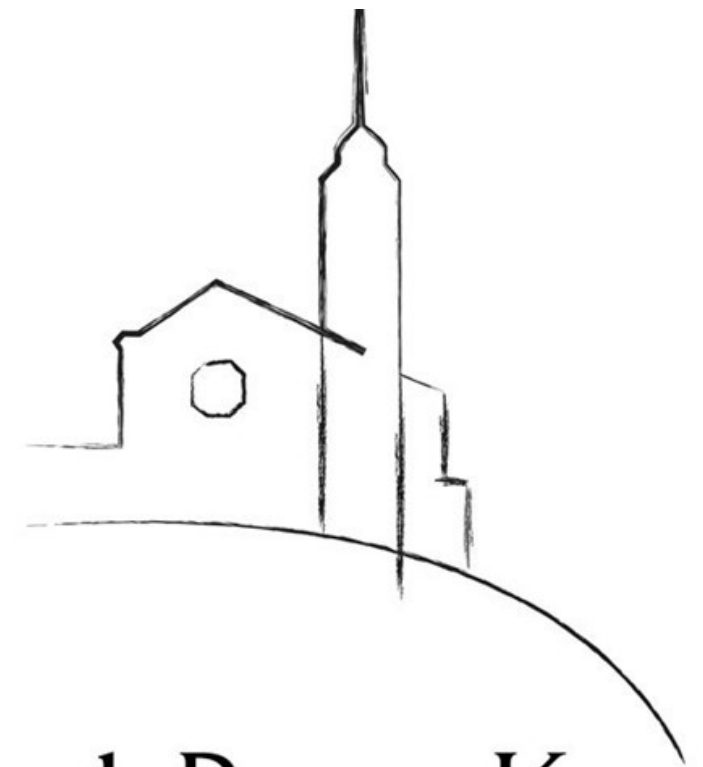
Tim Reynolds, Ben Bowlen, Kim Elrod, Cordelia Jones,
Amy Garcia, Sue Jacox, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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*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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