Reformation Sunday

October 25th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Aria*** *Dennis Janzer*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 124

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let God's people now say –
All: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side when our enemies attacked us,
One: Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us.
All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Our Help Is in the Name of God the Lord*** **#330**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are our Father, and we are wayward children;
you are our Creator, we are the work of your hands;
you are our Shepherd, we are your flock;
you are our Redeemer, we are the people you bought back;
you are our God, we belong to you.
Therefore, do not be angry against us, to correct us in your wrath.
Recall not our iniquity, to punish it, but chastise us gently in your kindness.
Your anger is inflamed because of our demerits.
But please remember that we do call upon your name and that we bear your mark and badge.
Undertake rather the work you have begun in us by your grace,
so that the whole world may recognize that you are our God and Savior.
Amen.

✞WORDS OF PARDON & ABSOLUTION

One: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:
All: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. (1 Tim. 1:15)
One: Let each make confession in your heart and believe in Christ. So in his name do I pronounce forgiveness to us of all our sins, and I declare us to be loosed of them in earth so that we may be loosed of them also in heaven and for all eternity.
All: Amen.

THE DECALOGUE

✞RESPONSE ***Thank You, O Lord of Earth and Heaven***

✞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 – UKirk 75th Anniversary

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Following this time, children through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 6:4-9 p. 163 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ***I Will Arise*** *Parker and Shaw*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 22:34-46 p. 25 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

✞HYMN ***Lord of All Good*** **#711**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***A Ring of Bells*** *John G. Barr*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**

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.

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***I Believe in God the Father*** **#481**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Prelude in C Major BWV 553*** *J. S. Bach*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Kirsty Bleyl – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah Warner-Sperl – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Betsy Foster, Kim Hudgens, Barb and Glenn Lamping
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are following the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings used all over the world that provide a structured way to engage with Scripture throughout the liturgical year. We are currently in Year A, which focuses on the Gospel of Matthew.

Oct 25	Matthew 22:34-46	The Greatest Commandment
Nov 1	1 John 3:1-3	Saints and Children of God
Nov 8	Matthew 25:1-13	The Ten Bridesmaids
Nov 15	1 Thess. 5:1-11	The Day of the Lord

REFORMATION SUNDAY: Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday, the Sunday prior to Reformation Day (Oct. 31st). This is the date Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517. This public expression of his "protestations" against the Catholic Church initiated the Protestant Reformation.

THE STRUCTURE AND LITURGY of this morning's worship service follows and is translated from John Calvin's French liturgy in Strasbourg ca. 1540, with some slight modifications.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is next Sunday. 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 that day, please email Pastor Sarah (smorgan@2ndpres.org).

HANDBELLS REHEARSE this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Newcomers welcome!

DON'T FORGET TO "FALL BACK" one hour on Saturday night!

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 2nd 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.

CONNECT

FOOD & FRIENDS is a ministry to college students and young adults. **On the 2nd Sunday of each month,** all college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church. Our NEXT Food & Friends is November 8th. If you are interested in being a host, let Pastor Tim know.

LONG TABLE LUNCHES are for anyone who would like to go out to eat with others following worship on the **first Sunday of the month**. A reservation is not required, but if you know you're going to attend, we'd love for you to let us know by calling the church office during the week prior. The next Long Table Lunch is November 1st.

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 welcome!

A SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS focusing on studying the book*, Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts* takes place Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library. The class will conclude before Thanksgiving. Contact: Liz Peebles, enp3613@gmail.com.

THE PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. We are discussing the book, *Jews & Christians: A Troubled Family*. It is a dialogue between a rabbi and a Christian scholar which challenges Jews and Christians to examine their misconceptions and prejudices about each other's faith. The book is available in the Church Office.

GO

DONATIONS NEEDED: The Go Team is collecting items needed by both Family Promise and the Knoxville Internationals Network (KIN) ministries. These consist of basic kitchen supplies and hygiene items (detailed lists are in your Friday e-news and Second Edition). Donations may be brought to the drop-off bins in the atrium. Thank you in advance for supporting these two important organizations!

WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY wishes to thank all of you who contributed toward their coupon book sale this year – you helped by purchasing 31 books ($465 of those purchases went right back to the school!), and giving generous contributions toward the sale, totaling $1,325 for WVES to use where they may need it this year. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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 *Psalm100*.

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 25th
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes (various locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (outside, *weather permitting*)

Monday, October 26th
- 1:30 p.m. Mixed Growth Group (Library)
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Growth Group (Library)

Tuesday, October 27th
- 9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, October 28th
- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Rm. 227)
- 6:00 p.m. Vision Task Force (Barbour Rm.)

Thursday, October 29th
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)

Sunday, November 1st
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes (various locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (outside, *weather permitting*)
- Long Table Lunch (offsite)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Helen Grant, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., 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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