

World Communion Sunday

October 3rd, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 8

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

All: And also with you.

One: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: When we consider the grand works of God, we wonder: Who are we that God is mindful of us?

One: By the coming of Christ, God has adorned us with glory and honor.

All: In gratitude and praise, let us worship God.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

O God Beyond All Praising

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✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human sisters and brothers. We have closed our ears to voices of pain and of wisdom, when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors express their faith in Christ. We cling to pride of nation and denomination as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership. Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us: a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ and enable us to live in loving community with one another. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The good news in Christ is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to acknowledge them.

All: God pours out abundant mercy upon us and gives us more than we desire or deserve.

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

✠ RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures, here below

Praise him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ 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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Genesis 50:15-21

p. 48 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 23:11-35

p. 144 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparatory Anthem

I Will Remember You

Lloyd Larson

Bread of bitter suffering and wine of sacrifice;
Symbols of a brutal death that bought eternal life.
Lord, I cannot comprehend your vast, unselfish love.
Willing to give everything so I could dwell above.

At your sacred table you invite each one to dine;
Eating of your broken bread and drinking of your wine.
You once shared the bread and cup and said, "Remember Me."
We now share this meal as one in your memory.

Coming with confession, so unworthy of this meal;
You see deep inside my heart; no sin can I conceal.
Humbly in contrition; hear my prayer, hear my lament.
Please forgive me, Lord, I now repent.

I will not forget the sacrifice you paid for me,
Taking all my sin upon yourself to set me free.
With a grateful heart I will remember how you died,
As I eat the bread and drink the wine of sacrifice. I will remember you.

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 of the People

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

O God, in a Mysterious Way

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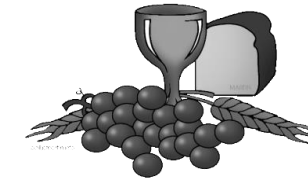
✠ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Rudy Atwood

✠ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. **Prefilled communion cups are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Please take one for each person in your household for use during communion. Gluten free cups are available in the narthex.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Jessica Lewis – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Caroline Buckner, Lauren Dodson, and Dick Dodson

Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk, Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

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

TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY: There are pre-filled, self-serve communion cups available to pick up as you enter the sanctuary. Gluten free cups are available in the Narthex.

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 3	Acts 23:12-35	A Plot to Kill Paul
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

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.***

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 have shut down again 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 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. This offering will be received this morning. Checks can be placed in the offering plates at the entrances to the sanctuary or mailed to the church office. Please write 'Peace & Global Witness' on the memo line of checks.

GREEK FEST PARKING LOT USE: The Knoxville Greek Fest will be using our lower parking lot today.

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 3rd

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, October 4th

6:30 p.m. BSF (All Facilities)

Tuesday, October 5th

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m. Facilities (Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Care & Compassion
7:00 p.m. Service & Outreach
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym, Scout Room)

Wednesday, October 6th

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, October 7th

12:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Committee (Zoom)

Sunday, October 10th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Charlotte Klieman, Fran McLean, Marianne Thuesen, Alex & Phyllis Robinson, David & Jean Frazier, and Peter Hamilton.

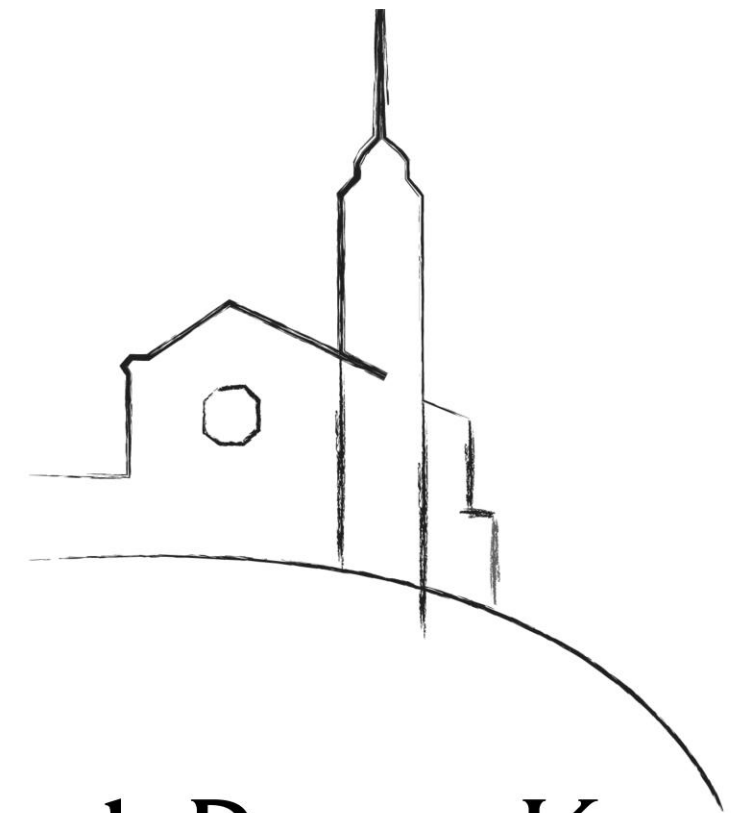
*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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Check out our blog: 2ndpresknox.blogspot.com

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



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