

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessings* *arr. Mueller*

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: Lord, you have been our dwelling place –

All: our help throughout the generations.

One: Before the mountains were brought forth; before you formed the earth.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

One: Remind us each morning of your steadfast love;

All: and we will rejoice and be glad all our days.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* #280, vv. 1-2

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION *based on* Titus 3:3-8

Holy God, we are a foolish, disobedient people. We are easily led astray by things that glitter and shine. We are quick to give in to our selfish desires and the things that give us instant gratification. We expend all our energy on jealousy and hatred; and we are exhausted – too burnt out to do the work to which you have called us. Forgive us, Lord, for all the ways we reject your goodness and mercy. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may reflect the grace that you so freely grant to us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *Romans 5:1-2*

One: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Through Christ, we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

✠ RESPONSE *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* #280, v. 3

✠ 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.

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 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* #688, vv. 1,3,5

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

HEBREW BIBLE READING *Genesis 12:1-4* p. 10 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *A Grateful Heart* *Mary McDonald*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Titus 3:3-8* p. 215 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* *Arr. Kellmer*

✠ Response *Lord of All Good* #711, vv. 1&3

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Scots Confession

Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from flesh and blood, that is to say, from natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies us, and brings us into all truth. And so, we confess that the Holy Spirit does sanctify and regenerate us, without respect to any merit proceeding from us, for by ourselves we are not capable of thinking one good thought, but he who has begun the work in us alone continues us in it, to the praise and glory of his undeserved grace.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #286

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* *arr. Innes*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Helen Grant – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Fran and Marty McLean, Kay and Terry Weaver

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

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our current series is F.A.I.T.H. – an examination of Calvin's 5 Doctrines of understanding grace.

Nov 19 Titus 3:3-8 F.A.I.T.H.: Transformed by the Holy Spirit

Nov 26 1 Peter 1:3-5 F.A.I.T.H.: Held by God

Dec 3 Luke 1:1-23 How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

We Acknowledge Our Weariness

Dec 10 Luke 1:24-45 How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

We Find Joy in Connection

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

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS NEEDED: If your family, small group, ministry team, or group of friends would like to light the candle on the Advent Wreath during worship this year, please contact Pastor Tim. Advent begins December 3rd.

LET'S DECORATE TOGETHER! Everyone is invited to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Tuesday, November 28th from 9 a.m. until Noon. Coffee and sweet treats will be served!

USHERS NEEDED Are you interested in serving 2nd Presbyterian in a position that allows you to meet and welcome both members and guests to Sunday Worship? Kim Hudgens and Janis Smith, who coordinate the usher schedule, are recruiting new members of the ushering team. This is a low-stress way to make a personal contribution to church worship. Please contact Kim (kimhudgens05@comcast.net or 865-567-6477) or Janis (smithjb1@gmail.com or 615.260-7784) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

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 1st 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

THE PENMORE AND KITE FAMILIES HAVE GROWN!! They both are now families of 4. Let's help them out by providing meals! Please look for our meal train links in our E-news or scan the QR code.



THANKSGIVING LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP! Please join us after worship today for Thanksgiving lunch in the Fellowship Hall! Everyone is welcome.

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*.

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)

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY *Have you ever been confused by the words in the Bible? Do you sometimes question if the Bible is still applicable to Christians today? Is the Bible really the divine Word of God?* Join Kathy and Geoff Duggan for an informal Bible study on the Book of James on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Library as we seek new meaning for our lives through the words of the Scriptures. Bring your Bible and a sandwich and join us as we learn from each other through discussion of God's word. Anyone is welcome, but those who need childcare should text Kathy Duggan at 861-441-8683 prior to the first meeting. We hope to see you there! NOTE: THIS BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.

GO

THE ARTS & CRAFTS TEAM of the Presbyterian Women's is making winter hats for school children at West View Elementary. The GO Team is asking the congregation to contribute mittens or gloves for those students. Hats, mittens, and gloves can be hung on the Christmas tree in the Atrium beginning November 28th. Or mittens and gloves can be dropped in the bins in the narthex and atrium beginning November 19th. Thanks for keeping the West View students warm this winter!

SUPPORT

OUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE PERIOD is a time when friends and members of our congregation are asked to prayerfully consider our response to God's call for our church – and our response to God's abundance in our lives. Today is commitment Sunday and you are invited to offer your pledge card during the worship service if you have not already pledged online on the church website, or through the Giving tab in your Realm account. Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of 2nd Presbyterian.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 19th

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, November 20th

10:00 a.m. CCR&R (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 a.m. Staff meeting (Barbour Room)

Tuesday, November 21st

6:00 p.m. Session meeting (Barbour)

Wednesday, November 22nd

2:00 p.m. Realm leaders training (Small Conference Room)

Thursday, November 23rd & Friday, November 24th

- Church closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 26th

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

Amy Cross, Caroline Buckner, Clara Hardin, Sue Jacox,
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

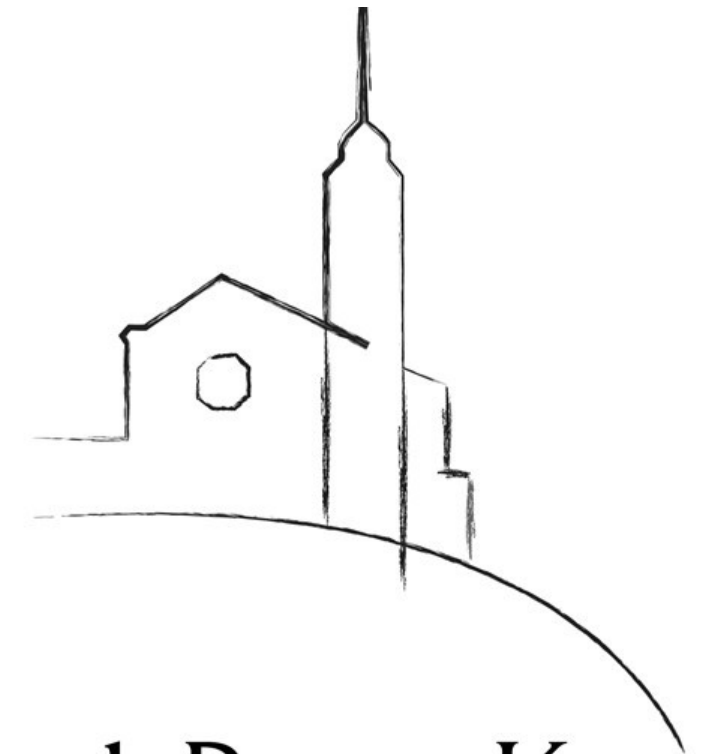
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

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



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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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