Christ the King Sunday

November 21st, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Of the Father's Love Begotten PRELUDE arr. Hayes

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

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

And also with you.

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of God's glory. All: God established the world from of old. One:

God's reign shall never end.

†HYMN OF PRAISE O Splendor of God's Glory Bright #666

†Prayer of Confession

Holy Savior, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow you. Forgive our failures and guide us to continue your ministry here on earth. Amen.

♦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to

It cannot be contained, but must be poured out. All:

Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God! All:

†RESPONSE Of the Father's Love Begotten #108 v. 5

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be Honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory Evermore and evermore! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

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

Genesis 12:1-9 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

p. 10 OT

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ANTHEM

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping, Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us, Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 28:17-31

p. 150 NT

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us in the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory Deep River arr. Shackley **†**Response Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN OF SENDING Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation #394

Sung to the tune of REGENT SQUARE

†BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE **Faithfulness** Op. 102, No. 5 by Mendelssohn

†THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor Sarah Morgan – Pastor Jan Barber – Liturgist Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts 2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton, Cleston Jones, Neal Peebles, Charles White Technicians: Matt Casey, Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

Worship & Celebration

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

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Today we conclude our year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Advent begins next Sunday. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Nov 21	Acts 28:17-31	The End of the Journey
Nov 28	Lk 1:26-38/Matt. 1:18-21	Making Room for What Is to Come
Dec 5	Luke 1:39-45, 56	Making Room to Welcome Others
Dec 12	Luke 1:46-80	Making Room for Worship

FACE COVERINGS ARE OPTIONAL IN WORSHIP for those who are fully vaccinated. We encourage everyone to still 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 Yellow.

OUR 2021 ADVENT THEME IS MAKING ROOM: We will explore what it means to be called to make room for Jesus in our daily lives, in our homes, in our relationships with others, in the ways we spend our time, in our care for creation, and in the ways we see the world around us. May this season of Advent be a call to you and your family to make room in your time and space for the presence of Christ. Advent begins next Sunday.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS NEEDED: If you, your family, your group of friends, Sunday School Class, Fellowship Group, or any other combination of folks are interested in lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath this Advent season, please let Pastor Tim know. Advent begins next Sunday, November 28th.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following worship on Sunday, December 12th, for the purpose of electing two at-large members to the Nominating Committee.

Discipleship

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK. We will resume on Wednesday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m.

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:45 a.m.

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

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.

STUFFED ANIMAL COLLECTION: The Second Readers group is once again collecting stuffed animals for Judge Irwin's juvenile court. Animals may be left in boxes located in the Atrium/Narthex or, if you prefer, you may make a donation and we will shop for you. The animals must be new and around 12-16 inches in size. Questions, call Margaret Sullivan. 865-588-3103.

DRIVE THRU CAROLING: Once again the church will be having Drive-Thru Christmas Caroling. The date is December 19th from 3-5 p.m. in the courtyard. We are in need of volunteers to sing and volunteers to transport some of our shut ins. Mark your calendars now and let Jan Barber know if you are willing to help!

POINSETTIAS ARE AVAILABLE TO BEGIN ORDERING for placement in the sanctuary two weeks before Christmas. They may be placed in honor or memory of friends and family. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Forms for Poinsettia Contributions can be found in the narthex/vestibule. Please give completed forms to Audrey or place them in the offering plate. Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the Christmas Eve Service.

STEWARDSHIP

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. You should have received a pledge card in the mail recently, if not, there are extra copies in the vestibule and narthex. Please consider how you can help support the mission and ministry of 2nd Presbyterian Church with your financial pledge. On our Commitment Sunday, December 5th, you will have the opportunity to offer this pledge card during the worship service. Alternatively, there is the option of making your pledge online through a link on the home page of the church website (2ndpres.org). Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of 2nd Presbyterian.

THE CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED FOR ADVENT on Tuesday, November 23rd at 9 a.m. Please come help make the church beautiful for the holiday season if you are able!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 21st

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

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 22nd

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

Tuesday, November 23rd

9:00 a.m. Church Christmas Decorating
9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym, Scout Room)

Thursday, November 25th

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 28th

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

11:00 a.m. Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Frances & Mary Johnson, the family of Dr. John Campbell, the family of Rachel Rogers, Susanne White, Pam Maples, Scott Farris, Fran McLean, Alex & Phyllis Robinson, and Joshua 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.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

Ministers:	Members & Friends of the Congregation	
Teaching Elder:	Tim Reynolds	treynolds@2ndpres.org
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Pastor Emeritus:	Dr. Ed Carver	moxcar@eatel.net

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*.

OFFERING PLATES are at the entrances/exits to the sanctuary. If you are not comfortable passing the plate when it comes to you, please use these plates to offer your gift of thanksgiving as you enter or leave.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Thursday, November 25th for Thanksgiving. Please email or call Audrey (ajohnson@2ndpres.org or 865-523-2189) with any requests for the bulletin and/or Friday email by *Tuesday*, November 23rd at 2 p.m. Invoices/check requests will be processed the week of November 29th.



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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