

Christ the King Sunday

November 26th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

We Bow Down

arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 100

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: **Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

All: **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

One: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Let us worship the Lord!**

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

#804, vv. 1-3

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope, we confess that we are not ready to hear all you have to say to us. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, God of mercy, so that we may recognize your grace and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from 1 Peter 1:3

One: By his great mercy, God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

✦ RESPONSE

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

#260, v. 1

✦ 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

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

#833

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

Psalm 121

p. 571 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Believe

Mark A. Miller

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 1:3-5

p. 232 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

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

arr. Mark Hayes

✦ Response

Lord of All Good

#711, vv. 1&3

✦ Prayer of Dedication

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Westminster Confession of Faith

Those whom God has accepted in his Son and has effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit can never completely or finally fall out of their state of grace. Rather, they shall definitely continue in that state to the end and are eternally saved. This endurance of the saints does not depend on their own free will but on God's unchangeable decree of election, flowing from his voluntary, unchangeable love. It also depends on the effectiveness of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, on the indwelling Spirit of God in the saints, and on the nature of the covenant of grace. All these establish the certainty and infallibility of their preservation.

✦ HYMN OF SENDING

Shall Tribulation or Distress

#823

✦ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✦ POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Jack Schrader

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Charles White – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, Doug and Leslie Matthews, and Janis Smith

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Neal Henley (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 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

Dec 17 Luke 1:57-66

How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

We Allow Ourselves to be Amazed

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

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!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS Order your Christmas Poinsettias by December 13. Please check our E-news to get a digital copy of the order form. Forms are also in the Narthex and in the church office. You can also pay in Realm.

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.

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.



2ND WEDNESDAYS @ 2ND PRES: This month's 2nd Wednesday program on December 13th is a Carol-Sing along with a Reader's Theater recreation of the Christmas story. This will be an intergenerational activity. Come and sing your favorite Christmas carols and hear the Christmas story with a fun and hilarious twist!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: This year we are returning to our pre-pandemic practice of caroling to some of our homebound members. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 on Sunday, December 17th and travel together to some of the homes and nursing homes of our homebound members. Everyone is invited and welcome to participate in this wonderful ministry of spreading Christmas cheer to those we don't get to see on a regular basis!

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.

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. Everyone is welcome, but those who need childcare should text Kathy Duggan at 861-441-8683 prior to the meeting. We hope to see you there!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Our Advent Devotional will be available in digital format by Friday, December 1st on our website. Printed copies will be available at the church beginning Sunday, December 3rd. Created by the Sanctified Art creative team, the devotional contains reflections, artwork, writing prompts, prayers, and hymns for your use during the Advent season.

ADVENT CALENDARS: Each day during December we will post an activity or writing prompt on our social media pages to guide you in celebrating Advent. Printed copies of these prompts will also be available in the atrium and in the narthex.

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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT: If you have not already pledged online through the church website, or through the Giving tab in your Realm account, or with a physical card, there is still time. Please let us know how you plan to support the ministry and mission of 2nd Presbyterian as soon as possible. Thank you for your commitment to 2nd Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH WORKDAY: There will be a church workday on December 2nd from 9 am-12 noon. If it rains, the rain day will be December 9th.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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)

Tuesday, November 28th

9:00 a.m. Decorate the church for Christmas (Sanctuary)
9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 p.m. GROW team meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 29th

6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)

Saturday, December 2nd

8:30 a.m. Workday (Outside)

Sunday, December 3rd

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.

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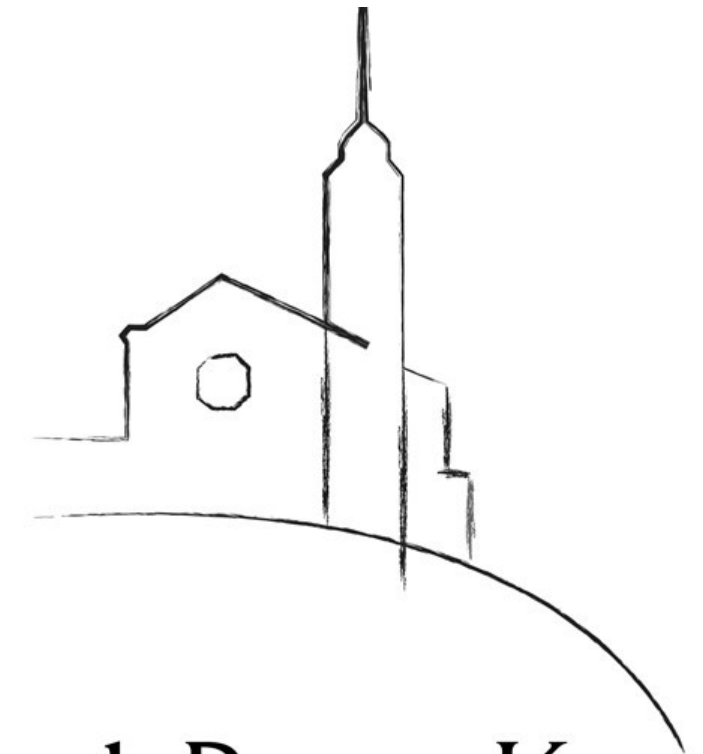
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

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



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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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