

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8th, 2020

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

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John Ward

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: And also with you

One: Come, let us worship the Lord, who established a new covenant through his Son, Jesus Christ.

All: We come in spirit and in truth to worship the Living God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

We invite you to meditate on the lyrics as the hymn is played.

Please refrain from singing out loud.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin, for I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. I have sinned against you, and you alone; I have done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. I pray this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from Psalm 107

One: The Lord's faithful love is from forever ago to forever from now for those who honor him.

All: God's righteousness reaches to the grandchildren of those who keep his covenant and remember to keep his commands.

One: Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Everywhere, throughout his kingdom, may all that we have and all that we are bless the Lord!

RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

We invite you to meditate on the lyrics as the hymn is played.

Please refrain from singing out loud.

✠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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:1-13

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

ANTHEM

Almighty Father

Benjamin Harlan

Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You are my refuge, I will trust in you. You are a tower, a mighty Fortress. You are my strength and shield, You are God.

Almighty Father, you alone are holy. You guide my footsteps that I may not fall. In joy or sorrow, I will exalt You. You are my righteousness, You are God.

Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You are creator, You are all in all! Yours is the power, Yours is the glory. Yours is the majesty, You are God.

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

J. S. Bach

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from The Westminster Larger Catechism

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HYMN OF DEDICATION

The God of Abraham Praise

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✠BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

The God of Abraham Praise

arr. Michael Burkhardt

✠THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Charles White – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Bruce & Betsy Foster (9:00)

Dean Farmer & Neal Peebles (11:00)

Technicians: Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 8th

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & Future Class (Library)

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, November 9th

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 10th

10:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting (Zoom)

6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym/Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 11th

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Study (ZOOM)

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (ZOOM)

Sunday, November 15th

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & Future Class (Library)

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

PRAYER CONCERNS

Imogene Posey, Katie Sergent Keene, Betty McCollum, Brenda Goslee, Mariann Thuesen, Emily Rose, Dr. Ed Carver, Bill Gosnell, Aggie Bell, Dotty Barbour, Donna Downen, Douglas Hamilton, Frances and Mary Johnson, Ken Frazer, and Jennifer Levy-Tatum.

*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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STEWARDSHIP

DID YOU SIGN IN? If you did not provide your contact tracing information online before today, please provide that information at the table outside.

OFFERING PLATES are at the entrances/exits to the sanctuary. Please remember to offer your gift of thanksgiving as you enter or leave.

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. **A nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available from an usher, if needed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Ruth Campbell in honor of Bob Campbell's 90th birthday.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary:

Nov 8	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	Covenant Renewal
Nov 15	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	The Day of the Lord
Nov 22	Ephesians 1:15-23	Paul's Prayer
Nov 29	Is 64:1-9 / Mk 13:24-37	Those Who Dream... keep awake

THANK YOU for wearing a face covering and practicing physical distancing during worship this morning. It not only shows love and care for our brothers and sisters, it decreases distractions and allows us to focus on God.

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, or if the temperature is below 40 degrees, the 9:00 a.m. outdoor service may be cancelled. There will be an announcement posted on the website by 8:00 a.m. IF the service is cancelled.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A PASTORAL CARE PAGE has been added to our website (2ndpres.org) under the 'About Us' tab. The page is password protected. For the password, please contact the church office via phone (523-2189) or email (ajohnson@2ndpres.org).

MEALS FOR THE HOMEBOUND: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to help prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at flowlilly@gmail.com or 865.765.0549.

DISCIPLESHIP

OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IS ON ZOOM at 6:00 p.m. This week we begin our discussion of the movie *Lars and the Real Girl*. It is available on Amazon Prime Video, iTunes, Vudu, YouTube Movies, Google Play, Pluto TV, Tubi, and Hoopla. We also have the DVD in the Church Office. You don't have to watch the movie to join in the discussion.

FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Library. You can also join the class by conference call if you do not want to meet in person.

Service & Outreach

DONATIONS OF STUFFED ANIMALS are being collected by the Second Readers. Donations can be dropped off in the atrium Monday-Thursday, or in the narthex on Sundays. Any questions please contact Margaret Sullivan at 865-588-3103.

FISH HOSPITALITY PANTRIES WILL RESUME starting November 24th. If you are interested and can help with delivery and/or packaging of food at the church, please contact Tim Wright, Tracy Horton, or Dick Dodson.

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✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

✦ HYMN

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ABBOT'S LEIGH

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May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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✦ HYMN

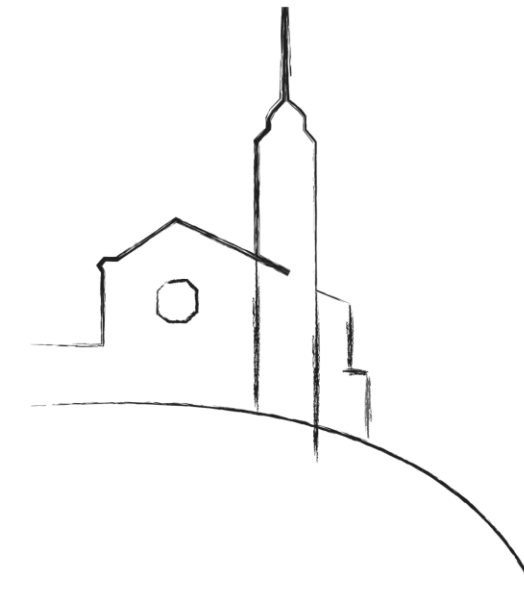
The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above
The Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed
We bow before your holy name, forever blest

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand
Deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand

BENEDICTION



2nd Presbyterian Knoxville

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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