

6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 13th, 2022

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Lord Christ, the Only Son of God D. Buxtehude

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP from 1 John 4; 1 Cor. 13

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

All: And also with you.

One: Beloved, let us love one another.

All: Love is patient; love is kind, love is not envious or arrogant or rude.

One: It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

All: It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

One: Beloved, let us love one another,

All: for God is love. Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE Where Charity and Love Prevail #316 Sung to the tune: ST. ANNE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have given us the perfect example of love, and you call us to love our neighbor accordingly; but still our love has conditions. We offer it to our neighbors only when it is convenient and comes easily. We claim that we don't have the time or the energy to love when it's more difficult. We've grown comfortable with the way things are and refuse to go out of our way to share your loving kindness with others. Forgive us, O God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE from 1 Cor. 13

One: Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.

All: By the grace of Christ, God forgives us and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.

RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606 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.

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Restore in Us, O God #434

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Leviticus 19:15-18 p. 106 OT This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM O Love Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go

O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain

O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be

O Love, that will not let me go

O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe And in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be

O Love, that will not let me go

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 p. 175 NT This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR REFLECTION What the World Needs Now Is Love Burt Bacharach

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of Belhar (1986)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ that must be earnestly pursued and sought; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered; and that this unity must be manifested and active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; and that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

HYMN OF SENDING The Gift of Love #693

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee J. S. Bach

THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor

Sarah Morgan - Pastor

Bruce Foster - Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs - Director of Music & Arts

Justin Brueggeman - Guest Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

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

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Scripture Reference, Topic. Rows include Feb 13 (1 Cor 13:1-13, The Nature of Love, Pt. 1), Feb 20 (Luke 6:27-38, The Nature of Love, Pt. 2), Feb 27 (Exodus 34:29-25, The Veils We Wear), Mar 2 (Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21, Ash Wednesday - The Practice of Piety)

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given in loving memory of Tina Wu from Charles and Lily Wu.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for Sunday, February 27 immediately following worship, if not in covid Phase Red. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual Souper Bowl for Hunger fundraiser and luncheon. The luncheon and meeting will take place in Hudson Hall. Immediately following the meeting of the congregation, the Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be held. On the agenda is a recommendation to amend the By-laws, reducing the number of Directors of the Corporation (Ruling Elders on the Session) from 24 Directors divided into three classes of eight, to 12 Directors divided into three classes of four. This change needs to be made to reflect the current makeup of the Session.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN PHASE RED: During Phase Red our worship is essentially a virtual service that allows people to attend in-person. Those leading worship this morning will be interacting with the congregation at home through the cameras. Your view may be limited due to the placement of the cameras. If you are present in-person this morning we ask that you please observe the following protocols:

- Face covering required at all times
Please remain in the sanctuary at all times
Please maintain an appropriate physical distance from people in other households at all times
Please refrain from singing during the hymns
You are welcome to join in the spoken liturgy as printed in the bulletin (the sanctuary screen will not be active)
There will be no offering during the service but offering plates are at the entrances to the sanctuary, should you wish to make a donation
Please exit the sanctuary immediately at the end of the service; pastors will not be present to greet people at the doors

COVID PHASE RED: During Covid Phase Red all activities in the building are either cancelled or moved to virtual. (Determinations are made by facilitators of each individual group.) The church building is closed to all groups and in-person traffic, except for the staff and the preschool.

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. Due to being in Covid Phase Red this morning's service is a bit different. Please see the announcement on the inside of this page for the proper protocols. There is no nursery available during Covid Phase Red, but children are welcome in worship. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. **Hearing Devices** are available, if needed.

DISCIPLESHIP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Kathy Duggan is leading an informal discussion of the Gospel of Mark in January and February. During Covid Phase Red the discussion is held on Zoom. A link is sent out on Wednesday mornings. If you are not our email distribution list and would like to be added, please email ajohnson@2ndpres.org. The study will begin at 6:30, but you are welcome to log on earlier for virtual fellowship.

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be meeting *via phone conference only* at 9:45 a.m. Phone number to join: 712-775-8972. Conference code: 179021.

WE ARE HOLDING A DISCOVERY CLASS ON ZOOM. The Discovery Class is for those who want to know more about being Presbyterian, more about 2nd Presbyterian Church, or who are thinking of uniting in membership with this congregation. At the conclusion of the class, those who are not already members will be given the opportunity to unite with this congregation in membership, should they so desire. The class began last week and will continue Feb. 14th & 21st at 6:00 p.m. It's not too late to join, if you desire. Please contact Pastor Tim at treynolds@2ndpes.org for the link if you are interested in being a part of the class.

IT'S ONCE AGAIN TIME FOR OUR SOUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER to help combat hunger in our community. As we have done in the past, we will have a luncheon of soups following worship in conjunction with the Annual Congregational meeting. This is currently scheduled for February 27th. For those who would like to make a monetary contribution for the Souper Bowl of Caring, Second Presbyterian Youth will be collecting donations regardless of what phase we are in. Donations collected will be sent to KARM. Please write Souper Bowl in the memo line of your check when you drop it off or send it to the church office. For a link to sign up and bring soups, please see the weekly Friday email.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

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

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 13th

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

Monday, February 14th

6:00 p.m. Discipleship (Zoom)

Tuesday, February 15th

10:00 a.m. Organ Search Committee (Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 16th

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Gym)
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, February 17th

2:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Committee (Zoom)

Sunday, February 20th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Arlys Milligan, the family of Betty Charlton, Ann Payne, Scott Farris,
Beth & Daniel Robertson, Frances Johnson, and Peter Douglas 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.

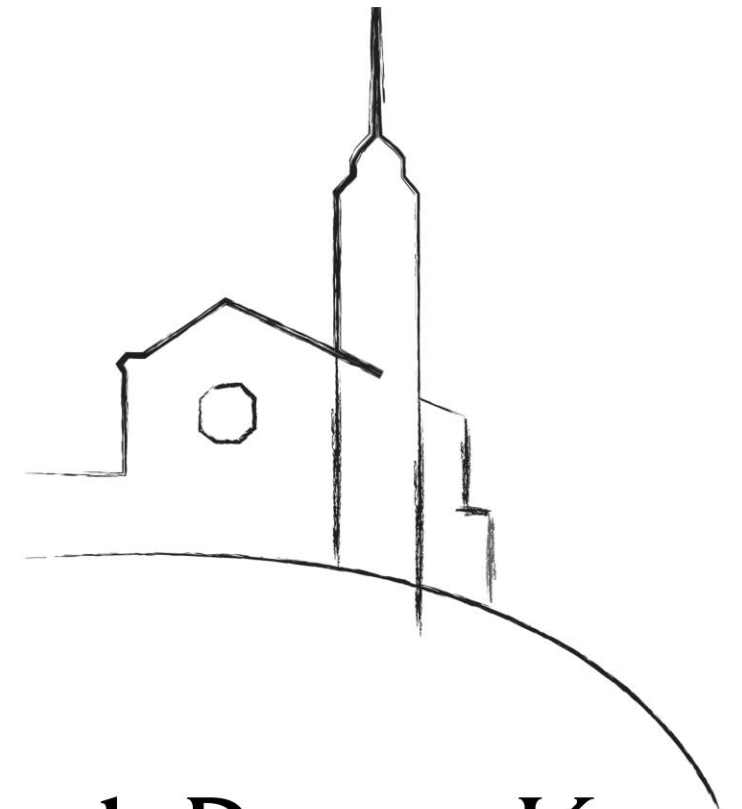
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

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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*.

THE MARCH SECOND EDITION DEADLINE is next Sunday, February 20th! Email or call Audrey with your submissions (ajohnson@2ndpres.org or 865-523-2189).



2nd Pres Knox

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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