

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16th, 2020

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Entrée En Forme de Carillon: Prelude* *Théodore Dubois*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 119

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

All: And also with you.

One: Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord –

All: the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward wholeness

One: Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord –

All: teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope, and nurture generous spirits within us.

One: Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord –

All: the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life.

✠ HYMN *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #610, vv. 1-4

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words that humiliate or harm? How often do we lash out in anger, when we could reach out with kindness? How often do we hurt those we love and tear away at relationships that give life? Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us the grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to work for reconciliation in our homes and our communities. Turn our hearts back to you and teach us the ways of love, so that we might hold fast to one another, and draw near to your presence. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Sisters and brothers, believe the good news. God loves us beyond measure and, therefore, offers us true forgiveness.

All: Thanks be to God for his endless mercy.

✠ RESPONSE *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #610, v. 5

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given

By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

During peak flu season, if you feel more comfortable passing the peace with a fist bump, elbow bump, or a simple nod of the head, please feel free to do so.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

✠ HYMN *As the Deer / I Love You, Lord* #626 & 627

As the Deer – Verse 2

You're my friend and you are my brother even though you are a King

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything

Refrain

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:34-40 p. 25 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* *arr. Pooler/Pooler*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art!
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Still be my vision, still be my vision,
still be my vision, O Lord. Amen.

HEBREW BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 p. 186 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

In the cross and resurrection of Jesus, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. This new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us, in spite of what we are. We, therefore, accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith* *Johannes Brahms*

✠ Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Though I May Speak* #693

✠ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Sortie: Fughetta* *Théodore Dubois*

✠ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Clara Hardin – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

Beth Robertson – Soprano

Tuesday Reynolds – Soprano

Second Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton (H), Charles White, Marty & Fran McLean

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

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in memory of Tina Wu by the family.

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

Feb 16	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	The Choice We Have
Feb 23	2 Peter 1:16-21	Our Eyewitness to Jesus
Feb 26	Joel 2	Ash Wednesday
Mar 1	Matthew 4:1-11	What Do We Do When We Face Temptations?

DURING PEAK FLU SEASON not everyone may be comfortable shaking hands during the Passing of the Peace. If you haven't been feeling well and don't want to endanger others, or if you are especially susceptible to illness and would rather not shake hands, please feel free to pass the peace verbally, with an elbow bump, or just put your hands in your pockets and nod your head as you greet one another.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR EVENT: Today we are joining with other Sequoyah Hills area houses of worship for a shared message of LOVE. The focus is on love of God and love of neighbor and should serve as a powerful witness to Knoxville that people of faith have much more in common than we have that divides us.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26th. We will celebrate with a service of Imposition of Ashes at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel following our Wednesday Night Dinner.

HANDBELL PRACTICE is on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.! The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Come join the music ministry of Second Presbyterian Church!

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. **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.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & ACTIVITIES: Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. This week's dinner will be Petro's. We will continue our study of the book of *Judges*. This week's lesson: *Chapters 6-8*.

FOOD & FRIENDS: All young adults and college students are invited to join Food & Friends each Sunday following worship. The hosts this Sunday are **Catherine Beals and Bobbie Denton**. If you would like to sign up to host, look for the sign-up link in the weekly email newsletter or contact Sarah Morgan at smorgan@2ndpres.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

Spiritual Growth Opportunities @ 2nd

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Book of *Judges* – 6:05 p.m. (FH)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Faith Science & the Future (Rm 221) – Current Events through a faith lens
Bible Discovery Class (Barbour Room) – *This Present Word* curriculum
9th-12th Grade (Youth Room) – *Waffles & The Word*
6th-8th Grade (Rm 206) – Bible Stories & activities

JUDGES – A WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: What happens when Israel settles in the Promised Land and forgets their God? The book of *Judges* shows the tragic downward spiral of Israel's leaders and people. It is an honest look at the human condition through difficult, and sometimes disturbing, stories. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays to see what these ancient stories have to teach us today.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN and other women of the church. We will be continuing our Bible Study for the year on the Ten Commandments on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Mary Chambers Room. All members and visitors welcome!

THE P.W. MISSION GROUP will be going to the Love Kitchen on Wednesday, February 26th to assemble the boxed meals that are to be delivered weekly to shut-ins. We will work from approximately 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will carpool from the church at 10:30 a.m. Please let Charlotte Klieman know (865-922-8453) if you wish to come by Monday, February 17th.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 16th

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Food & Friends

Monday, February 17th

12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting
5:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, February 18th

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, February 19th

3:00 p.m. 2nd Reader's Book Club
4:00 p.m. Line Dancing
4:30 p.m. Handbells
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
6:05 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 23rd

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Food & Friends

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: Sunday worship will never be cancelled due to weather, but please use good judgment if the roads are icy or snowy. Wednesday activities follow the Knox County School System for closings. Committee meetings and other activities will be the decision of the chairperson or person in charge of the activity.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mariann Thuesen, The Montgomery Family, Marion Frazer, Bonnie Beals, Joe Beals, Brice Gilmer, Betty McCollum, Allene Miller, Emily Rose, Dee Snyder, 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.

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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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