

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Steve Lancaster

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 25

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Come, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

**All: We will put our trust in God; he will not disappoint!**

One: May the Lord make his ways known to us and teach us his paths.

**All: Lead us in your truth, O God, for you are the one who saves.**

✠HYMN OF PRAISE *All Are Welcome* #301

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world to you, seeking your healing and transforming grace. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed and envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life, but in our pride and arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and discord, the world goes thirsty. And so, we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, yet again. Transform us by your Holy Spirit and send us out as servants of your righteousness and love to care for those who are marginalized and oppressed. We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE *from* Psalm 25

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: The Lord is good and does the right thing, teaching sinners the way to go.

**All: God guides the weak to justice and teaches them his way.**

One: All the Lord’s paths are loving and faithful.

**All: For the sake of God’s good name our sins are forgiven. Let us honor the Lord!**

✠RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #581

✠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 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to Children’s Church.

✠HYMN OF PREPARATION *Blest Are They* #172, v. 1-4

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 37:1-11 p. 510 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Canticle of Praise* V. Coben Johnson

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 6:17-36 p. 64 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Nearer, My God to Thee* arr. Brad Jacobsen

✠Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry. We believe that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly. We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

✠HYMN OF SENDING *We Are Called* #749

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Stevens

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

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Kirsty Bleyl – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Doug Barbour, Geoff Duggan, Gerald & Linda Cook

**Technicians:** Dale Henley (video); Neal Henley (audio)

## WORSHIP

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are looking at the life of Jesus from now until May. Jesus’ primary message was the Kingdom of God. During February we will look at the different ways Jesus proclaimed God’s Kingdom.

Feb 23 The Life of Jesus: *Jesus Teaches about Life in the Kingdom*

Mar 2 The Life of Jesus: *Transfiguration & Peter’s Confession*

Mar 9 The Life of Jesus: *Enters Jerusalem*

Mar 16 The Life of Jesus: *Cleanses the Temple*

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

**BETTER TOGETHER:** The Presbytery of East Tennessee invites you to a Black History Celebration TODAY, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Fourth United Presbyterian Church. There will be history, fellowship, food, and worship!

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** The season of Lent begins Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate with our friends from Church of the Savior in a joint a service of Imposition of Ashes at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**A REMINDER:** Our friends from Church of the Savior are worshiping in our Fellowship Hall for the next several months. Their worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. Please be respectful in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall as you pass by following our worship service.

## GROW

**THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. weekly. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*. All are invited – join us!

**GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Tim leads a weekly Bible study on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are studying Paul’s letter to the Galatians. All are welcome.

**CHILDREN’S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** As our nursery and preschool continue to grow, we need more volunteers! If you are interested, please contact Holly Grimm at (865) 243-6353.

### 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

### CONNECT

**FOOD & FRIENDS** is a ministry to college students and young adults. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, all college students and young adults are invited to lunch at a local restaurant paid for by the church. If you would like to sign up to host, please use the sign-up link in the weekly e-news, the QR code to the right, or contact Jack Rosamond ([jrosamond@2ndpres.org](mailto:jrosamond@2ndpres.org)). **Our next Food and Friends is March 9<sup>th</sup>.**



**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** Join us after worship each week for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship.

**THE PARAMOUNT CHAMBER PLAYERS** are presenting a concert in the Sanctuary TOMORROW evening, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The program is titled *Grit and Glitz*, and will include works by Dvorak, Schumann, and local composer Dusia McKay. The Paramount Chamber Players is the Tri-Cities' premier chamber music ensemble dedicated to promoting artistic excellence and ensuring that chamber music is a vital part of life in our communities. Admission to the concert is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and free for students.

### GO

**FISH MISSION DONATIONS:** Rather than household or personal items, we are currently asking you to direct your gifts directly to the Fish designated fund. You can contribute via Realm (click on "Giving," then "Fish" in the drop-down), the church website (click on "Giving," then Fish in the drop-down), or by check ("Fish fund" in the memo line). Monthly donations would be most helpful. FISH meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month to pack and/or deliver. If you'd like to help, contact Dick Dodson at [rtodson52@gmail.com](mailto:rtodson52@gmail.com).

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE:** For the 5<sup>th</sup> year, we are joining with other houses of worship in Knoxville to celebrate Love Your Neighbor Knox. One of the ways we are showing our love for our neighbors is by collecting food for 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank during their slowest season of the year. Help feed our hungry neighbors by bringing dry, non-perishable food goods and leaving them in the barrel in the atrium.

### SUPPORT

**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](http://www.2ndpres.org/give), text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.



**E-MAIL LIST UPDATE:** If you are not receiving the weekly Friday E-News and would like to, please send Jack ([jrosamond@2ndpres.org](mailto:jrosamond@2ndpres.org)) an email letting him know you would like to be added to the email list.

### THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

#### Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Ladies Life Group (Youth Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Paramount Chamber Concert (Sanctuary)

#### Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)

#### Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

- 10:30 a.m. Galatians Bible Study (Barbour Room)

#### Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 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

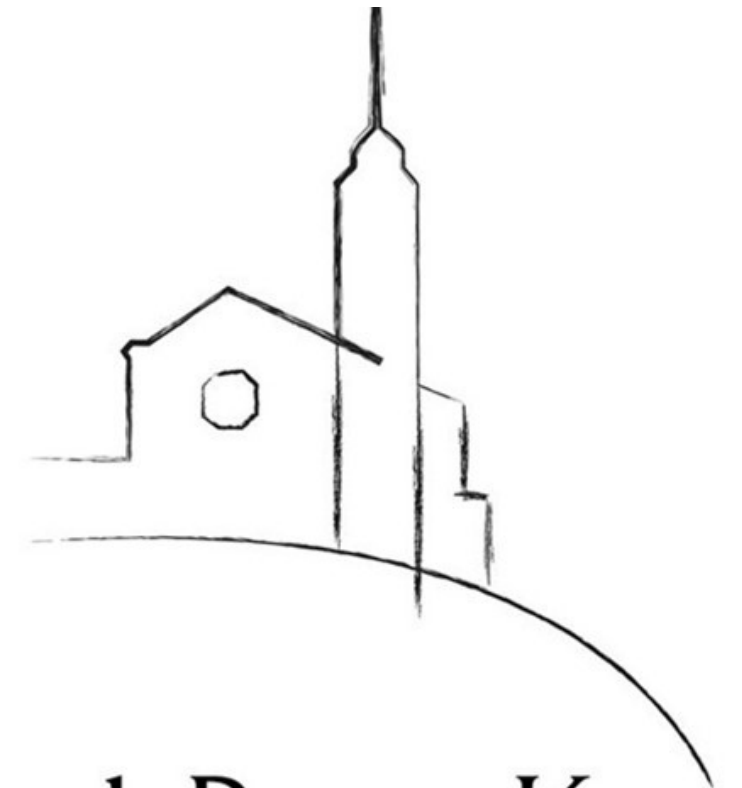
Bruce Foster, Bill Roach, Jr., Amy Garcia,  
Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

\*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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*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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