

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Aberystwyth"
(Jesus, Lover of My Soul)

Lehenbauer

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 22

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

All: And also with you.

One: You who revere the Lord, praise him!

All: Glorify him, and stand in awe.

One: Those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

All: All who go down to the dust shall bow before him.

One: Those who seek the Lord shall praise him.

All: And may their hearts live forever! Let us worship the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Lord's My Shepherd

#801, vv. 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are a self-focused people. In our own despair and hopelessness, we forget to look for signs of your grace. We dwell what we view as our misfortune instead of recognizing your healing power. We call out the missteps of others rather than extending them the kind of radical grace you have given to us. We only look out for ourselves though you call us to care for our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord, for all the ways we fail to see your work in the world. Grant us the courage it takes to follow you in our daily living; and help us to recognize your power at work in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: God does not forsake us.

All: God is gracious, abounding in steadfast love.

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

RESPONSE

The Lord's My Shepherd

#801, v. 5

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

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

#166

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4

p. 691 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Gentle Voice

Susan and Lee Dengler

EPISTLE READING

John 5:1-15

p. 96 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 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

arr. Kellner

Response Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

HYMN OF SENDING

O Christ, the Healer

#793, omit v. 4

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

J.S. Bach

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Bruce Foster – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
John Lasater – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, John and Lisa Henley, and Janis Smith

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our Lenten sermon series is called Jesus' Most Pointed Questions. It is an examination of those questions that Jesus asks his followers that take some thought and reflection to answer honestly.

Feb 25	John 5:1-15	Jesus' Most Pointed Questions: Do You Want to Be Made Well?
Mar 3	John 6:48-63	Jesus' Most Pointed Questions: Does this Teaching Offend You?
Mar 10	Luke 9:18-24	Jesus' Most Pointed Questions: Who Do You Say that I Am?
Mar 17	John 11:17-27	Jesus' Most Pointed Questions: Do You Believe This?

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

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. TOM SULLIVAN will be held on Saturday, March 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of 2nd Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends at Cherokee Country Club following the service.

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.

JUSTIN LATTIMORE will be leaving his duties at 2nd Pres at the end of February. Please join us after church THIS MORNING in the Mary Chambers Room to acknowledge and thank Justin for his exemplary service in maintaining the church's buildings and facilities over the past several years. If you wish to thank Justin personally, you may either mail a card to the church office or bring it on the 25th.



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 1st 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

FELLOWSHIP TIME: All are invited to stay for coffee, cookies, and a time of fellowship following worship each week.

REALM CLASSES have resumed in 2024. Check the calendar for the class schedule (3rd and 4th weeks of each month). To register, please click on the registration link in the Friday e-News to sign up for the class of your choice or call Bonnie at the church.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will hold their meeting on **Tuesday, March 12**, from 10:00-11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They welcome all church members and visitors to join them. This year's Bible study will focus on the book of Acts describing the early church's reaching out to the "least of God's children"—those who have been ostracized from the Jewish culture and faith. In addition to their regular meeting, PW will also host 2nd Wednesday at Second on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. This event will consist of dinner and a program meeting. All are welcome to attend.

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*.

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES meet each week at 9:30 a.m. The Elementary class is in Room 206, while the Middle and High school students gather in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday night Bible study is studying the book of Colossians. This will allow us to go deeper into discussion of the texts from the *Christianity Made Simple* sermon series. Those wishing to join via Zoom can do so by clicking the link on the home page of our website. Join us for fellowship and study in the library or on Zoom at 6:30 pm. Please note that we will **not** meet on February 28th and March 13th.

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, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 25th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour Room)
 - Elementary (Room 206)
 - Middle & High School (Youth Room)
- 10:20 a.m. Children's Music Time (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, February 27th

- 9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 p.m. GROW team meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 28th

- 10:00 a.m. Realm leaders training (Small Conference Room)

Thursday, February 29th

- 12:00 p.m. Realm leaders training (Small Conference Room)

Sunday, March 3rd

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:20 a.m. Children's Music Time (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

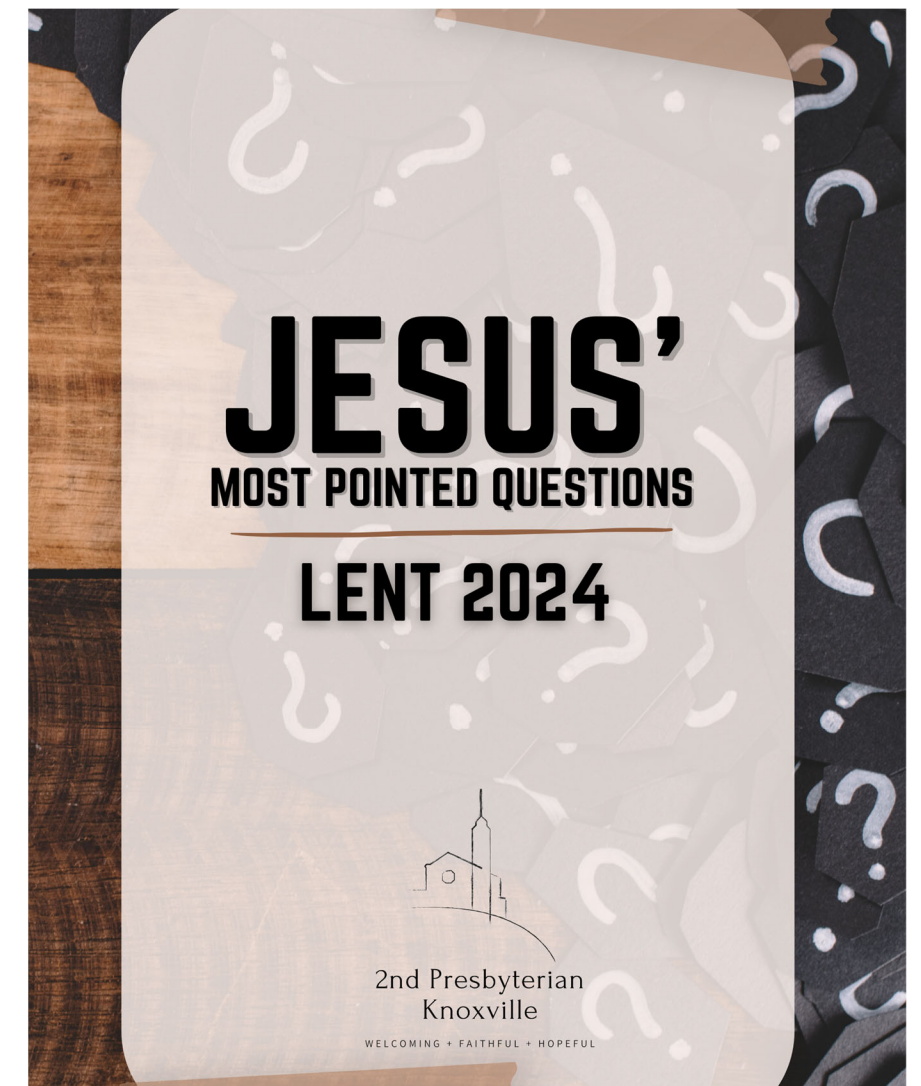
The families of Marian Broome, Ruth Campbell, and Tom Sullivan;
Kim Elrod, Kay Weaver, Charlene Cotton, Gerry Turner,
Arlys Milligan, and Brice Gilmer

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

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