

1st Sunday in Lent

February 26th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

arr. John Innes

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

from Jeremiah 31

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: The time is coming, declares the Lord.

All: **There will be a new covenant; and it will be written on our hearts.**

One: All will know the Lord, from the least to the greatest.

All: **The Lord will forgive our wrongdoing and remember our sins no more.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

#166

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know us better than we know ourselves, and you know the ways that we fall short of your glory. We confess that when we fail to live up to your calling for us, we are quick to ask that our own misdeeds to be overlooked. Meanwhile, we are slow to forgive the offenses of others. Show us the way to forgiveness, O Lord. Remind us of your mercy, that we may offer mercy to others. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

One: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven. Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

✠RESPONSE

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

*O Lamb of God Most holy! Who on the cross did suffer
And patient still and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer
Our sins by you were taken, or hope had us forsaken
Your peace be with us, Jesus!*

✠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 on the end of the pew and pass it down.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 OF PREPARATION

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

#444

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

p. 733 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 18:21-35

p. 19 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

Jesus Loves Me

Bradbury / arr. Shaffer

✠Response

What Wondrous Love Is This

#215, v. 3

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is the fifth petition of the Lord’s Prayer?

A. “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” That is: be pleased, O Lord, for the sake of Christ’s blood, not to charge us, miserable sinners, our many transgressions, nor the evil which still clings to us. We also find this witness of your grace in us, that it is our sincere intention heartily to forgive our neighbor.

✠HYMN OF SENDING

I Then Shall Live

FINLANDIA

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

Prelude in E 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

Clara Hardin – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, Cleston Jones, Terry, and Kay Weaver

Technicians: Dale Henley (video) and Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Narrative Lectionary, Year 1.

Feb. 26	Matthew 18:15-35	Forgiveness
March 5	Matthew 20:1-16	Laborers in the Vineyard
March 12	Matthew 22:1-14	The Wedding Banquet
March 19	Matthew 25:1-13	The Bridesmaids

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

NAMETAG Do you want or need a new nametag? Please let Bonnie know by March 10th. We will be placing a new order soon. You can email Bonnie (bsmith@2ndpres.org) or call the Church office.

SERMON NOTES

The first servant has a _____,

that comes from an _____,

that leads to a _____.

Human forgiveness is rooted in _____.

The focus is not on _____ to _____,

but _____ how much we have been

_____.

Forgiveness is a matter of the _____, not the _____.

We are currently in Covid Phase GREEN. There are no Covid precautions.

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 the 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. A **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Mary Chambers Room following worship this morning. The Mary Chambers Room is at the front left of the sanctuary.

SECOND READERS will meet Wednesday, March 8, at 11:30 a.m. at the Buckingham Clubhouse. The book for the month is “The Invention of Wings” by Sue Monk. Liz Peebles will lead our discussion. Bring your lunch and join us. Contact Margaret Sullivan, at (865) 363-3967 if you have any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF SECOND CHURCH will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our bible study will focus on the life of Luke in the New Testament and who is often referred to as Luke, the Physician. **JOIN US!** Members and visitors are welcome.

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*.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL & BOOK DISCUSSION: Our Lenten devotional book is *Lent of Liberation* by Cheri L. Mills. We are meeting to discuss the readings on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 12 noon during Lent.

GO

CAGLE TERRACE is affordable housing for low-income individuals and families in West Knoxville. Overseen by the KCDC, the main public housing and redevelopment authority in Knoxville, Cagle has two high-rise buildings for residents aged 62 and over, along with disabled people. Since TSNAP/food stamps cannot be used to buy many needed items for daily living, the KCDC asked for help from our church to provide cleaning supplies for the residents. There is a basket outside the church office to collect the items. Thank you for your generosity!

PRAGMATIC PRESBYTERIANS: Around 150 people are at risk of being evicted in Tennessee every week, and around 30 of those people live in Knox County. If you are interested in helping people maintain a stable home so they can rise above the limitations of poverty, join our study group to explore solutions. Formerly known as the Poverty Study Group, we will meet in the church library on the following Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm: March 1, March 22, and March 29. Together, we can make a difference!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 26th

- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship (Mary Chambers Room)

Tuesday, February 28th

- 9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym & Scout Room)

Wednesday, March 1st

- 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)
- 3:30 p.m. Cross Ministries Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study (Barbour Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Pragmatic Presbyterians (Library)

Thursday, March 2nd

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study (Barbour Room)
- 1:00 p.m. GO Team (Barbour Room)

Sunday, March 5th

- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship (Mary Chambers Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Leilla White, Fran McLean, Elsie Dodson, Jerry Young, Arlys Milligan, Beverli White, and Peter Douglas Hamilton.

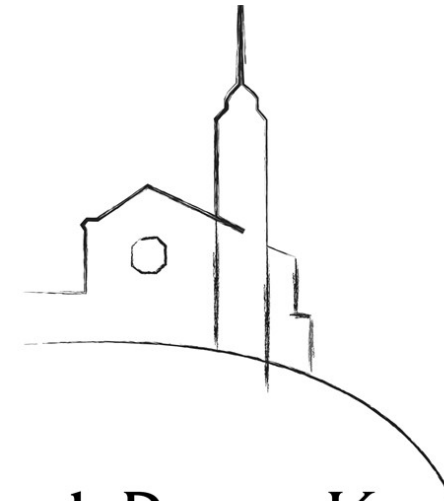
*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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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*.



2nd Pres Knox

WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

Lent



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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