

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 28th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Ciacona in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 146

One: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob;

All: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

One: Let those who love the Lord sing praises to him.

All: We will praise the Lord as long as we live.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Creation, All-Powerful

SLANE

God of creation, all-powerful, all wise

Lord of the universe rich with surprise

Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all

We are your children you hear when we call

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth

Called out your church from the ends of the earth

Still you are Savior, put darkness to flight

Overcome sin by salvation's pure light

God of your people, your Word still stands fast

Do for us now as you've done in the past

Yours is the kingdom, your triumph we claim

Challenging evil in Jesus' strong name

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your Spirit is at work all around us – in the beauty of creation, in the hearing of your word, in the lives of your people. Your Spirit fills the space around us, and yet we bend to the powers that seek to stifle your glory and even lend a hand in doing so. Forgive us, God. Grant us wisdom and courage that we might boldly share the gospel with our words and with our actions even in the face of opposition. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the good news: God regards as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

God of Creation, All-Powerful

SLANE

**God of our now, all our trust is in you
Covenant God, ever faithful and true
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer, and Lord
Now and forever your name be adored**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting or emailing a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalm 27

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Let All the People Sing Praise!

Lloyd Larson

I was glad when they said unto me,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord!”
Praise the Lord in His sanctuary!
Praise the Lord in the firmament!
Let the earth resound in joyous praise!
Let all the people sing praise unto the Lord!
Praise the Lord, all you people,
Let his name be exalted from the dawn to the setting of the sun.
Praise the Lord, all you people,
Worship the Lord, all you people,
Glory to God who sits enthroned on high!
I have seen You in the sanctuary.
I’ve beheld Your power and Your glory,
Because Your love is better than life.
With my lips I will praise and glorify You as long as I live,
and I will lift my hands in praise to You!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:23-31

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

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. The church gathers to praise God, to hear God’s word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord’s Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world’s affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their witness is the church’s evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world.

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.**

HYMN OF SENDING *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power
Crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour
For the facing of this hour**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days
For the living of these days**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore
Serving you whom we adore**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Dean Farmer – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist
Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir
Technicians: Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are in memory of Jennifer Levy-Tatum, a church friend whose time with us all was too short.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Patsy Wright, Derryl Kasler, Amy Cross, and Aggie Bell

*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.

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Feb 28	Acts 4:23-31	A Prayer for Boldness
Mar 7	Acts 4:32-5:11	The Sharing of Possessions
Mar 14	Acts 5:12-42	Signs, Wonders & Opposition
Mar 21	Acts 6:1-7	Choosing Deacons

IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE: At their recent meeting, the Session decided to wait another month before determining the timetable for returning to in-person worship. Therefore, we will continue virtual worship only at least through the end of March.

THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL REOPEN ON MARCH 1ST: The Session voted to reopen the church building (including the office) on March 1st. Please see the Weekly E-News, as well as the March Second Edition, for more information and guidelines regarding this update.

THE MARCH SECOND EDITION IS NOW AVAILABLE! You can access it by hovering over the Resources tab on our website (2ndpres.org) and selecting 'Monthly Newsletters' from the dropdown menu. Copies are also available in the vestibule.

LENTEN CONCERTS FOR REFLECTION: Every Wednesday at 12:00 noon during Lent, a Lenten concert for reflection will be posted to our YouTube channel and to the home page of our website. Our Director of Music & Arts, Matt Mimbs is coordinating the concerts for the congregation featuring musicians from our congregation and from the community. Each concert is 20-30 minutes in length. We hope that this helps you in your Lenten journey.

NEW UPDATED AND REDESIGNED WEBSITE: The address hasn't changed - <http://www.2ndpres.org> - but the look is completely different. Bible studies and past worship services can be found under the Resources Tab, along with Newsletters and Worship Bulletins and a few other things. There is a Members area that is password protected. The password is the same as it was for the directory on the old site. You will only need to enter the password once and you will have access to all of the documents that are for members only. We hope that you take a few minutes later this week to check it out and familiarize yourself with it.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A PASTORAL CARE UPDATE PAGE is on our website under the 'Members' tab. The password to access this area is the same as for the directory on the old site. Please contact the church office if you need it.

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.

DISCIPLESHIP

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Tim is leading us in a virtual study of the *Major Messages of the Minor Prophets*. A new lesson is posted on our YouTube channel and on our website each Thursday (under the Resources tab) and we invite you to study the lesson at your leisure. On the 2nd Wednesday of each month we meet at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the lessons from the previous month. This is a time to bring your questions, comments, and insights and share them with the group.

FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets at 9:30 a.m. by conference call.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

PRESBYTERY HABITAT BUILD SIGN UP: Our congregation is participating in a Presbytery of East Tennessee Habitat build in Knox County beginning March 20th along with several other local churches. Our Friday E-News and our website now includes a link to sign up, as well as the Build Schedule for this project. Please consider volunteering!