

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 7th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Toccata No. 3 in G Major

Johann Froberger

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are God's church, called together to worship.

All: We come together to worship the Lord.

One: God has given us his Word, he has filled us with his power. God has called us into his family and given us his Spirit.

All: We come together to share our lives with God and with one another, to celebrate God's goodness and learn from him.

One: We are God's church.

All: We come together to worship.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

Spirit, spirit of gentleness

blow through the wilderness, calling and free

Spirit, spirit of restlessness

Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still
And down in the city, you called once again
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind

Refrain

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes
With bold new decisions your people arise

Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith that was forever changed. We confess that too often we feel your Spirit moving in our lives and in our community of faith but refuse to be changed. We are not open to a sense of awe, we do not devote ourselves to the community, we are not united, we do not share everything we have, and we do not demonstrate your goodness to everyone. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Transform our timid lives and change our timid ways by the power of your Spirit, so that we may be filled with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the Good News! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh,
and we have been made one.

**All: We are no longer divided but gathered together to build God's
kingdom on this earth.**

One: Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Reconciled with God, we are free to live for God! Amen.

RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one, "May the peace of Christ be with you."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalm 133

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Canticle of Hope

Joseph M. Martin

Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness.

Lord, you are God of the needy and the poor.

A sure defender, you are our refuge.

You are the Giver. You are Jehovah. You are the God who restores.

Lord, you are God, reigning in righteousness.

Lord, you are God in the time of our distress.

We call on you, our sure salvation.

Lord, you are faithful. You are the God who restores.

Lord, you are God, ruling in gentleness.

Lord, you are God, you wipe away each tear.

You hear our every prayer. You give us comfort.

You touch our hearts and calm our fears.

You are eternal. Alpha, Omega. We place our hope in you alone.

Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness.

Lord, you are God. In our darkness you are everlasting light.

A sure defender, you are our refuge.

You are the Giver. You are Jehovah. You are the God who restores.

Great is Thy Faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness!

You are the God who restores.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:42-47

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparation ***Spirit of the Living God*** *D. Iverson, arr. Stultz*

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

HYMN OF SENDING ***Help Us Accept Each Other***

BARONITA

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live**

**Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art**

**Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need
Who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Batalla Imperial

Juan Cabanilles

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Helen Grant – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Technicians: Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Rose family, the Levy-Tatum family, Pam Maples, Mary and Frances Johnson, Imogene Posey, 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 following the Revised Common Lectionary. Our Advent theme is *Those Who Dream...* Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Feb 7	Acts 2:42-47	The Gospel in Community
Feb 14	Acts 3:1-10	Miracle in the Temple
Feb 17	Acts 3:11-26	Repent and Turn to God (Ash Wednesday)
Feb 21	Acts 4:1-22	Peter & John Arrested

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given in memory of best friends Joanna Montgomery and Emily Rose, by the Montgomery family.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND BUILDING CLOSURE UPDATE: At its January meeting, the Session decided to wait another month before determining the schedule for returning to in-person worship and reopening the church building. We will continue virtual-only worship and the church building will remain closed through the end of February.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A PASTORAL CARE PAGE is on our website under the 'About Us' tab. For the password to access, please contact the church office.

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

JOIN THE TRIPLE P (Presbyterian Prayer Partners). The Discipleship Team is extending this spiritual growth opportunity of having a prayer partner as we enter the "winter of our discontent." For many reasons, it is important that we stay in contact with each other. Communication can be accomplished by phone, Facetime, Zoom, or snail mail. To participate, go to the homepage of the church website to sign up, or call/email the church office to sign up and leave your name with Audrey (865.523.2189, ajohnson@2ndpres.org).

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Tim is leading us in a virtual study of the *Major Messages of the Minor Prophets*. A new lesson will be posted on our YouTube channel and on our website each Thursday and we invite you to study the lesson at your leisure. Then on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12) we will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the lessons from the previous month. This will be 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

FISH FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Second has participated in the Fish Food Pantry for decades. To continue to effectively carry out this long-time mission of the church, we are very much in need of more participants. We will evaluate the local health and safety factors in early March and hope to restart on Tuesday, March 23rd. Please consider joining the effort. Contact Dick Dodson, rdodson52@gmail.com or 865-414-7413 to volunteer.

PRESBYTERY HABITAT BUILD: Our congregation will be participating in a Presbytery of East Tennessee Habitat build in Knox County beginning March 20th along with several other local churches. As a Presbytery we have committed to raising \$25,000 towards the cost of the build. Our Session has committed \$5,000 from the John Smartt Sr. endowment fund, but we are still short of our goal as a Presbytery. If you are interested in making an individual contribution to the build, you may do so through the church or directly to Habitat for Humanity, Knoxville. Joe Clarke has volunteered to be the Project Coordinator for Second Presbyterian Church and we are excited to have his leadership! Our Friday email now includes a link to the Build Schedule for this project. We will soon be recruiting volunteers for leadership positions, as well as people who can work.

STEWARDSHIP

THE CHURCH BUILDING IS CURRENTLY CLOSED by order of the Session. The church staff is working from home. The vestibule is open Monday through Thursday so that drop offs and deliveries can take place, however, the building is still closed. Thank you for your consideration and help to keep everyone safe!

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Those on our email list will automatically receive a Zoom invitation. If you are not on our email list but would like an invitation, please email the church office.

THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT has been posted online under the "Publications" tab. The page is password protected, but the password for the Church Directory and the Annual Report *are the same*. If you still need the password, contact the church office via email (ajohnson@2ndpres.org) or by phone (865-523-2189) during normal office hours. Hard copies will also be available in the vestibule beginning February 8th for anyone who wishes one.