

3^d Sunday in Lent

March 12th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Charles White – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Henry Naff, Tracy Horton, Bill Ragsdale, and Nancy Smythe
Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk (video) and Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

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

March 12	Matthew 22:1-14	The Wedding Banquet
March 19	Matthew 25:1-13	The Bridesmaids
March 26	Matthew 25:31-46	The Last Judgment
April 2	Matthew 21:1-17	Triumphal Entry

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

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for Brentley Burch Williams, child of Zachary Burch and Ginny Williams.

EASTER LILIES OR HYDRANGEAS, in memory or in honor of someone, will be displayed on Easter Sunday, April 9. Order forms are available in the Narthex, the Atrium, or the church office. Deadline to order is March 28. Please return your completed form, with your check, to the office, or simply drop in the offering plate. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie at bsmith@2ndpres.org or 865-523-2189.

SERMON NOTES

The Conundrum:

We don't know what Jesus actually _____, we only know what the Gospel writers _____.

Two Things to Remember:

1) The Kingdom of God is a _____!

And God _____ for _____.

2) We have a responsibility to _____ the _____.

We must _____ to the _____.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – BRENTLEY AMIR BURCH WILLIAMS

Presentation & Baptismal Vows
Profession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (on the screen)
Thanksgiving Over the Water
The Baptism & Welcome

✠ BAPTISMAL HYMN *These Treasured Children* #487, vv. 1,2,4

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 25:6-10a p. 652 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord/
Holy is the Lord* Mendelssohn/
Schubert

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 22:2-14 p. 24 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/Clair de Lune* arr. Reimer
✠ Response *What Wondrous Love Is This* #215, v. 3
✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967
God's reign is already present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *God Is Calling Through the Whisper* #410

✠ BENECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Contemplation, Op. 30, No. 1* Mendelssohn

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

PRELUDE

First Arabesque

Debussy

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Isaiah 25

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

All: And also with you.

One: We come to worship on God's holy mountain.

All: On this mountain, there will be feasting.

One: We come to worship on God's holy mountain.

All: On this mountain, God will remove the shroud that is cast over all people.

One: God will wipe away tears and take away the disgrace of his people; and they will say,

All: "This is our God; we have waited for him."

One: We come to worship on God's holy mountain; and the hand of the Lord will rest here.

All: Let us worship God on this holy mountain.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here*
Sung to the tune ST. CATHERINE (*Faith of Our Fathers*)

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. Your work in creation begs us to give thanks for life that surrounds us, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You grant us countless gifts, and we neglect them. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning your intentions for us. Be our guide and clothe us in your mercy. Turn our hands and feet to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, we are forgiven.

All: For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, we rejoice!

✠ RESPONSE *O Lamb of God Most Holy!* O LAMM GOTTES

✠ 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.

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.

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 Thursdays at 12 noon during Lent from this point forward.

GO

VMC's RESOURCE CENTER: The Go Team has arranged to serve breakfast at VCM's Resource Center each quarter this year. Volunteers are needed to serve the food items and to have a caring fellowship with those at breakfast. The first breakfast will be on Friday, March 31, at 7:30 a.m. The remaining dates are June 30, September 29, and December 29. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Leonard Bailey by email at lbailey@chartertn.net or by phone or text at 865-207-4947.

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 22, and March 29. Together, we can make a difference!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 12th – Daylight Savings Time Begins

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

Monday, March 13th

6:00 p.m. GROW Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 14th

9:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Worship Team (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, March 15th

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (ATRIUM)

Thursday, March 16th

10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)
12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study (Barbour Room)

Sunday, March 19th

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

Janis Smith, 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.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

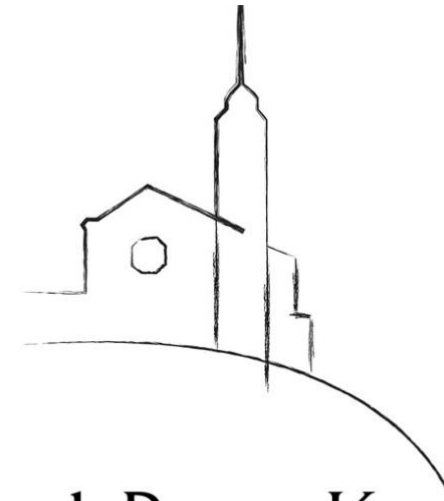
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.



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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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