

4th Sunday in Lent

March 27th, 2022

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Chorale on If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* J. S. Bach

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP from Jeremiah 18; Psalm 139

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

All: And also with you.

One: As clay is in the potter's hand, so we are in the hands of the Lord.

All: O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You are acquainted with all our ways.

One: Where can we go from your spirit? And where can we flee from your presence?

All: Wherever we go, the hand of the Lord will lead us.

One: The potter's hands will break down and destroy. They will build and plant.

All: We praise you, Lord. For each of us is fearfully and wonderfully made.

HYMN OF PRAISE Come, Thou Almighty King #2, vv. 1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, who fashioned and made us, you know our inmost thoughts and all we have to confess before we utter a word. You know our flaws and all the wrong we have done in failing to care for your creation. We ignore our brothers and sisters in need and do not treat those whom we acknowledge with love. We show little care for the earth you entrusted to us and put forth little effort in learning what needs to be done to help. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to reform our ways and live into your hope for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE from Isaiah 35

One: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness.

All: Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

One: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE Come, Thou Almighty King #2, v.4

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see and to eternity love and adore

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.

SCOUT SUNDAY PRESENTATION

Scoutmaster Report – Neil Malcolm

Senior Patrol Leader's Report – Syler Lindsay

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Take My Life #697, vv. 1-3, 5

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15:11-24 p. 78 NT

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us D. Schwoebel

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray

For thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our being fill Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still

HEBREW BIBLE READING Jeremiah 18:1-11 p. 720 OT

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 He Leadeth Me Arr. Smith

Response Take My Life #697, vv. 4,6

Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967

God's love never changes. Against all who oppose him, God expresses his love in wrath. In the same love, God took on himself judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring us to repentance and new life. This sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.

HYMN OF SENDING Have Thine Own Way, Lord ADELAIDE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Arr. Page

THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Jessica Lewis – Liturgist

Daniel Huxtable – Potter

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Guest Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Members of Scout Troop 6

Technicians: Matt Casey (video), Dale Henley (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Scripture, Topic. Includes entries for Mar 27, Apr 3, Apr 10, and Apr 14.

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

OUR GUEST ORGANIST THIS WEEK IS JOHN LASATER: John Lasater recently moved to Knoxville to live with his son, having recently retired from teaching. Prior to teaching, he worked many years in the telecommunications industry.

TODAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY: We welcome members and leaders of Troop 6 to our worship today. Troop 6 was founded in 1915 and is the oldest troop in the Great Smoky Mountain Council.

EASTER LILIES AND HYDRANGEAS may be ordered for Easter Sunday in honor or memory of people. Orders must be received by April 6th. Choose whichever flower you like, just note they are different prices.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following worship on Sunday, April 3rd, for the purpose of electing elders to the Session Class of 2025. The Congregational Nominating Team has nominated: Zachary Burch, Lisa Henley, Elizabeth Seastrunk, and Terry Weaver.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN COVID PHASE GREEN. There are no Covid Precautions taken while in Phase Green. Individuals may decide for themselves which precautions, if any, they wish to follow.

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 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 always welcome in worship, but a **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Hearing Devices** are available, if needed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

DISCIPLESHIP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Please join in "Learning Forgiveness: A Lenten Study" for the 6 weeks of Lent on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is a Zoom option for those unable to join in person. We are exploring the often difficult task of Forgiveness. The study is authored by Marjorie Thompson. You can find a link in the Friday email to download a copy of the study. If you prefer a printed copy, please contact the church office to have one printed for you. The study will continue through April 13th. We hope to see you there!

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays.

PICK UP YOUR MARCH-APRIL UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL in the vestibule or narthex!

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER! Prior to the Lenten Study sessions, dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m. If possible, please notify Kathy Duggan at kduggan55@gmail.com or 865-441-8683 (text) to let us know you are coming, but drop-ins are welcome! We look forward to seeing you this coming Wednesday night!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of 2nd PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will resume meeting this spring! Plan to join us on April 12th, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. The April 12th meeting will host Kristi Whitehead, Knox County Program Coordinator at Isaiah 1:17 House. She will present a program on the current status of state services for Tennessee children in foster care, and the work of the nonprofit Isaiah 1:17 House in the foster care system. Note: men are always welcome as well.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received on both Palm Sunday, April 10th and Easter Sunday, April 17th. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

STEWARDSHIP

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION SESSION: Our final information session regarding our new organizational model is Sunday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Chambers Room. This is a chance to get more information and ask questions regarding the new model. All are welcome to attend. A food truck will be in the parking lot at 5:00 p.m. for those who would like to come early and have dinner together.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 27th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future (Barbour Room)
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Scout Sunday)

Tuesday, March 29th

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room & Gym)

Wednesday, March 30th

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 3rd

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future (Barbour Room)
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Beverly White, Arlys Milligan, Pam Maples,
Beth & Daniel Robertson, Frances Johnson, 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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Check out our blog: 2ndpresknox.blogspot.com

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

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