

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 3rd, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Lord Christ, On Thee My Hope is Stayed* Pachelbel

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

☩ CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 19*

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

All: And also with you.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

One: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

All: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

One: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. Let us worship God!

☩ HYMN OF PRAISE *Become to Us the Living Bread* VICTORY

☩ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you offer us the bread of life, but we reject what we do not fully understand. We would rather ignore the truth and replace it with a version that better suits us. We would rather tune our ears to hear the things that make us feel comfortable than listen for a word that might cause us discomfort. We struggle to maintain our belief, Lord. Help our unbelief. Abide in us, we pray; and remind us of the gift it is to embrace the great mystery of faith which offers us hope beyond our understanding. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

☩ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Brothers and sisters, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven.

One: We are, indeed, forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another.

All: Thanks be to God!

☩ RESPONSE *The Strife Is O'er* #236, v. 4

☩ 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Following this time, children through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Take My Life and Let It Be* *arr. Arison*

☩ Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

☩ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 16:1-4, 9-15, 31, 35 p. 62 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 6:52-63, 66-69 p. 98 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

☩ Hymn of Preparation *Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed* #496

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 *As We Gather Around the Table* *arr. Page*

Prayer after Communion

☩ 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.

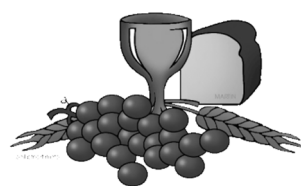
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

☩ HYMN OF SENDING *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #724, omit v. 3

☩ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

☩ POSTLUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* *Johann Pachelbel*

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



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. Communion will be received in the pews this morning.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
John Lasater – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton, Henry Naff, Leslie and Doug Matthews

Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk (video); Dale Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our Lenten sermon series is called *Jesus' Most Pointed Questions*. It is an examination of those questions that Jesus asks his followers that take some thought and reflection to answer honestly.

Mar 3	John 6:52-69	Jesus' Most Pointed Questions: <i>Does this Teaching Offend You?</i>
Mar 10	Luke 9:18-24	Jesus' Most Pointed Questions: <i>Who Do You Say that I Am?</i>
Mar 17	John 11:17-27	Jesus' Most Pointed Questions: <i>Do You Believe This?</i>
Mar 24	Luke 22:39-46	Jesus' Most Pointed Questions: <i>Why Are You Sleeping?</i>

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

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE PEWS this morning. We will be using a method known as "double-cupping" to receive the sacrament. There are two cups in each slot in the tray. The bottom cup holds one piece of communion bread and the top cup holds the juice. When the tray is passed to you, remove both cups together, separate them, and then hold them until everyone has been served. We will take the bread and the juice together, as instructed by the pastors. For those who would like a gluten-free option, cups with gluten-free bread are in the inside rings of the tray.

THERE IS A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY for the purpose of electing two at-large members to the Congregational Nominating Committee. The nominees are Liz Peebles and Doug Matthews.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. TOM SULLIVAN will be held on Saturday, March 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of 2nd Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends at Cherokee Country Club following the service.

MATT MIMBS IS AWAY THIS SUNDAY on a choir tour with the Walters State Community College choir.

PASTOR TIM WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE THIS WEEK: He is taking a week of continuing education to spend some time finishing the book he's been working on.

WELCOME NICHOLE DURAN: Nichole is joining the church staff as our new Sexton. Some of you may remember Nichole from when she was assigned here by Duncan & Sons from 2015 to 2018. Nichole now returns to us as an employee of the congregation. Please welcome her back and introduce – or reintroduce – yourself!

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT! Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10th. Remember to run your clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night so that you don't miss worship!

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 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. Children ages 2 through 1st grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: All are invited to stay for coffee, cookies, and a time of fellowship following worship each week.

REALM CLASSES have resumed in 2024. Check the calendar for the class schedule (3rd and 4th weeks of each month). To register, please click on the registration link in the Friday e-News to sign up for the class of your choice or call Bonnie at the church.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will hold their meeting on **Tuesday, March 12**, from 10:00-11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They welcome all church members and visitors to join them. This year's Bible study will focus on the book of Acts describing the early church's reaching out to the "least of God's children"—those who have been ostracized from the Jewish culture and faith. In addition to their regular meeting, PW will also host 2nd Wednesday at Second on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. This event will consist of dinner and a program meeting. All are welcome to attend.

2ND WEDNESDAYS @ 2ND PRES: Our next 2nd Wednesday dinner and program will be on Wednesday, March 13th. Dinner will be homemade soups and sandwiches provided by members of the Connect team. There is no charge for dinner, but donations are gladly accepted. Our speaker is Pat Martick, local Samaritan and active participant with the "Under the Bridge Dream Center." She will be educating us on the bedrolls/mats which are handmade and distributed to our homeless neighbors. A demonstration will be given, as well.

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*.

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES meet each week at 9:30 a.m. The Elementary class is in Room 206, while the Middle and High school students gather in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday night Bible study is studying the book of Colossians. This will allow us to go deeper into discussion of the texts from the *Christianity Made Simple* sermon series. Those wishing to join via Zoom can do so by clicking the link on the home page of our website. Join us for fellowship and study in the library or on Zoom at 6:30 pm. Please note that we will **not** meet on March 13th due to the 2nd Wednesday program.

SUPPORT

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 *Psalms100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 3rd

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour Room)
 - Elementary (Room 206)
 - Middle & High School (Youth Room)
- 10:20 a.m. Children's Music Time (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Small & Mighty Youth Group (Gym & Youth Room)

Monday, March 4th

- 3:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Support Team (Zoom)
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Staff Small Group (Youth Room)

Tuesday, March 5th

- 4:30 p.m. CONNECT team (Barbour Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Support Team (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 6th

- 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)

Thursday, March 7th

- 1:00 p.m. GO team (Barbour Room)

Sunday, March 10th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:20 a.m. Children's Music Time (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

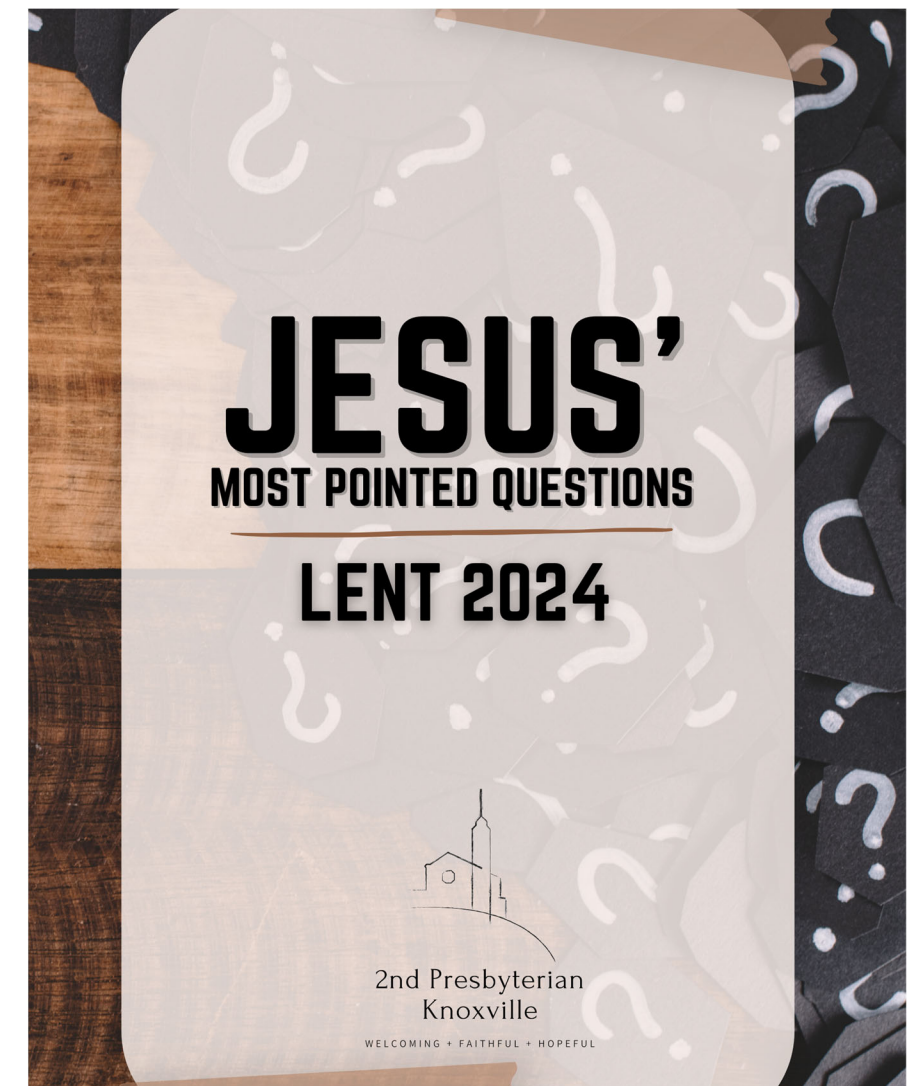
The families of Marian Broome, Ruth Campbell, and Tom Sullivan;
Kim Elrod, Kay Weaver, Charlene Cotton, Gerry Turner,
Arllys Milligan, and Brice Gilmer

*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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