

3^d Sunday of Easter

April 14th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *When I Gaze Into the Night Sky* *Fettke/arr. Innes, Lasater*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Genesis 1; Psalm 24

One: Hear the Good News: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

One: In the beginning, a wind swept over the face of the waters.

All: **The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.**

One: God separated the light from the darkness.

All: **God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.**

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

All: **He has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.**

One: And God saw that it was good.

All: **Alleluia! Let us worship God!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *All Creatures of Our God and King* #15, vv. 1,2,4

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God, we are often troubled by our doubts, but you are not troubled by them. We are misled by feelings of confusion, but you offer us guidance. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our minds keep us stuck, when uncertainty prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to listen for you. Help us to see your hands working in and through your creation. And, have mercy on us when we forget or fail to see it. Renew us and make us whole that we may see more clearly and be living reminders of your constant love and care. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news.

All: **We are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love.**

One: Thanks be to God!

All: **Amen.**

✠ RESPONSE *All Creatures of Our God and King* #15, v. 6

✠ 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.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Earth and All Stars!* #26

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

GOSPEL READING John 1:1-5 p. 91 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Earth Is the Lord's* *Hallquist and Harlan*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 19 p. 498 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 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* *Gabriel/arr. Caudill*

✠ Response *Great God of Every Blessing* #694, v. 1

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Presbyterian Study Catechism

Our confession of God as Creator does not contradict the findings of modern science. It affirms that the triune God, who is self-sufficient, called the world into being out of nothing by the creative power of God's Word for the sake of sharing love and freedom. Natural science has much to teach us about the particular mechanisms and processes of nature, but it is not in a position to answer the questions about ultimate reality, which point to mysteries that science as such is not equipped to explore. Nothing basic to the Christian faith contradicts the findings of modern science, nor does anything essential to modern science contradict the Christian faith.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* #24

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* *arr. DeCou*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Lisa Henley – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton, Kim Hudgens, Henry Naff, and Bill Ragsdale

Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: From now through Pentecost we are looking at *Our Most Critical Questions*.

April 14	Psalm 19	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>Are Faith and Science Contradictory?</i>
April 21	John 3:1-18	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>What Does It Mean to Be Born Again?</i>
April 28	John 8:1-11	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>Are We Really Not Supposed to Judge?</i>
May 5	John 9:1-41	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>Does God Still Work Miracles?</i>

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

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, April 21st, at the end of worship for the purpose of electing elders to the session class of 2027. The Congregational Nominating Committee has placed the following into nomination: Betsy Foster, John Gill, William (Bill) Owen, and Cheryl Ragsdale.

SUNDAY BRUNCH: Join us at 9:15 am on **Sunday, April 21st** as we celebrate the arrival of Spring with our first brunch of the year! Just bring your favorite breakfast casserole, pastry, fruit or baked good to share with your fellow members and friends. The church will provide coffee and other drinks. If you have friends or family in for the weekend, feel free to bring them. We'll see you then!

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.

DISCOVERY LUNCHEON: If you are interested in joining 2nd Presbyterian Church, know someone who is, or just want to know more about being Presbyterian, we invite you to come to our Discovery Luncheon following worship on **Sunday, April 28th**. Pastor Tim will lead us in learning about the Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Tradition, and 2nd Presbyterian Church. Following the luncheon, those wishing to unite with this congregation in membership will be given the opportunity to do so. There is no cost for the lunch, but we do ask that you make a reservation in advance by calling the church office or registering with the QR code by Thursday, April 25th at noon.



THE MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY LUNCHEON and Celebration 2024 of Church Women United will take place on Friday, May 3, 11:00 a.m., at Roger's Memorial Baptist Church, 520 College St., 37921. Please call Charlotte Klieman by April 25 if you'd like to attend.

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*.

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will resume THIS Wednesday, **April 17**, with a study led by Pastor Tim on Philemon. Join us for fellowship and study in the library or via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Those wishing to join via Zoom can do so by clicking the link on the home page of our website.

GO

UKIRK @ UTK: This year, UKirk is honoring its 2024 graduating seniors with a goal of having 2,024 people donate at least \$10 during the month of April. Please consider making a donation of \$10 or more to honor UKirk's Senior Class of 2024. Just go to www.UKirkUTK.org and click on the donate button or write a check payable to UKirk UTK. Thank you for supporting UKirk and our students!

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, April 14th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour Room)
 - Elementary School (Room 206)
 - Middle & High School (Youth Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 15th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting (Barbour Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Staff Small Group (Youth Room)

Tuesday, April 16th

- 6:00 p.m. Session meeting (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, April 17th

- 9:30 a.m. Realm Class (Small Conference Room)
- 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)

Thursday, April 18th

- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)
- 12:00 p.m. Realm Class (Small Conference Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, April 21st

- 9:15 a.m. Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

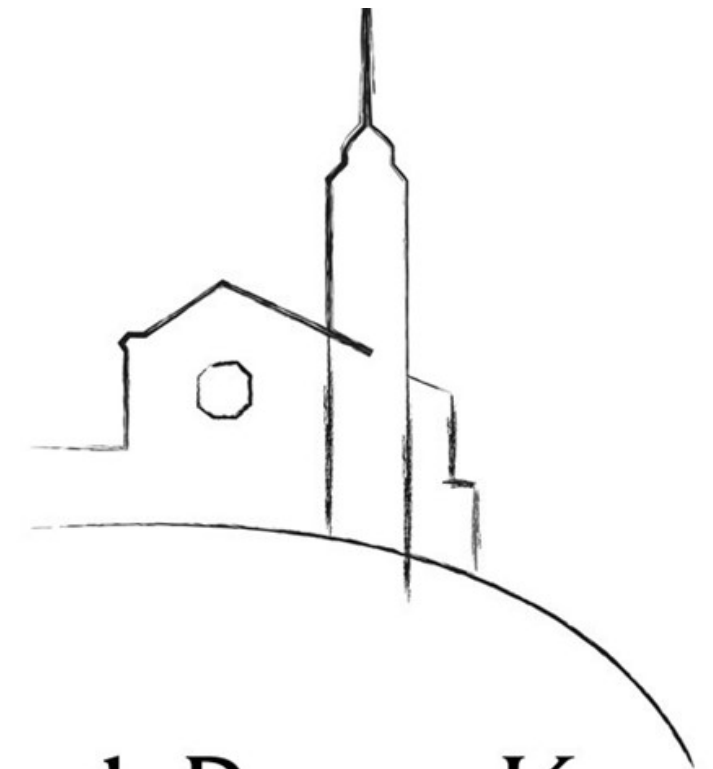
PRAYER CONCERNS

Susan Taggart, Jim and Mariann Thuesen, The family of Brice Gilmer, Sue Jacox, Dick Smith, Frances Yow, Donna Downen, Doux Robertson, Gerry Turner, and Arlys Milligan

*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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*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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