

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21st, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Ye Must Be Born Again* *Bliss/ arr. Lasater*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 4*

One: Hear the Good News: Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed!
 One: The Lord hears us when we call.
All: Come, let us put our trust in God.
 One: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness.
All: Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!
 One: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls.
All: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #667, vv. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION
You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we struggle to understand what it means to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in your promises and live lives that reflect your glory. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from John 3*

One: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
All: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.
 One: Thanks be to God!
All: Amen.

✠ RESPONSE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #667, 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – UKirk @ UTK

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Ruth Taylor Heron Penmore
 Presentation & Baptismal Vows
 Profession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed
 Thanksgiving Over the Water
 The Baptism & Welcome

✠ BAPTISMAL HYMN *Baptized in Water* #482

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 11:1-9 p. 640 OT
 This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *I Will Lift My Eyes* *Mark Hayes*

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:4-13/John 3:1-17 p. 34 & 93 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 *God So Loved the World* *Stainer*
 ✠ Response *Great God of Every Blessing* #694, v. 1
 ✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Second Helvetic Confession (1561)*
God, who is rich in mercy, freely cleanses us from our sins by the blood of his Son, and in him adopts us to be his children, and by a holy covenant joins us to himself, and enriches us with various gifts, that we might live a new life. All these things are assured by baptism. For inwardly we are regenerated, purified, and renewed by God through the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* #490

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* *arr. Hamlin*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
 Sarah Morgan – Pastor
 Rev. Allison Wehrung – Baptism Celebrant
 Helen Grant – Liturgist
 Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
 John Lasater – Organist
 2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Lauren Dodson, Leslie and Doug Matthews
 Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk (video); Matt Casey (audio)

WORSHIP

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

April 21	Mark 1:4-13/ John 3:1-17	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>
May 12	John 11:1-45	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>Is It Okay to Be Angry with God?</i>

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

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY 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.

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

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

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 **NEXT 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.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION AT MONTREAT is happening on August 9-11. The Presbyterian Women Conference: it's a great opportunity to spend time with God and connect with both old and new friends. If you're interested in attending, please inform Pastor Sarah by April 25th. This will allow you to select the workshop you'd like to attend. After April 25th, you can still register, but your preferred workshop may already be full by then. Visit <https://montreat.org/events/wc-2024> for more information.

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*.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: 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 *Psalm100*.

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 21st

- 9:15 a.m. Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 22nd

- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Staff Small Group (Youth Room)

Tuesday, April 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 24th

- 10:00 a.m. Realm Leaders Training (Small Conference Room)
- 10:00 a.m. West View Partner Coalition (Barbour Room)
- 11:30 a.m. PET Retired Ministers Lunch (Mary Chambers Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)

Sunday, April 28th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Discovery Luncheon (Mary Chambers Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

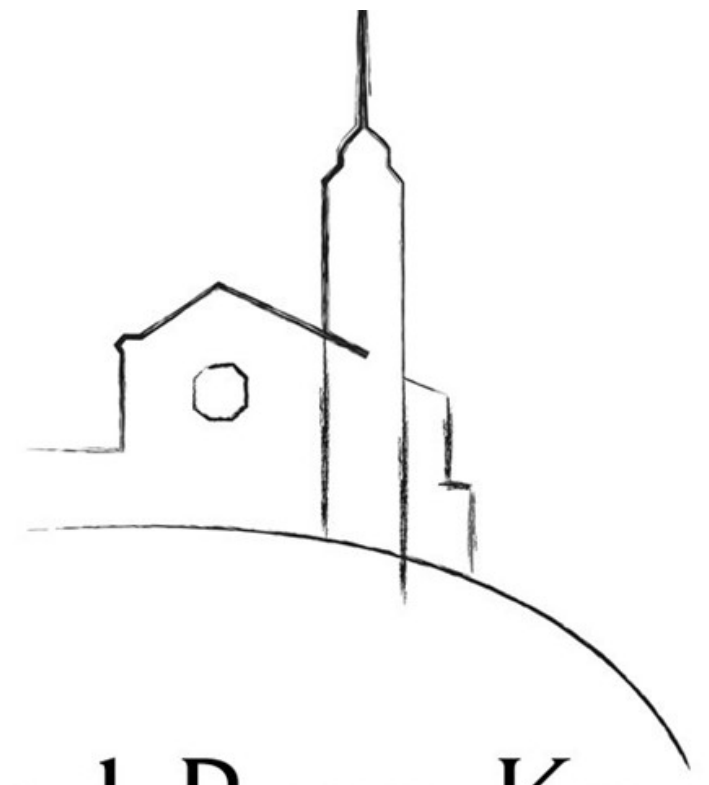
Wilma Davis, Susan Taggart, Jim and Mariann Thuesen,
The family of Brice Gilmer, Sue Jacox, Dick Smith, Donna Downen,
Doux Robertson, Gerry Turner, and Arlys Milligan

*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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