

# 3<sup>d</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE      *Scherzo on "Work for the Night Is Coming"*      R. Boud

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP      *from* Psalm 34

One: Jesus Christ is risen!  
**All: He is risen indeed!**  
 One: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**All: his praise will continually be in our mouths.**  
 One: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
**All: let the humble hear and be glad.**  
 One: O magnify the Lord with me,  
**All: and let us exalt his name together.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE      *Celebrate with Joy and Singing*      EVELYN CHAPEL

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our world is filled with evil and corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfishness imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from this never-ending struggle, and free us to follow you, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.**

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: God is our refuge and will not abandon us.  
**All: In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God.**  
 One: This is a promise of peace and joy.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

✠ RESPONSE      *Celebrate with Joy and Singing*      EVELYN CHAPEL

Praises be to God the Father, praises be to God the Son  
 Praises to the Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One  
 As it was in the beginning, as is now, forever be  
 All creation join in singing, "Praise the Holy Trinity!"

✠ 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.

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.**

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✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION      *Come, Thou Almighty King*      #2, vv. 1-3

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING      Ruth 1:11-17      p. 241 OT  
 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM      *Make Us One (Unity Hymn)*      Erik Dewar  
*Tuesday Reynolds*

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Acts 10:1-6, 9-20, 23b-28, 34-48      p. 128 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      *Come, All Christians Be Committed*      arr. Wishmeier  
 ✠ Response      *Come, Thou Almighty King*      #2, v. 4  
 ✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      *from* The Confession of Belhar (1986)

**We believe in the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.**

✠ HYMN OF SENDING      *In Christ There Is No East or West*      #317

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE      *Sacred March*      Michelson

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

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor  
 Sarah Morgan – Pastor  
 Kirsty Bleyl – Liturgist  
 Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts  
 John Lasater – Organist  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Janis Smith, Kim Hudgens, Lisa, and John Henley  
**Technicians:** Elizabeth Seastrunk (video) and Paul Sexauer (audio)

## WORSHIP

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

April 23	Acts 10:1-17, 34-48	Peter's Vision
April 30	Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18	Paul's Mission
May 7	Romans 1:1-17	The Gospel as Salvation
May 14	Romans 5:1-11	God's Love Poured Out

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

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:** NEXT Sunday, April 30th, we will worship in the Fellowship Hall instead of the Sanctuary. Following worship that morning is our Graduate Recognition luncheon to honor our graduates. All are invited!

## SERMON NOTES

God doesn't recognize our \_\_\_\_\_.

The church's \_\_\_\_\_ isn't really the church's \_\_\_\_\_, it's \_\_\_\_\_!

Being part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ is just as much about our own \_\_\_\_\_ as it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

The church's mission is to figure out what the Holy Spirit is already \_\_\_\_\_ in the world and find ways to \_\_\_\_\_.

Where we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ we know the Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_.

There is no \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

## 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.

## 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*.

## CONNECT

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP** in the Sanctuary Courtyard following worship this morning, weather permitting. The Sanctuary Courtyard is between the sanctuary and the chapel.

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: TONIGHT** from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., our youth will be hosting a Parents Night Out for children from birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Holly Grimm at (865)243-6353 or email her at hgrimm@2ndpres.org.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON:** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship on April 30<sup>th</sup> for lunch and a celebration of Second's graduates.

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** at Montreat is August 11-13. It is sure to be a wonderful time of fellowship, learning, and worship. If you are interested in learning more about the conference and those leading worship, bible study, go to [www.montreat.org](http://www.montreat.org). If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Sarah know by May 31st. Workshop registration will open on May 1st, and workshops fill up quickly, so if you want the first choice of workshops, let Pastor Sarah know you'd like to attend by April 28th.

## GO

**PRAGMATIC PRESBYTERIANS** is a group of members and friends committed to responding in gratitude to God's love and grace by following Jesus and serving him among Knoxville residents who are experiencing the impacts of poverty. *Did you know?* One in six Knoxville residents live below the poverty line. 26% of our neighbors are living in poverty, as compared to 12% nationally. We will meet at 7 PM on Wednesdays, April 26th, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and 24th in the Barbour Room. Please contact Kathy Duggan ([kduggan55@gmail.com](mailto:kduggan55@gmail.com)) or Janis Smith ([smithjb1@gmail.com](mailto:smithjb1@gmail.com)) for more information or if you would like to attend via Zoom.

**UKIRK @ UTK:** We have an incredible group of seniors this year and UKirk has made a positive difference in their lives. UKirk is asking you to donate \$20.23 in their honor. To give, go to [www.UKirkUTK.org](http://www.UKirkUTK.org) and click on the donate button. Thank you for supporting UKirk and our students!

## SUPPORT

**NICARAGUA: LIVING IN PEACE PRESENTATION TOMORROW**, Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come for fellowship with members of other West Knoxville churches and a candid update with Sarah Junkin Woodard in person and learn more about the work that CDCA is doing in Nicaragua. It is a potluck dinner; drinks will be provided. [www.jhc-cdca.org](http://www.jhc-cdca.org)

## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Sara Woodard Mission Report (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. Pragmatic Presbyterians (Barbour Room)

### Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Preschool Staff Meeting and Dinner  
(Mary Chambers Room)

### Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)  
10:30 a.m. Worship 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Fellowship Hall)  
11:30 a.m. Graduation Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Leslie Testerman, Gerry Turner, Sue Jacox, Cheryl Ragsdale, Jerry Young,  
Arlis Milligan, Beverli White, 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.*

## SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>Members &amp; Friends of the Congregation</b>
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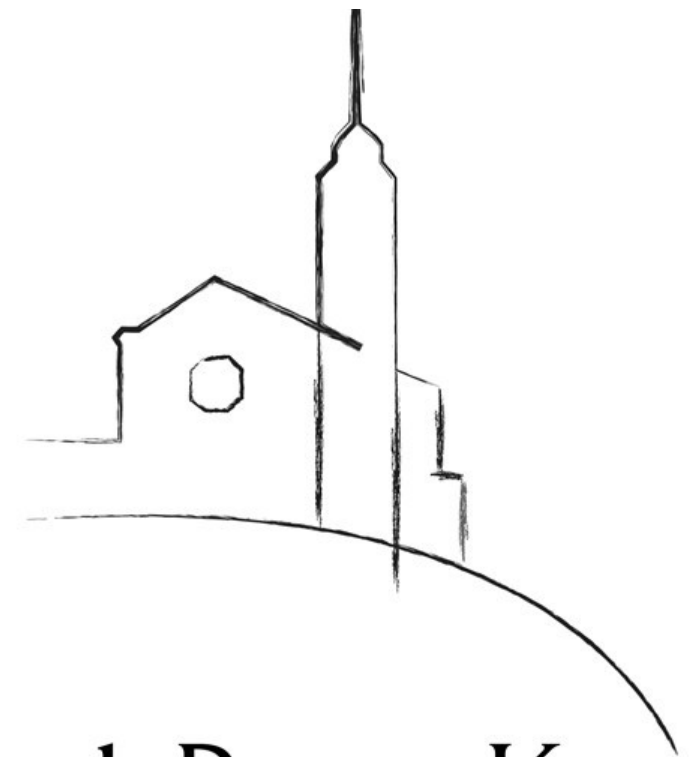
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# 2nd Pres Knox

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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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