

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Depth of Mercy

arr. Haan

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 103

One: Hear the Good News: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: Bless the Lord who forgives us, redeems us, heals us.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: Bless the Lord who shows us unending love and mercy.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#32

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know that we fall short of what you call us to be, but instead of taking responsibility for our shortcomings, we are quick to cast stones at others. We deflect the reality of our own offenses by highlighting the offenses of others. Forgive us when we fail to extend grace and compassion to those around us, choosing instead to criticize and condemn. Renew us, Lord; and help us to embody your grace and mercy in our interactions with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from Psalm 103

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

One: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

All: As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. Thanks be to God!

✠RESPONSE

Come Sing to God

#805, v. 1

✠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

God, How Can We Forgive

#445

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

Psalm 103:1-13

p. 554 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

GOSPEL READING

John 8:2-11

p. 100 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

Grace Greater Than Our Sins

arr. Petbel

✠Response

Great God of Every Blessing

#694, v. 1

✠Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

✠Profession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anointing

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Charge & Welcome

✠HYMN OF SENDING

Help Us Accept Each Other

#754

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

arr. DeCou

✠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

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Linda and Gerald Cook and, Kay and Terry Weaver

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

WORSHIP

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

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John 8:2-11

Our Most Critical Questions:
Are We Really Not Supposed to Judge?

May 5

John 9:1-41

Our Most Critical Questions:
Does God Still Work Miracles?

May 12

John 11:1-45

Our Most Critical Questions:
Is It Okay to Be Angry with God?

May 19

1 Cor. 13:8-13

Our Most Critical Questions:
Why Does God Allow So Much Suffering?

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

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

TODAY WE ORDAIN AND INSTALL new elders to the Session Class of 2027. If you have been ordained in any Presbyterian Church, you are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands. Our elders-elect are Betsy Foster (install), John Gill (ordain/install), William Owen (ordain/install), and Cheryl Ragsdale (ordain/install).

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 **TODAY**. 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.

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

2ND WEDNESDAY AT SECOND Join us for a picnic on the church grounds on May 8th as we get ready for Summer! (If the weather cooperates, we'll be outside, if not, we'll move inside.) Dinner will include fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cole slaw and biscuits and cornbread from Cracker Barrel. The program will be a presentation and discussion on understanding poverty and interacting with people in need. Carolyn Hanson, who is the Outreach and Research Coordinator for the Compassionate Coalition, will be the presenter. We're looking forward to seeing you on the 8th!

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 28th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour Room)
 - Elementary School (Room 206)
 - Middle and High School (Youth Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Discovery Luncheon (Mary Chambers Room)

Monday, April 29th

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

Wednesday, May 1st

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

Thursday, May 2nd

- 11:30 a.m. Interfaith Group (Mary Chambers Room)
- 6:30 p.m. GO Ministry Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Sunday, May 5th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

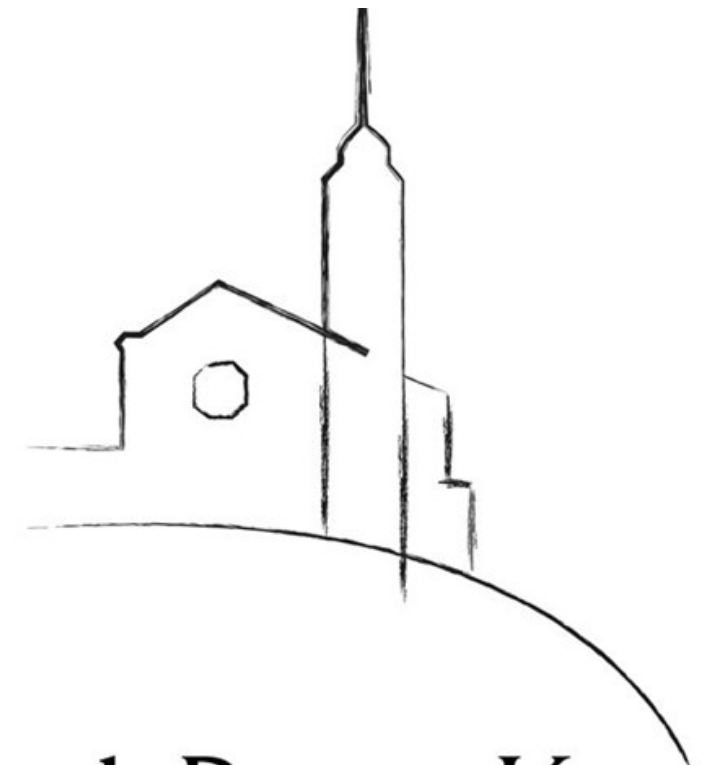
Wilma Davis, Susan Taggart, Jim and Mariann Thuesen,
The family of Brice Gilmer, Sue Jacox, Donna Downen,
Doux Robertson, Gerry Turner, and Arlys Milligan

*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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