

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Cindy Berry

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

☩ CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 1*

One: Hear the Good News: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

All: **They delight in God's word and meditate on God day and night.**

One: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

All: **They yield their fruit when it's time, and they do not wither.**

One: Delighted in God's presence,

All: **let us worship God.**

☩ HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #624, vv. 1-4

☩ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you remind us that you are the way and the truth and the life; but we choose our own path, we seek our own truth, we live our own way. In front of others, we claim to be your followers, but in the shadows of our hearts and minds we reject all that being your followers requires. Forgive the ways we disregard all that you teach us. Guide us in your way and help us to know you, that we may be a part of your work in the world, glorifying God in all that we do. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

☩ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

All: **We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.**

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

☩ RESPONSE *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #624, v. 5

☩ 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church.

☩ HYMN OF PREPARATION *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #377

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 31:1-5, 15-16 p. 505 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Lift Thine Eyes* Felix Mendelssohn  
Audrey Brown, Annie Liu, and Teyah Young

GOSPEL READING John 14:1-14 p. 108 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Abide With Me* arr. Marilyn Ham

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

☩ Prayer of Dedication

☩ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SERVICE OF RECOGNITION FOR A DEPARTING MEMBER – Caroline Buckner

☩ HYMN OF SENDING *To God Be the Glory* #634

☩ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

☩ POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Fount* arr. Cindy Berry

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

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Dana Hendrix – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

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

**Technicians:** Matt Casey (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

## WORSHIP

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

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| May 12 | John 14:1-14   | Our Most Critical Questions:<br><i>Is Jesus Really the Only Way?</i>         |
| May 19 | 1 Cor. 13:8-13 | Our Most Critical Questions:<br><i>Why Does God Allow So Much Suffering?</i> |
| May 26 | Luke 5:27-39   | Dinner with Jesus: <i>Levi's House</i>                                       |
| June 2 | Luke 7:36-50   | Dinner with Jesus: <i>Simon's House</i>                                      |

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our Mother and Grandmothers and in memory and honor of your mothers and grandmothers by the Barbour family and by Caroline Buckner.

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

**THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** at the end of worship TODAY for the purpose of electing an elder to the Session Class of 2025 to fill the unexpired term of Elizabeth Seastrunk, who had to resign due to changing workplace circumstances and relocation. The Nominating Team has nominated Laura Turner to fill the unexpired term.



**Laura Turner**

I was baptized at Second Presbyterian Church as an infant and have been a member ever since, even when living out of town. I was active in the choir and youth group throughout my school years. I graduated from Bearden High School and the University of Tennessee and love the Vols!

I lived and had a career in Nashville after graduation and married my husband, Mike Turner. We moved back to Knoxville in 1993 and love it here! We have three boys who are now grown and are all graduates from UTK as well. They all grew up at Second Presbyterian and my middle son was married in our beautiful sanctuary 5 years ago! Cole lives in Knoxville, Thomas and his wife Elizabeth live in Atlanta and my youngest son, Gil lives in Nashville.

I enjoy walking Lakeshore Park with my dog, playing tennis, UT sports and all kinds of music.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING** is this **Tuesday, May 14**, from 10-11:45 a.m. All members/visitors, female and male, are invited to attend. We will study John 5:1-18 in the scriptures and as the story is portrayed in a segment of "The Chosen", a film produced for TV. "The Chosen" may best be described as historical fiction as it presents NT life of Jesus' ministries along with his chosen disciples. If you have viewed the film already, come and help us understand this rather unique drama of first century Christianity.

**WOMEN'S CONNECTION AT MONTREAT** is happening on **August 9-11**. The Presbyterian Women Conference is a great opportunity to spend time with God and connect with both old and new friends. If you're interested in attending, you can check out the workshops and register online at: <https://montreat.org/events/wc-2024>.

### 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. We will finish the year with Philipians before taking our summer break.

### 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](http://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

**THE PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING** will be received today and Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. The offering will be divided among 40% to local youth programs, and 25% to young adult volunteer programs, 25% to nationwide ministries with youth, 10% to children at risk.

**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](http://www.2ndpres.org/give), text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



### THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

- 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)

#### Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. WORSHIP Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

#### Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)

#### Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

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

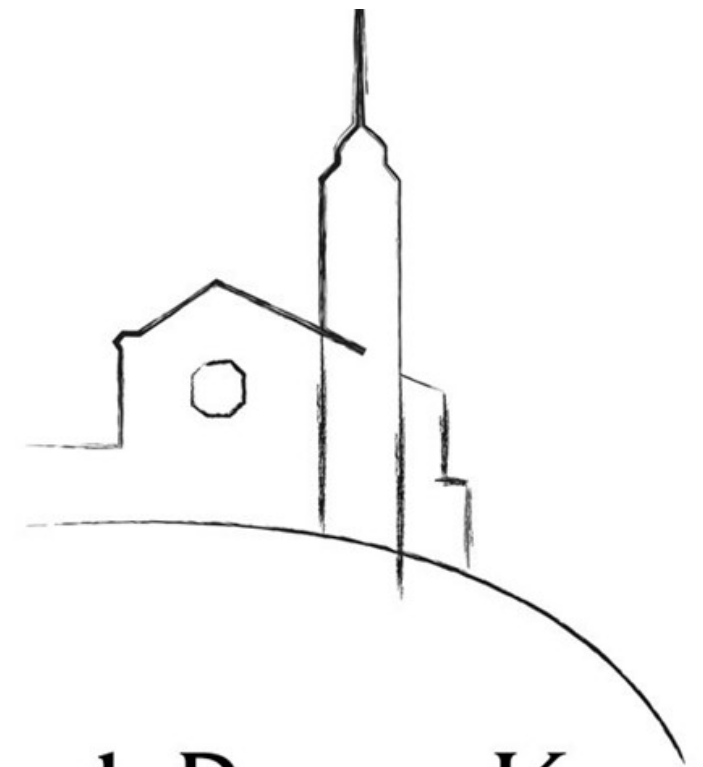
### PRAYER CONCERNS

Leslie Testerman, Doux Robertson, Wilma Davis, Jim and Mariann Thuesen, Sue Jacox, Donna Downen, 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.

### SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

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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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