

6th Sunday of Easter

May 14th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *The Love of God* Lehman/arr. Hamlin

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠CALL TO WORSHIP from Matthew 11

One: Jesus Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed!
One: Jesus said,
All: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'
One: Come rest in the Lord.
All: The Lord is gentle and humble in heart.
One: In him, you will find rest for your souls.
All: Let us worship the Lord.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE How Our Hearts with Joy Abound #333

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know everything we have done and everything we have failed to do. You know that we thirst for things that will never satisfy us, that we commit ourselves to things that will never last, that we worship things that will never bring salvation. And still, you offer us grace. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and remind us of your goodness once more; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE from Romans 5

One: God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
All: Through Jesus Christ, we have now received reconciliation.
One: And God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
All: Thanks be to God!

✠RESPONSE Glory Be to God Above

✠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.

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.

✠HYMN OF PREPARATION Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #475

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 12:1-3 & 15:1-6 pp. 10 & 12 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Come, Thou Almighty King arr. Hal Hopson

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:1-5 p. 155 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 Oh How He Loves You and Me Kaiser/arr. Arison
✠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, [and] delivering us from death to life eternal.

✠HYMN OF SENDING My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #353

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Zundel/arr. Sikes

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor
Dana Hendrix - Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs - Director of Music & Arts
John Lasater - Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Betsy and Bruce Foster, Tracy Horton and, Henry Naff
Technicians: Dale Henley (video) and Paul Sexauer (audio)

SERMON NOTES

God is not _____ us; God is _____ us.

The church is called to be a _____ community.

Suffering is _____ but it is never _____.

Our task is to _____.

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. Children ages 2 through 1st grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

WORSHIP

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

May 14	Romans 5:1-11	God's Love Poured Out
May 21	Romans 6:1-14	The Hope of Resurrection
May 28	Romans 8:14-39	Nothing Can Separate Us
June 4	Ephesians 2:1-10	Fatherhood of God: Grace

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

PASTOR SARAH IS AT FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH this morning celebrating her husband's last Sunday as pastor there.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAX JONES AND EMMA RYAN who were married in our sanctuary last evening!

CONNECT

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, or bible study, go to 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 TODAY.

COMPASSIONATE CUISINE is a food ministry that provides meals to the sick and homebound. If you are interested in helping prepare meals or in delivering meals, please contact Leslie Matthews at flowlily@gmail.com.

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*.

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PRAGMATIC PRESBYTERIANS is a group of members and friends following Jesus and serving him among Knoxville residents who are experiencing the impacts of poverty. We will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24th in the Barbour Room. Contact Kathy Duggan (kduggan55@gmail.com) or Janis Smith (smithjb1@gmail.com) for more information or if you would like to attend via Zoom.

SUPPORT

THE DEADLINE FOR JUNE'S SECOND EDITION is Saturday, May 20th. Please send any articles or announcements to Marta Villalta at mvillalta@2ndpres.org.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, May 14th

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

Monday, May 15th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Pre-School Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 3:00 p.m. Budget Finance Support Team 2022 (Barbour Room)

Tuesday, May 16th

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

Wednesday, May 17th

- 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)

Thursday, May 18th

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

Saturday, May 20th

- 4:00 p.m. Deadline for 2nd Edition Newsletter

Sunday, May 21st

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Janis Smith, Ann Payne, Leslie Testerman, Jerry Young,
Arlys 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

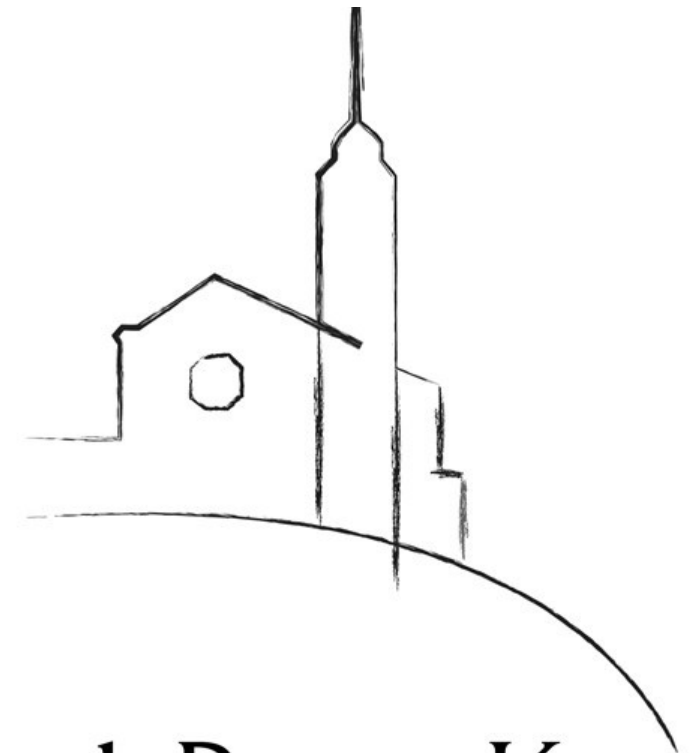
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



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WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

*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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