

Pentecost Sunday

May 19th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* *arr. Kerr*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Acts 2*

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Gathered together in one place, we come to worship God.

All: God, fill us with your Spirit.

One: Gathered together in this place, we come to hear God's word.

All: God, speak to us that we may hear.

One: Gathered together in sacred space, we are in awe of our God.

All: Let us worship God with wonder.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *How Can I Keep from Singing?* #821, vv. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are overwhelmed. The evil in our world feels insurmountable. It seems that the bad news outweighs the good. And, in the midst of pain and suffering, we are often blind to your presence. We forget that you are there in both the joy and the sorrow, in the triumphs and the trials. Lord, help our unbelief. Remind us of your glory and fill us with a hope that can only come from you. Give us courage, we pray, to share the light of your love even in the midst of suffering. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from Acts 2:21*

One: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

✠ RESPONSE *How Can I Keep from Singing?* #821, 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.

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 *It Is Well with My Soul* #840

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 Daniel 3:13-28a p. 822 OT

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Deep River* *Traditional*

GOSPEL READING 1 Peter 1:3-12 p. 232 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 *Give Me Jesus* *arr. Ortega*

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

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *based on Romans 8*

We believe the sufferings of this present time are nothing when compared to the light of glory that will be revealed to us. Even though we cannot see this glory now, we place our hope in it and wait for it with patience. We believe that when we are overwhelmed by the sufferings of this age and do not know how to pray, God's Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf with sighs too deep for words. We believe that all things work together for good for those who love God; that if God is for us then no one can stand against us; that God loved us so much that he did not withhold his own Son, giving him to us that we might be saved. God's Son, Christ Jesus, died and was raised, and sits at the right hand of God to intercede on our behalf so that nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Vows

Prayer & Welcome

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *How Firm a Foundation* #463

✠ BENEDECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"* *C. Murphree*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Bruce Foster – Liturgist

John Lasater – Organist

KC Armstrong – Soloist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Linda Cook, Fran and Marty McLean, and Mary Kay Sullivan

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*.

May 19 1 Peter 1:3-12 Our Most Critical Questions: *Why Does God Allow So Much Suffering?*

May 26 Luke 5:27-39 Dinner with Jesus: *Levi's House*

June 2 Luke 7:36-50 Dinner with Jesus: *Simon's House*

June 9 Luke 9:10-17 Dinner with Jesus: *Outside Bethsaida*

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.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME GUEST VOCALIST KC ARMSTRONG to our worship service. Originally from Mt. Holly, NC, KC studied music at Western Carolina University before earning a degree in Vocal Performance from ETSU. KC has 27 years of professional singing experience and has been a member of The Lake Junaluska Singers, The United States Air Force Singing Sergeants, The United States Army Chorus, and numerous Gospel music groups. He has performed with The National Cathedral Choir, The Potomac River Chorale, The Cincinnati Pops, The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and The National Symphony Orchestra. He is currently the bass vocalist for Gospel quartets Poet Voices and King's Cadence. KC lives in Knoxville with his wife Chara, daughter Adaline, and sons Brogan and Calvin.

PASTOR SARAH IS AWAY THIS MORNING on vacation. She will be back in the office on Tuesday.

MATT MIMBS IS AWAY THIS MORNING helping to provide the music for the Kirkin' of the Tartans service at the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games in Townsend, TN.

BONNIE SMITH IS OUT OF THE OFFICE ON VACATION. She will return on Wednesday, May 29th.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS into this family of faith: Kevin & Kimberly Proffitt (letter of transfer), Dick & Becky Smith (letter of transfer), Jen Tucker (reaffirmation of faith), Jessica Tucker (reaffirmation of faith). Please come and extend them the right hand of fellowship at the end of the worship service.

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

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*.

GO



THE PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING will be received today. 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. If you would like to give online via Realm you may scan the QR code at left to be taken directly to the 2nd Presbyterian Pentecost giving page.

SUPPORT

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE 2ND EDITION is tomorrow, May 20th. If you have anything for the June newsletter, please send to Marta (mvallalta@2ndpres.org).

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 27th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

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 to the right.



THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, May 19th – Pentecost Sunday

- 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 20th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting (Barbour Room)
- 4:00 p.m. Deadline for 2nd Edition Newsletter
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Staff Small Group (Youth Room)

Tuesday, May 21st

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

Sunday, May 26th

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

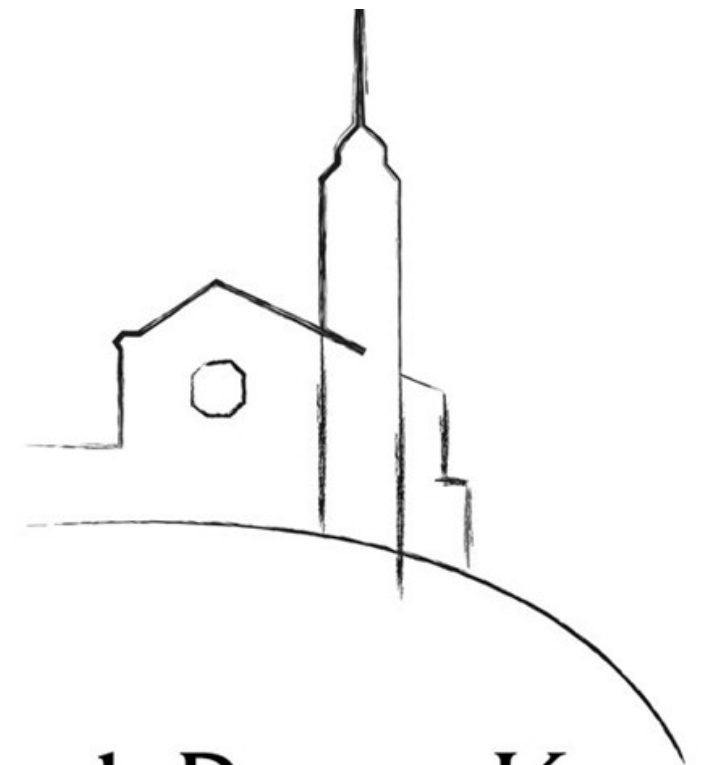
PRAYER CONCERNS

Kim Elrod, Doux Robertson, 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.

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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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