

Day of Pentecost

May 28th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress

arr. Page

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 104

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let the glory of the Lord endure forever.

All: **Let the Lord rejoice in all he has made!**

One: He looks at the earth and it shakes.

All: **He touches the mountains, and they begin to smoke.**

One: We will sing praise to the Lord as long as we live.

All: **Let our praise be pleasing to him. Let us rejoice in the Lord!**

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

#280, vv. 1-2

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who searches hearts, you know us completely, and you know all the ways we fall short. We confess that we have failed to trust in your goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth creation. We marvel at all you have created, yet we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We disregard your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sin that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from Romans 8

One: What can separate us from the love of Christ?

All: **Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

✠RESPONSE

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

#280, v. 3

✠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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – JAMES MILLER MORGAN

Presentation & Baptismal Vows

Profession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (on the screen)

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism & Welcome

✠BAPTISMAL HYMN

These Treasured Children

#487, vv. 1,2,4

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom, so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation but rescue us from the evil one. For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

p. 672 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal Upon Your Heart

David Childs

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:31-39

p. 157 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

How Great Thou Art

arr. Whitworth

✠Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#609

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The United Church of Canada (1968)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

✠HYMN OF SENDING

How Firm a Foundation

#463

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Claude Murphree

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Charles White – Liturgist

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, Mary Kay Sullivan, Kim Hudgens and, Bruce Foster

Technicians: Matt Casey (video) and Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

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

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| May 28 | Romans 8:14-39 | Nothing Can Separate Us |
| June 4 | Ephesians 2:1-10 | Fatherhood of God: Grace |
| June 11 | Psalm 50:7-15 | A Sacrifice of Thanksgiving |
| June 18 | Galatians 4:1-7 | Fatherhood of God: Fullness of Time |

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Brooke Frohlich and Spencer Morrell, by their families.

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for James Miller Morgan, child of Andy and Sarah Morgan.

CONGRATULATIONS to Spencer Morrell and Brooke Frohlich who were married in our sanctuary yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Morrell will be making their home in Greenville, TN.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

SERMON NOTES

Paul is addressing our _____.

Who can separate us from the _____ of _____?
_____ and _____!

The _____ of the _____ isn't in _____.

We are freed to stop asking _____ and freed to start asking _____.

We can live _____ for others knowing _____.

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.

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. Please let Pastor Sarah know by May 31st if you are interested in attending.

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*.

GO

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING: Today we will be receiving The Pentecost Offering. This offering helps support ministries that unite young people and inspire them to share their faith in Christ.

SUPPORT

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS during the summer months. Our summer office hours will be Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm.

USHERS NEEDED Are you interested in serving 2nd Presbyterian in a position that allows you to meet and welcome both members and guests to Sunday Worship. Kim Hudgens and Janis Smith, who coordinate the usher schedule, are recruiting new members of the ushering team. This is a low-stress way to make a personal contribution to church worship. Though the responsibilities are not daunting, newcomers will work with experienced ushers. Please contact Kim (kimhudgens05@comcast.net or 865-567-6477) or Janis (smithjb1@gmail.com or 615.260-7784) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, May 28th

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

Monday, May 29th

CHURCH CLOSED
Memorial Day Holiday

Sunday, June 4th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jennifer Brown, The Family of Ann Payne, Janis Smith,
Leslie Testerman, Jerry Young, Arlys Milligan, 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

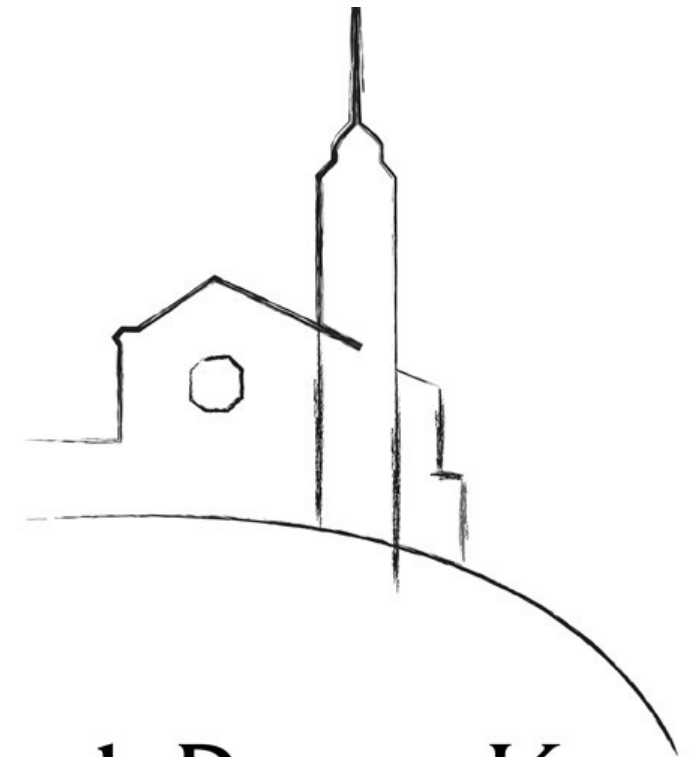
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

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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