

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3rd, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Now, My Tongue, the Myst'ry Telling* Flor Peeters

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 31*

One: Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed!
One: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge.
All: For you are our rock and our fortress.
One: You have redeemed us, O Lord.
All: And you have been faithful.
One: O Lord, let your face shine upon us.
All: Save us in your steadfast love.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *Christ Is Alive!* #246, vv. 1,2,4

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we claim to know you, but our actions show little recognition of who you really are. When you ask us to believe, we ask for further proof. When you invite us in, to dwell with you, we delay accepting the invitation for reasons we can't always name. When you call us to be a part of your work in the world, we set about accomplishing our own work instead. Lord, you satisfy the hungry heart, but we are never satisfied. Forgive us for the ways we fail to live into the call to be your faithful people. Draw us back to you, we pray. Help our unbelief. Turn our longing into trust and help us to glorify you with our lives and our works. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from 1 Peter 2*

One: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people.
All: Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.
One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

✠ RESPONSE *Christ Is Alive!* #246, v. 5

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 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Amazing Grace* Wayne Leupold
✠ Response *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* #248, v. 3
✠ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 33:17-23 p. 79 OT

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

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

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
✠ Preparatory Hymn *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* #494
Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (p. 35 – *Glory to God*)
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People *I Will Remember You* Lloyd Larson
Prayer after Communion

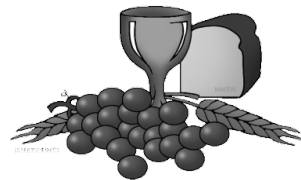
✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church
Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #624

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Christ the Lamb of God* J.S. Bach

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



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. **Communion will be received via intinction this morning.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah Warner-Sperl – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lisa Henley, Kim Hudgens, Cleston Jones, and Mary Kay Sullivan

Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary.

May 3	John 14:1-14	The Way, The Truth, The Life
May 10	1 Peter 3:13-22	Baptism
May 17	John 14:1-14	The Way, The Truth, The Life
May 24	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are in memory of Bruce Foster, given by Betsy Foster.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. Please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are seated, and return to your seat via the side aisle. A gluten-free communion station is provided to the left. If mobility or health concern is an issue for you, there are self-serve cups available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

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UKIRK EXTRA GIVING OPPORTUNITY: If you are interested in supporting a special project that will increase awareness of UKirk's ministry on campus through a one-time gift of \$250, please contact Pastor Tim for details. Thanks to a generous donor, all gifts will be matched, up to \$2,500. Please take advantage of this opportunity to double your gift!

FAMILY PROMISE: Our neighbors at the Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church will host Family Promise this week, and we thank all of you who have stepped in to volunteer today and throughout the week – we were able to help them cover all volunteer positions! Please pray over all volunteers and guests with Family Promise this week.

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 2nd 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

LONG TABLE LUNCHES: Beginning this morning, the Connect Team invites you to go to lunch with friends on the first Sunday of each month. These lunches are for anyone who would like to go out to eat with others following worship on the first Sunday of the month. The group will meet at the baptismal font and disperse from there to a designated restaurant. We hope you'll join us for our first Long Table Lunch **TODAY!**

FOOD & FRIENDS is a ministry to college students and young adults. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, all college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church. If you are interested in hosting Food & Friends, scan the QR code to sign up or let Pastor Tim know. **The next Food and Friends is May 10th.**



GIVE A RIDE/GET A RIDE: We've come to realize that several folks in our congregation need rides to worship on Sunday mornings, and we want to find a way to help! If you need a ride to worship, whether on an ongoing or temporary basis, please call the church office and let us know. Alternately, if you are willing to give a ride to worship on Sunday morning, please call the church office or let Pastor Sarah know.

GROW

THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. weekly. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*. All are invited!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: The Pastor's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

SUPPORT

OUR CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, Kathryn Paden, will be out on vacation Monday and Tuesday, May 11-12. If you are available and interested in covering for a half or full day shift at the office to maintain phone calls and direct visitors, please reach out to her this week, admin@2ndpres.org, or call the church office. Thank you!

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 *Psalms 100*.

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 3rd

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Rm.)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (outside, weather permitting)
May Long Table Lunch (offsite)

Monday May 4th

- 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Break Rm.)
- 3:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting (Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Growth Group (Library)

Tuesday, May 5th

- 4:30 p.m. Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Team Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym/Scout Rm.)
- 8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, May 6th

- 1:00 p.m. Mixed Growth Group (Library)

Thursday, May 7th

- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)
- 1:00 p.m. Go Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)

Sunday, May 10th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Rm.)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (outside, weather permitting)
Food & Friends (offsite)

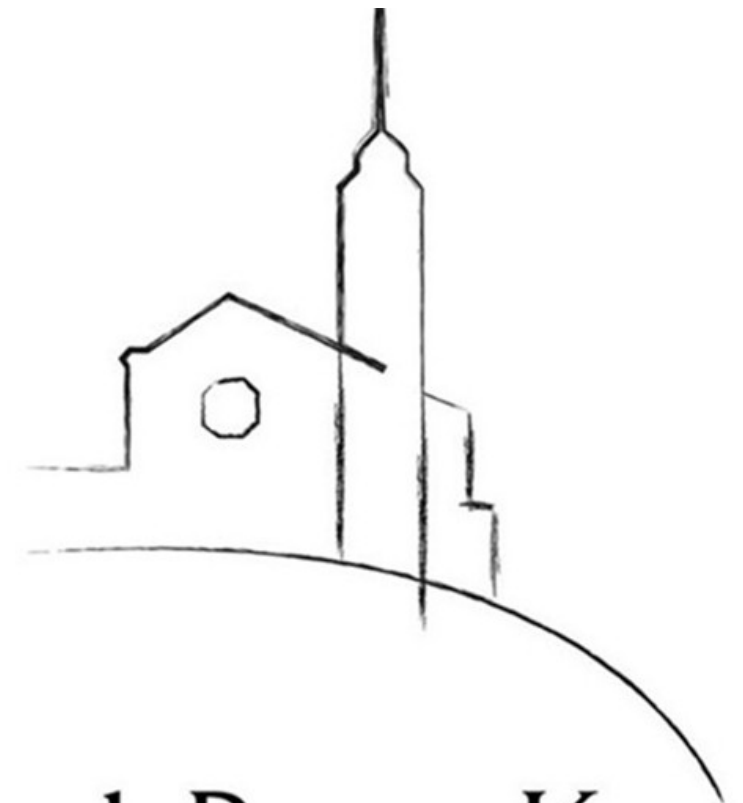
PRAYER CONCERNS

Jim White, Elsie Dodson, Mark Jenkins,
Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., 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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