

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art

arr. Whitworth

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 67

One: Hear the Good News: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: May the peoples praise you, O God.

All: May the nations be glad and sing for joy.

One: For God rules the peoples with equity.

All: He guides the nations of the earth.

One: May the peoples praise you, O God.

All: May we be glad and sing for joy.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

I'll Praise My Maker

#806

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and Holy God, we confess that our eyes are closed to your work around us, our ears are closed to the tidings of your activity in our lives and the lives of those we love, and our minds are closed to the notion that you still act for good in the world. Open our eyes, our ears, and our minds, dear Lord. Send us your Spirit to help us to see with our hearts, so that we might be open to your work in the world. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from John 10

One: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live.

All: We are part of Christ's flock, part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration.

One: Go forth and share this Good News.

All: Amen.

✠ RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

#581

✠ 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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Open My Eyes That I May See*

arr. Petbel

✠ Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#606

✠ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 6:6-10

p. 635 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-12, 24-41

p. 102 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

✠ Hymn of Preparation

I Come with Joy

#515

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

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

He Is Here in the Breaking of Bread

Beall/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

Christ, Be Our Light

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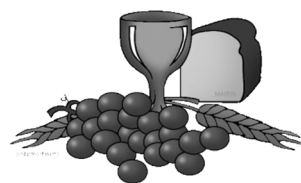
✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Hyfrydol"

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✠ 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

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Geoff Duggan, Lisa and John Henley, and Mary Kay Sullivan

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

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

May 5	John 9:1-12, 24-41	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>Does God Still Work Miracles?</i>
May 12	John 11:1-45	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>Is It Okay to Be Angry with God?</i>
May 19	1 Cor. 13:8-13	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>Why Does God Allow So Much Suffering?</i>
May 26	Luke 5:27-39	Dinner with Jesus: <i>Levi's House</i>

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.

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.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of worship NEXT Sunday, May 12th, 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.

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

2ND WEDNESDAY AT SECOND Join us for a picnic on the church grounds on May 8th as we get ready for Summer! (If the weather cooperates, we'll be outside, if not, we'll move inside.) Dinner will include fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, coleslaw and biscuits and cornbread from Cracker Barrel. The program will be a presentation and discussion on understanding poverty and interacting with people in need. Carolyn Hanson, who is the Outreach and Research Coordinator for the Compassionate Coalition, will be the presenter. We're looking forward to seeing you on the 8th!

WOMEN'S CONNECTION AT MONTREAT is happening on August 9-11. The Presbyterian Women Conference: it's a great opportunity to spend time with God and connect with both old and new friends. If you're interested in attending, please inform Pastor Sarah by April 25th. This will allow you to select the workshop you'd like to attend. After April 25th, you can still register, but your preferred workshop may already be full by then. Visit <https://montreat.org/events/wc-2024> for more information.

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 Philippians before taking our summer break. We will not meet this week so all may attend the picnic and program. See you on May 15!

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 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 on Sunday, May 12th, 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 *Psalm100*.

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



THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, May 5th

- 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 with Communion (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 6th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Vision Task Force (Barbour Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Staff Small Group (Youth Room)

Tuesday, May 7th

- 4:30 p.m. CONNECT Team (Barbour Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Support Team Meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, May 8th

- 11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)
- 5:30 p.m. GROW Team Meeting (Small Conference Room)
- 6:00 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Picnic & Program (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 9th

- 9:30 a.m. CCR&R (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Session Class 2027 Orientation (Barbour Room)

Sunday, May 12th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

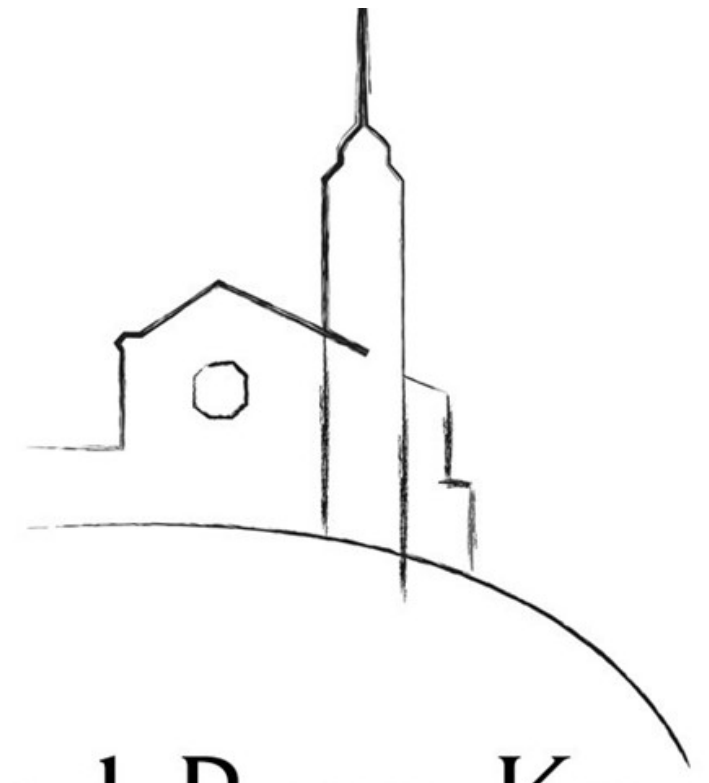
Wilma Davis, Jim and Mariann Thuesen, Sue Jacox,
Donna Downen, Gerry Turner, and Arlys Milligan

*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.

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WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

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