

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
John Lasater – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Jack and Patton Lewis, Kay, and Terry Weaver
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 7 | Romans 1:1-17 | The Gospel as Salvation |
| 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 |

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

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, self-serve cups are available at the sanctuary entrance.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of worship TODAY, for the purpose of electing elders to the Session Class of 2026. The Congregational Nominating Team has nominated: Leonard Bailey, Monica Casey, and Clara Hardin.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Grace Greater Than Our Sins* Arr. J. Petbel
☩ Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606
☩ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 133 p. 575 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 1:1-14 p. 152 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Invitation to the Lord's Table
☩ Hymn *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table* #506, omit v. 2
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 of the People *Esto Les Digo* Kinley Lange
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.

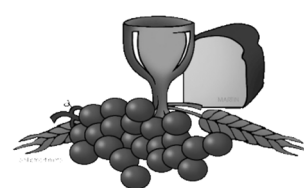
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

☩ HYMN OF SENDING *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #306, omit v. 2

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

☩ POSTLUDE *Fantasia on "They'll Know We Are Christians"* P. Scholtes

☩ 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.** Prefilled communion cups are available at the entrances to the sanctuary for those who do not wish to come forward for intinction.

God of Grace and God of Glory

Arr. Anna Laura Page

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

☩ CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 133

One: Jesus Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Though we are often inclined to brag, let us come together with humility.

All: How good it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: Though we are often tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

All: How good it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: Though we often want things to happen quickly, let us come together in patience.

All: How good it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,

All: Let us worship the God who has called us together.

☩ HYMN OF PRAISE *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* #394

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, Father and Mother of us all, you have created us with hearts and souls that desire love and companionship. You have created us to live in community. But we confess that we often settle for imperfect community, where disagreements, gossip, stubborn silences, harsh words, and even harsher thoughts are far too common. Forgive us, God of Love. Send us your Spirit to place in us a yearning to dwell together in unity, to live with a common vision, and to believe in a deeper trust, so that we might experience the mystery and wonder of being a community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who holds us all in grace and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: In this, we have assurance of God's forgiveness: while we were sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

All: Because we have received God's mercy, we are able to grant mercy to those who have wronged us. Thanks be to God!

☩ 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.

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on Tuesday, May 9th at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for its monthly meeting. Dick and Lauren Dodson will be with us to present a mission report on our *FISH PROGRAM*, one of the church's oldest mission outreach efforts. Helen Grant will conclude this year's Bible study on gentile converts in the first century A.D. All members and visitors of the church are welcome!

SECOND READERS BOOK CLUB will meet on May 10th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Buckingham Clubhouse. We are reading *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. Bring your lunch and join us. All are welcome! Questions? Call Margaret Sullivan, at (865) 588-3103.

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.

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 committed to responding in gratitude to God's love and grace by following Jesus and serving him among Knoxville residents who are experiencing the impacts of poverty. We will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays May 10th and 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

BLOOD DRIVE: The Medic Regional Blood Center Mobile Donor Bus will be in our parking lot on May 9th, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. Please consider donating. To schedule an appointment call (865) 524-3074 or visit www.tndonor.org. If you want more information about how the process is, please pick up a copy of *A Guide for New Donors* Brochure in the Atrium.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, May 7th

9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship 5th Sunday (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 8th

6:00 p.m. GROW team (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 9th

9:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 p.m. Mobile Blood Drive (Parking Lot)
6:00 p.m. Worship Team (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, May 10th

11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)
7:00 p.m. Pragmatic Presbyterians (Barbour Room)

Sunday, May 14th

9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship 5th Sunday (Fellowship Hall)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ann Payne, Leslie Testerman, Gerry Turner, 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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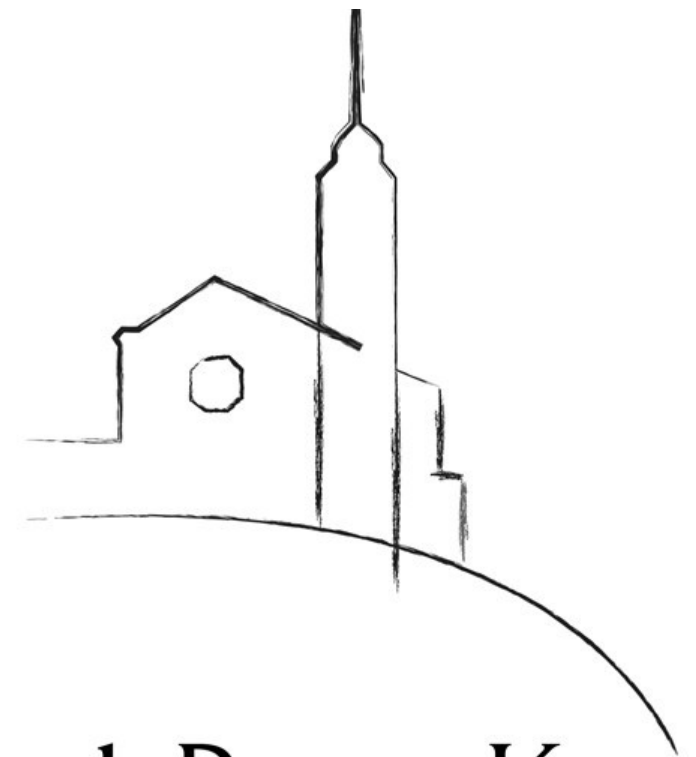
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 www.youtube.com/@2ndPresKnox/

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

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