

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on "Lobe den Herren"* Johann Walther  
*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Come, let us gather together.

All: **We bring our hearts and our hopes, our fears and our faith.**

One: We gather to worship, welcoming all.

All: **Here all will find acceptance and love.**

One: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving, with joy and gratitude.

All: **Let us worship and give thanks to the Lord!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

#630, vv. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you are so faithful, and we are a people of little faith. You know us fully, and you love us inside and out. You know the ways we neglect justice when it costs us more than we are willing to give. You know the ways we elevate our own worth above our neighbors'. You know the ways we add to the problems in the world without doing anything to fix them. And you love us still. Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetuate, the unjust systems from which we cannot separate ourselves. Forgive us when we so carelessly reject your love for us. Claim us and guide us in working toward the beloved community you so desire for us. Amen.**

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Christ has set us free. Let us claim our forgiveness.

All: **We claim our forgiveness by rejoicing in God's grace and responding with love.**

✠ RESPONSE

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

#630, vv. 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION

*My Soul in Stillness Waits*

#89, vv. 1,2,5,6

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 Micah 6:6-8 p. 866 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Sing and Be Not Silent*

Mary McDonald

GOSPEL READING Luke 11:37-54 p. 73 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *I Know Whom I Have Believed* arr. A.L. Page

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

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

**The reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls all people to use their abilities, possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their families and the advancement of the common welfare. It encourages those forces in human society that raise hopes for better conditions and provide people with the opportunity for decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its charity makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.**

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Who Will Speak a Word of Warning* EBENEZER

Sung to the tune: EBENEZER (Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us)

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. A.L. Page

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Charles White – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Geoff Duggan, Lisa and John Henley, and Nancy Smythe

**Technicians:** Neal Henley (video); Dale Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** Our first sermon series of the summer is called *Dinner with Jesus*. A significant part of Jesus' ministry and mission was long meals shared with disparate people around a common table. Following the Gospel of Luke, we will join Jesus around a meal each week to learn more about who he is, what he cares about, and who he welcomes.

June 23 Luke 11:37-54 Dinner with Jesus: *A Pharisee's House*

June 30 Luke 14:1-24 Dinner with Jesus: *A Pharisee Leader's House*

July 7 Luke 24:13-35 Dinner with Jesus: *Cleopas' House*

July 14 Gen 5:1-2, 18-24 *Obscure Characters of the HB: Enoch*

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Helen Grant and the Presbyterian Women in honor of John Lasater, church organist, who voluntarily led the Hymn Sing portion of the monthly Presbyterian Women's meetings. We are grateful for his leadership.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** All are invited to stay for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship following worship each week.

**PASTOR SARAH IS AWAY ON VACATION THIS MORNING.** She will be back in the office tomorrow.

**OUR ORGANIST, JOHN LASATER, IS MOVING AWAY** at the end of the month. He is moving with his son to Pellham, AL. Next Sunday will be his last Sunday. We will have a farewell reception following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to thank John for his beautiful music and faithful service the last two years.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS A 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY.** Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall and a little less formal. We hope you will join us!

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON AND TOWN HALL:** Following worship TODAY we will have a congregational luncheon. At the end of the lunch, we will have a Congregational Town Hall to hear what the Session and Vision Task Force have been praying about and discussing since last summer. This will be a valuable opportunity for us to think together about the future of our congregation, share ideas and opinions, ask questions, and learn how we can be in prayer for the leadership of this congregation. All are welcome to attend!

**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*.

**SUMMER BREEZE SUNDAY SCHOOL:** During the months of July and August, Pastor Tim will be teaching a special Sunday School class each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Mary Chambers Room. Following the pre-pandemic Summer Sunday School tradition, the class will be an opportunity for us to engage sensitive topics and issues in a loving way together. We will be reading and discussing the book *I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening): a guide to grace-filled political conversations* by Sarah Stewart Holland & Beth Silvers. The book is available at all major retail and online booksellers. We will also have a limited number available to purchase through the church on a first-come-first-serve-only-while-supplies-last basis. The cost is \$11.08.

### SUPPORT

**PLEASE BE GOOD STEWARDS AND TURN OFF THE LIGHTS:** If you or your group are the last to leave the church building on a given evening. PLEASE – turn out the lights as you leave to help us conserve energy and save money! 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 *Psalms100*.

**GIVE ONLINE:** Visit us at [www.2ndpres.org/give](http://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, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 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)
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Luncheon & Town Hall (FH)

#### Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Staff Small Group (Youth Room)

#### Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (FH)
- 7:00 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

#### Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00 p.m. Realm Leaders Training (Small Conference Room)

#### Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:45 a.m. Farewell Reception for John Lasater (Fellowship Hall)

### PRAYER CONCERNS

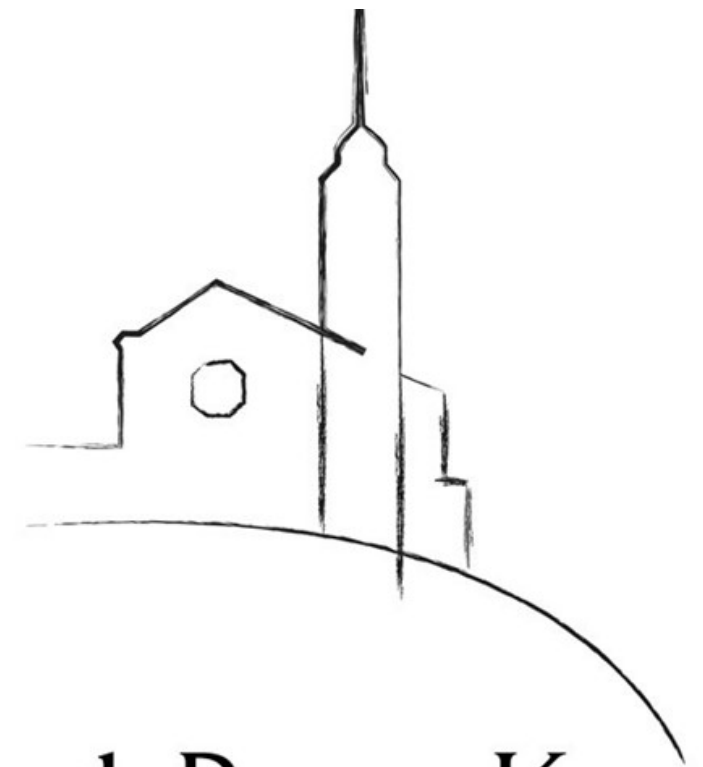
Bob Campbell, Doux Robertson,  
Donna Downen, Gerry Turner, and Arlys Milligan

\*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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