

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

To God be the Glory

arr. John Ennis

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 16

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

All: And also with you.

One: I say to the Lord,

All: "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

One: I bless the Lord and he is always before me.

All: Therefore, my heart is glad and my soul rejoices.

One: In the presence of the Lord, there is fullness of joy.

All: Let us worship in the presence of the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

#20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, by your mercy we have received new birth. Through the resurrection, we are born into a living hope, but at times this hope eludes us. We fail to see evidence of your grace, not because it isn't there but because we are too busy to notice it. In our failure to notice, our belief wanes, and our faith becomes shaky. Forgive us, Lord. Help our unbelief and give us faith that results in praise and glory and honor. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. Hear this promise of peace and joy:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled 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.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Jesus, Hold My Hand

Albert Brumley

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 41:8-13

p. 669 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Eternal Light

arr. Benjamin Harlan

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

p. 232 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

I Know Whom I Have Believed

arr. Anna Laura Page

Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism (1562)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, (who) watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven...Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

HYMN OF SENDING

Standing on the Promises of God

#838

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Paul Manz

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

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Leslie and Doug Matthews, Lauren Dodson, Kim Hudgens

Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk (video) and Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Pastor Tim's summer sermon series is The Fatherhood of God: Seeing God through a Father's Eyes. Pastor Sarah is preaching a series on the Psalms.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Scripture, Topic. Rows include June 25 (1 Peter 1:3-9, Fatherhood of God: Held by God), July 2 (Ephesians 1:3-10, Fatherhood of God: Adopted by God), July 9 (Matthew 7:7-12, Fatherhood of God: Adoration), July 16 (Hebrews 12:7-11, Fatherhood of God: Boundaries)

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in honor of Helen Ferguson's 95th birthday on June 26, by her family.

PASTOR SARAH is on vacation today. She will be back in the office on Tuesday.

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following worship on Sunday, July 9th for the purpose of electing a 4th elder to the session class of 2026.

SERMON NOTES

We think improving our _____ will free us from _____.

Our _____ is on God's _____.

We are _____ by _____.

Nothing that really _____ is ultimately at _____.

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

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*. The class will NOT meet on Sunday, July 2.

GO

THE GO TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to assist with packing food at the **LOVE KITCHEN**, a non-profit organization that provides over 3,000 meals every week. We require five individuals per day for our volunteering days on *July 19 and July 26*, from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. If you wish to sign up or obtain additional information, please contact Leonard Bailey at (865) 207-4947 or via email at lbailey@chartertn.net.

SUPPORT

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, June 25th

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

Tuesday, June 27th

9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, July 2nd

10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Frances Johnson, Ben Bowlen, Gerry Turner, The family of William Lattimore, Fran McLean, Scott Farris, Jennifer Brown, 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.*

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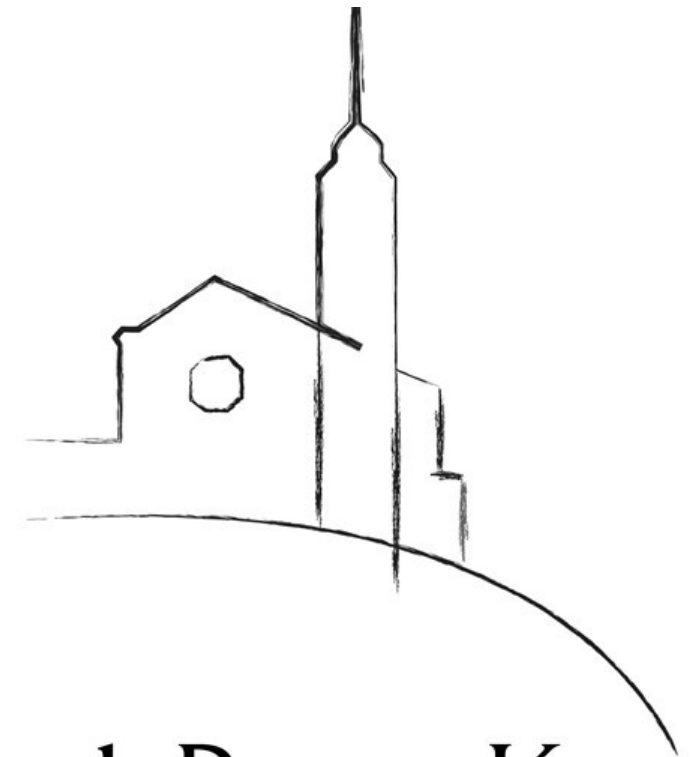
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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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