

*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* *arr. DeCou*

***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

INTROIT

✠CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 86

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Teach us your ways, O Lord, so that we may walk in your truth.

**All: Make our hearts focused only on honoring your name.**

One: We give thanks to you with our whole heart, our Lord and our God.

**All: May we glorify your name forever!**

✠HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #475

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving Lord, you offer us unbounding mercy, which we crave. Yet when offered the chance to show mercy to others, in our stubbornness, we refuse, demanding others get the justice they deserve. You offer us grace beyond measure, yet when given the chance to act gracefully with others, we hold back, choosing to be stingy, even though you choose to be generous. Forgive our self-centeredness, Gracious God. Send us your Spirit to open our hearts that we may love as you have loved and forgive as we have been forgiven. We make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Brothers and sisters, our God is a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. So be at peace: our sins are forgiven.

**All: We praise you, God, and glorify your name. You have rescued us from the path that leads to death. Teach us your ways that we may live according to your truth and bring honor to you.**

✠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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* #470

***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:18-25 p. 158 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Gentle Voice* *Lee Dengler*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 86:11-17 p. 544 OT

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**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Near to the Heart of God/Be Still and Know* *arr. Arrison*

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

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Scots Confession

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, in whom we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.**

✠HYMN OF SENDING *Live Into Hope* #772

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE *Baroque Trumpet* *Gordon Young*

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

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Marty McLean – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

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

**Ushers:** Betsy and Bruce Foster, Leslie, and Doug Matthews  
**Technicians:** Matt Casey(video) and Elizabeth Seastrunk (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.

July 23	Psalm 86:11-17	Mercy & Grace
July 30	John 6:35-40	Fatherhood of God: Father Knows Best
Aug 6	Psalm 145:809, 14-21	Proclaiming the Lord's Praise
Aug 13	Romans 8:26-39	Fatherhood of God: For Us not Against Us

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joan Riedl's birthday, from her Covenant group.

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:** NEXT SUNDAY, we will worship in the Fellowship Hall instead of the Sanctuary. Worship on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month is a little less formal and gives us an opportunity to be together in a different way than usual.

**WELCOME JULIE HILL:** Julie will be working on the office on Tuesdays as our front desk receptionist and helping Bonnie out with general administrative duties.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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*.

### GO

**WEST VIEW WORKDAY** Mark your calendar for August 5th! This is the day members and friends of Second will gather at West View Elementary School at 1714 Mingle Avenue from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon to help once again prepare the school for the new school year. Volunteers are needed to work inside and outside of the school building. To sign up, scan the QR Code below or use the sign-up link in our E-news. Please mark your preference for either indoor or outdoor tasks in the comments section. Contact Leonard Bailey at (865)207-4947 or Clara Hardin at (865) 803-2942 if you have any questions. Additionally, we are gathering school supplies, and you can drop them off in the collection bin in the church offices' atrium. The list of required supplies is also available in our E-news.



### 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](mailto:kimhudgens05@comcast.net) or 865-567-6477 ) or Janis ([smithjb1@gmail.com](mailto: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, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

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

9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Social Hall)  
1:00 p.m. Grow Team Meeting (Zoom)  
3:00 p.m. Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary/Social Hall)

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

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

### PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family of Kathy Thomas, Janis Smith,  
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.

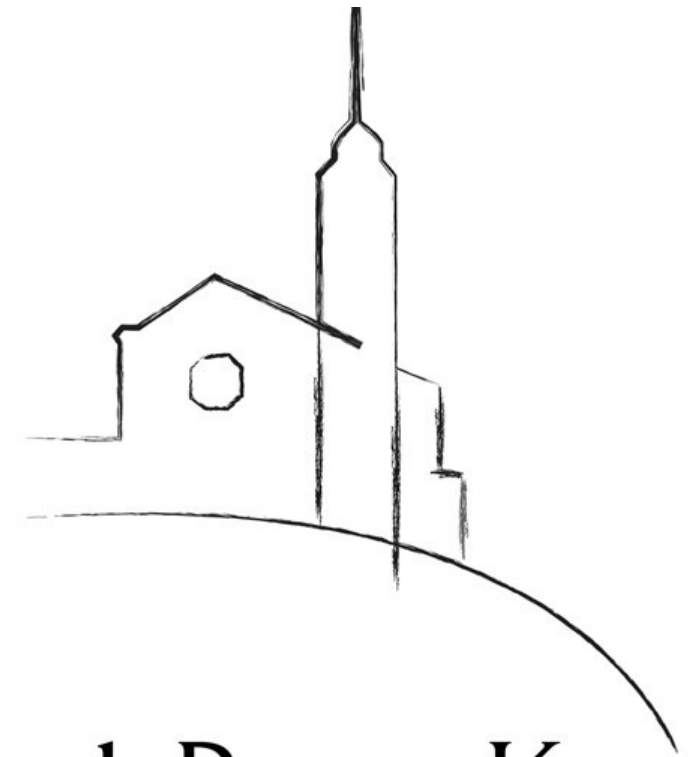
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**WI-FI NETWORK:** Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

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# 2nd Pres Knox

WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

*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.*

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