

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Toccata on Hyfrydol* arr. Craig Phillips

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 145

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

All: And also with you.

One: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

All: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

One: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

All: The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth.

One: Let all his works give thanks.

All: Let all his works speak of the glory of his kingdom.

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE *O Lord, You Are My God and King* #270

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in you we live and move and have our being. You cannot be contained, and yet we try to contain you. The magnitude of your care for us is incomprehensible; and yet we claim to have it figured out. We try to define you in our own terms and to create you in our image, but you are far bigger than anything we could imagine. Overlook our ignorance as we humbly repent. Remind us of your greatness and of your great love for us, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Psalm 103

One: The river of God's mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin.

All: God removes our sins as far as the heavens are above the earth.

One: Beloved in the risen Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

✦ RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 2:4b-9, 15 p. 2 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *I Will Sing with the Spirit* John Rutter

I will sing with the spirit, I will sing with the spirit:

Alleluia, alleluia!

And I will sing with the understanding also:

Alleluia, alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 17:16-34 p. 137 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

We believe in God Almighty, Maker of the earth and sky

All we see and all that's hidden is his work unceasingly

God our Father's loving kindness, with us till the day we die

Evermore and evermore

We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God and Son of Man

Born of Mary, preaching, healing, crucified, yet risen again

He ascended to the Father, there in glory long to reign

Evermore and evermore

We believe in God the Spirit, present in our lives today

Speaking through the prophets' writings, guiding travelers on their way

To our hearts he brings forgiveness, and the hope of endless joy

Evermore and evermore – Amen

TIME FOR REFLECTION *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Mary McDonald

Matthew Mimbs, piano

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.

✦ HYMN OF SENDING *I Love to Tell the Story* #462

✦ POSTLUDE *Te Deum* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

✦ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

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 2nd Pres. Children are always welcome in worship, but a **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Hearing Devices** are available, if needed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Bruce Foster – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Dir. of Music/Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Usher/Greeter: Tracy Horton, Dick Dodson, and Lauren Dodson
Technicians: Dale Henley & Seth Reynolds (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given by Clara Hardin to the glory of God and in appreciation of David Stultz' dedicated and talented service to this congregation.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

July 25	Acts 17:16-34	Paul in Athens
Aug 1	Acts 18:1-17	Paul in Corinth
Aug 8	Acts 18:18-28	Apollos in Ephesus
Aug 15	Acts 19:1-20	Paul in Ephesus

FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW OPTIONAL: We encourage everyone to make whatever decision you feel is best for you and for those in your circle of relationships regarding whether or not to continue to wear a face covering during worship.

TODAY IS DAVID STULTZ' LAST SUNDAY with us. David has been our organist since January 2018 but has now graduated from UTK and is headed to Notre Dame for graduate work. He will be giving a recital this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be a farewell reception immediately following the recital. Thanks for your faithfulness and dedication, David. Our love and our prayers go with you to South Bend. We are excited for you, but you will be missed!

THERE WILL BE A SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS on Sunday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This service will be a chance to offer lament for the losses we experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as to claim the hope of Christ as we move forward out of the pandemic.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

RECONNECTION SESSIONS: During July and early August, Pastors Tim and Sarah are holding a series of small group Reconnection Sessions at the church. This is a chance for us to get together to connect and reconnect with one another following the pandemic, and to process together what we've been through during the past 16 months. Each session lasts approximately one hour and is limited to 8 participants. We encourage everyone to attend one of these sessions, especially those new to our congregation. We will add more sessions if necessary. All meetings will be held in the Fireside Room (Library). Dates, times, and a link to sign up are on the home page of our website, in the Friday email, or you can sign up by calling the church office.

COMPASSIONATE CUISINE meals for the homebound: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at flowlilly@gmail.com or 865.765.0549.

VISITING SHUT-INS: If you would like to visit one of our shut-ins, we remind you to please call before you go. Each facility has differing protocols and they change frequently. For folks shut in at home, the decision is individual.

EXTENDED COMMUNION? If you are interested in being part of our Extended Communion Program, please contact Jan Barber.

COFFEE AND DONUT HOLES are available in the atrium prior to worship.

DISCIPLESHIP

FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: The FSF Sunday School class meets in the Mary Chambers Room at 9:45 a.m.

ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are trying to finalize our fall volunteer schedule and are still needing 2 people willing to be in our nursery on a 6-week rotation. We are also in need of 1 person to help teach Kindergarten-5th grade Sunday school once a month. If you are interested, please contact Holly Grimm at hgrimm@2ndpres.org or 865-243-6353.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY WORK DAY: Second Presbyterian Church will hold the Annual Work Day for West View Elementary School on Saturday, August 7th. This will be an opportunity to work outside *and inside* to help prepare the school for a new academic year. Please consider volunteering your time to this worthy endeavor. The link to sign up online can be found in the weekly email, there is also a sign-up sheet available in the atrium. You may drop off school supplies to the church.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING PLATES are at the entrances/exits to the sanctuary. Please remember to offer your gift of thanksgiving as you enter or leave. We will resume passing the offering plates and pew pads NEXT Sunday, August 1st.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, July 25th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (MCR)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. David Stultz Farewell Concert (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, July 27th

9:00 a.m. FISH (FH)
3:30 p.m. Preschool Graduation Ceremony (Sanctuary)

Thursday, July 29th

2:00 p.m. Reconnection Session (Library)

Sunday, August 1st

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (MCR)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
1:30 p.m. Reconnection Session (Library)

PRAYER CONCERNS

David Frazier, Ben Bowlen, Pam Maples, John Henley, the Grimm family, Margaret Walther, Alex Robinson, Joyce Robertson, Peter Hamilton, and Amy Cross.

*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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Check out our blog: 2ndpresknox.blogspot.com

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



Paul Preaching at Athens (1515) – Raphael

This drawing by Raphael was one of the initial designs for the tapestries commissioned by Pope Leo X in 1515 that were to be hung on the lower walls of the Sistine Chapel. The 10 tapestries were to be hung on the wall for special occasions and depict events from the lives of Peter and Paul. The drawings were completed in Rome and the tapestries were woven in Bruges. The drawings contain a depth of color that was not possible to reproduce in a tapestry. The original drawings reside in the Royal Collection in England, while the tapestries reside in the Vatican Museum.

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

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