

10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Hymns of Creation* arr. Phillip Keveren

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ 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: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord.

All: **and all your faithful shall bless you.**

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling

All: **and raises up all who are bowed down.**

One: You open your hand,

All: **satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

One: The Lord is just and kind.

All: **The Lord is near to all who call on God.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #12, vv. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we admit that we are stubborn. We have our own ideas about the way things should be, and we hold to those ideas so tightly that we are often blind to the guidance that is right in front of us. We view it as an obstacle to be overcome rather than a gentle redirection. Help us to slow down, to consider another way, to open ourselves to your way even when it may not be what we want to do. And when we fail, remind us of your love and mercy. Guide us in your way, once more, that our lives may reflect the same love and mercy we receive from you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: God's radical forgiveness and transforming love will not let us go and is always bringing resurrection and new life.

All: **Let us trust in God's mercy to restore us as God's own. Thanks be to God!**

✠ RESPONSE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #12, v. 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 on the table and pass it around.

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.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION *For the Fruit of All Creation* #36

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.

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 *Deep River* arr. John Leavitt

HEBREW BIBLE READING Numbers 22:21-35 p. 141 OT

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 *Glorify Thy Name* arr. Mark Hayes

✠ Response *Lord of All Good* #711, v. 1

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *God of the Fertile Fields* #714

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Hymns of Praise* arr. Phillip Keveren

✠ 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

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Linda and Gerald Cook, Lauren Dodson, and Cleston Jones

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

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our current sermon series is *Obscure Characters of the Hebrew Bible*. This series, which will look at some not-so-well-known stories and characters in the Old Testament, will continue through Labor Day.

July 28	Num 22:21-35	Obscure Characters of the HB: <i>Balaam's Donkey</i>
Aug 4	Judges 4:1-35	Obscure Characters of the HB: <i>Deborah & Jael</i>
Aug 11	2 Sam 16-17	Obscure Characters of the HB: <i>Shobi, Machir & Barzillai</i>
Aug 18	2 Chron 20	Obscure Characters of the HB: <i>Jehoshaphat</i>

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

CONNECT

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

WELCOME BACK ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Sunday, August 11th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Rain or Shine. Join us for an ice cream social at 2PC as we head into Fall! The church will provide the ice cream, toppings, and drinks, and all you need to bring is a picnic supper. We will meet in the gym. A fun inflated "bounce house" will be available for kids, as well as a cornhole game. Even if you have other dinner plans, feel free to stop by and enjoy some delicious ice cream. Visitors and guests are always welcome!

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 1st 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.

GROW

SUMMER BREEZE SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are reading and discussing the book *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 also have a limited number available to purchase through the church office for \$11.08 per book. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Mary Chambers Room.

GO

WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY WORKDAY is scheduled for **Saturday, August 3rd**, from 8:30 a.m. to noon (1714 Mingle Ave, Knoxville, TN 37921). Volunteers are needed for both outdoor and indoor work. For more information or to sign up, please check out our latest e-news or call/text Leonard Bailey at 865-207-4947. West View Elementary School needs our support!

WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Help students with necessary supplies for the upcoming school year. West View has submitted an initial request for the following: ■JUMBO CRAYOLA Crayons (size not quantity) ■Lysol spray and Lysol wipes ■Clorox Wipes ■Printer ink – HP 62 black and tri-color ■Baby Wipes ■Paper Towels ■Tissues ■Dixie Cups (8oz or 10oz.) ■Ziploc bags in multiple sizes ■Hand sanitizer in multiple sizes. Bins are available in the Atrium for donations. Thank you!

SUPPORT

SEEKING A FEW EXPERIENCED GARDENERS to help with landscape maintenance. Ideally, we'll form a few teams of 3-4 people so that each team's work session is only about an hour. Neal Peebles will organize each work session and provide tools as needed. Communication with the team would be through Realm, making it easy to reach everyone quickly. More details will be in the August 2nd Edition newsletter. If interested, please contact Neal Peebles at fnpeebles3@gmail.com or 865-384-8741.

BE ADVISED: The UTK Sororities will be using our parking lot from August 6th through August 12th for activities related to rush. This is an annual occurrence, and we are very used to this by now, we just wanted to make sure everyone was informed of when it would be.

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 to the right.



THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, July 28th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - Elementary Youth (Rm 206)
 - Middle & High School Youth (Rm 208)
 - Summer Breeze Study (Mary Chambers Rm)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, July 30th

- 7:00 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, July 31st

- 11:15 a.m. PET Retired Ministers Luncheon (Mary Chambers Rm)

Thursday, August 1st

- 6:30 p.m. GO Ministry Team Meeting (Barbour Rm)

Saturday, August 3rd

- 8:30 a.m. West View Elementary Workday (1714 Mingle Ave)

Sunday, August 4th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

PRAYER CONCERNS

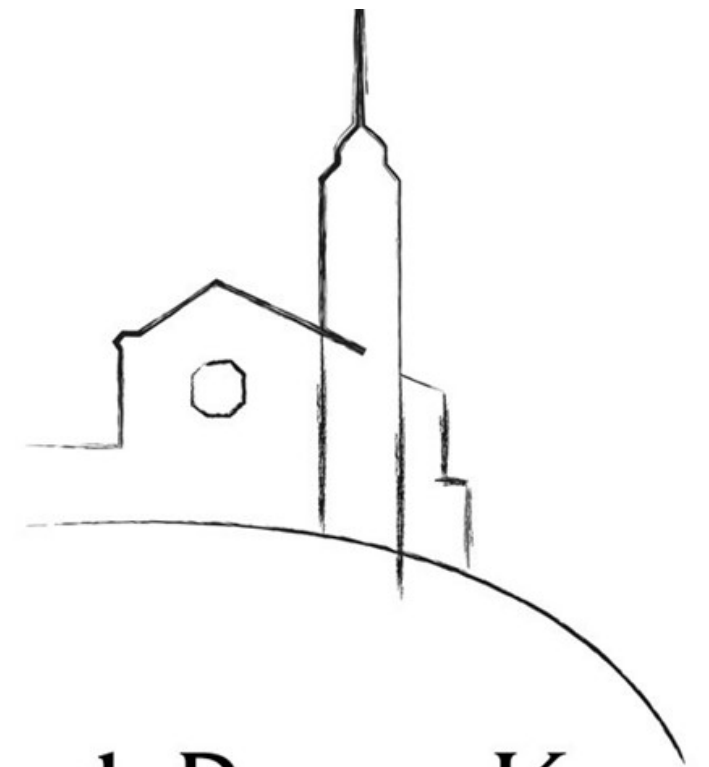
The family of Ed Carver, The family of Gerry Turner, Doux Robertson, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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