

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* *arr. Whitworth*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 119

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Blessed be God whose word gives us hope and shapes our dreams,
All: Whose love has conquered death.
One: Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,
All: Who leads us into life.

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE *We Gather Together* #336, vv. 1-2

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, woven through all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in our midst. Gracious God, transform our world-weary hearts and minds to notice the ways you intercede for us, and fill us to overflowing with gratitude for your grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Romans 8

One: What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
All: Indeed, there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

✦ RESPONSE *We Gather Together* #336, v. 3

✦ 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Kathy Duggan

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 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* #329

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 46:1-7, 10-11 p. 517 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Road Home* *Stephen Paulus*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:28-39 p. 158 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 *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* *arr. DeCou*
✦ Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606
✦ 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 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. Loving us still, God makes us 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 *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind* #31

✦ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✦ POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* *arr. Page*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Lisa Henley – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
John Lasater – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Henry Naff, Lisa & John Henley, and Mary Kay Sullivan
Technicians: Neal Henley (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.

Aug 13	Romans 8:26-39	Fatherhood of God: For Us not Against Us
Aug 20	Job 23:1-9	Fatherhood of God: When God Feels Far Away
Aug 27	Psalms 138	Purpose Fulfilled
Sept 3	Psalms 36:5-9	Fatherhood of God: Scarcity vs. Abundance

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Howard who has a new grandson! Weston David Curtis was born on July 15, 2023, to April and Jeremy Curtis in Knoxville.

PASTOR SARAH IS AWAY THIS MORNING attending the Montreat Women's Conference with members of the congregation.

SERMON NOTES

The world can be a _____.

God is not _____; God is _____.

God isn't interested in _____,

God is interested in _____ it.

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

WELCOME BACK ICE CREAM SOCIAL THIS AFTERNOON, 5-7 pm, 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. A fun inflated "bounce house" will be available for kids, too! Even if you have other dinner plans, feel free to stop by and enjoy some delicious ice cream. Visitors and guests are always welcome!

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*.

GO

THE GO TEAM has received a request from KnoxPride Center. They serve the South Knoxville community and the LGBTQ+ community. The request is for canned meat for their food pantry. Boxes will be available in the atrium for your donations through August.

FALL UKIRK WORKDAY on August 19th. Join us from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. as we get UKirk ready for the fall semester. You are welcome to park at Second and carpool!

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, August 13th

9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social Event (Gym)

Monday, August 14th

10:00 a.m. CCR&R Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, August 15th

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, August 16th

11:00 a.m. CPM Meeting (Barbour Room)
2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)

Thursday, August 17th

10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)

Sunday, August 20th

9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
4:00 p.m. Deadline for 2nd Edition Newsletter

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sandra Conroy, Leslie Testerman, Ben Bowlen, Sue Jacox,
Helen Ferguson, 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.

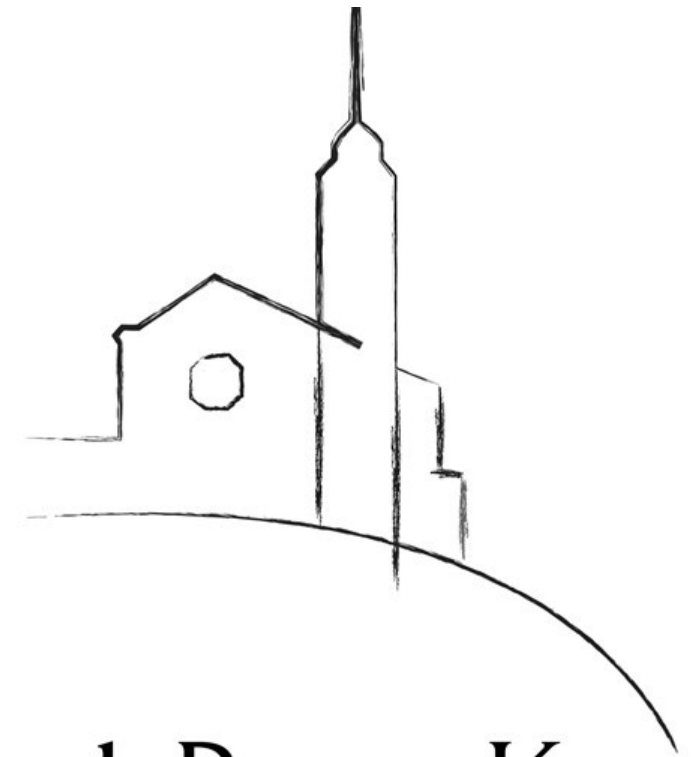
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



2nd Pres Knox

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*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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