

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *The God of Abraham Praise* *arr. Mark Hayes*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *from 2 Chronicles 20*

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

All: And also with you.

One: Lord, you are the God of our ancestors.

All: You alone are God in heaven!

One: You rule all the kingdoms of the nations.

All: You are so powerful that no one can oppose you!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

All: God's faithful love lasts forever!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *God of Grace and God of Glory* #307

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from 2 Chronicles 20*

One: Do not be afraid or discouraged because the battle isn't yours. It belongs to God!

All: We will not be afraid or discouraged!

One: Listen to me, every child of God. Trust the Lord your God and you will stand firm. Trust his mercy and succeed, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

✠ 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 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 *The God of Abraham Praise* #49

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 Colossians 2:6-19 p. 200 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Lead Me, Lord* *S.S. Wesley*

HEBREW BIBLE READING 2 Chronicles 20:5-23, 27-30 p. 402 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *The Battle Belongs to the Lord* *arr. Mark Hayes*

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

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* The Confession of 1967

In each time and place, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations...The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humankind in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have a call to speak out against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing* #755

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* *arr. Grace Floyd*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Lisa Henley – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Liz Peebles, Janis Smith, and Tim Wright

Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk (video); Dale 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.

Aug 18	2 Chron 20	Obscure Characters of the HB: <i>Jehoshaphat</i>
Aug 25	Prov 31:1-9	Obscure Characters of the HB: <i>Lemuel's Mother</i>
Sept 1	Nahum 1:1-15	Obscure Characters of the HB: <i>Nahum</i>
Sept 8	Genesis 1-2	God's Kingdom People: <i>Creation</i>

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

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.

CONNECT

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

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 Room 205.

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.

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, August 18th

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

Monday, August 19th

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting (Barbour Room)
5:30 p.m. Vision Task Force (Barbour Room)
6:00 p.m. Preschool Board meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 20th

4:00 p.m. Deadline for 2nd Edition Newsletter
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, August 21st

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)

Sunday, August 25th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

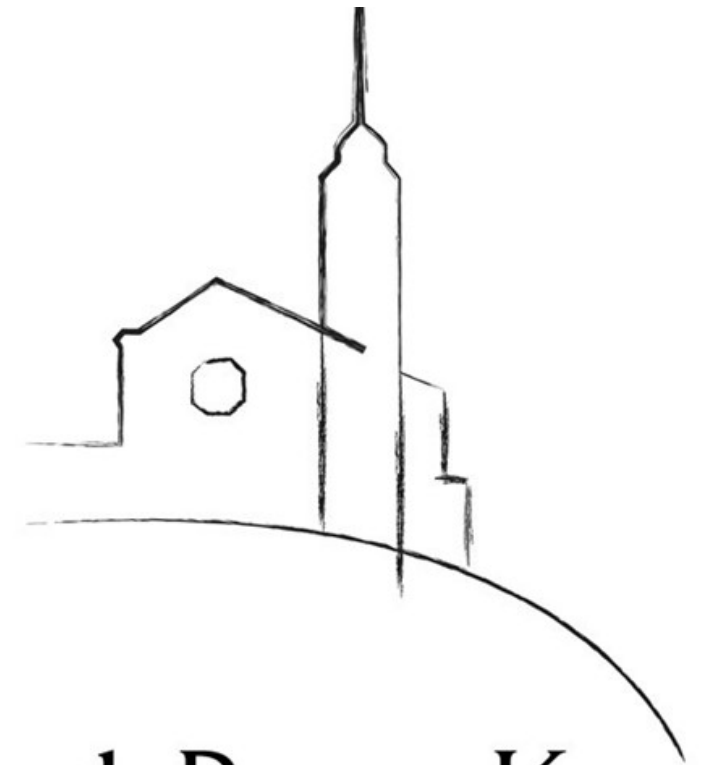
The family of Phyllis Robinson, The family of Ed Carver,
Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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