

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

My Lord Is Near Me All the Time

arr. Page

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 67

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let all the peoples praise you, O God;

All: Let all the peoples praise you.

One: Grant us grace and offer us your blessing.

All: Make your face to shine upon us, O Lord.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God.

OPENING HYMN Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above #645, vv. 1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you show us compassion daily – compassion that we don't deserve. You grant us grace even when all we do is complain. We grumble against you and against one another when things don't go our way. We frantically search for you when you are right in front of us. We fail to recognize your presence when it shows up in unexpected ways. We are blind to your goodness, but still you are there to offer us hope. Remind us, this day, of your presence in our midst. Open our eyes to see your fingerprints on our lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from Psalm 138

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers.

All: God saves us with an outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.

RESPONSE Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above #645, 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 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 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 We Cannot Measure How You Heal #797

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 5:7-11 p. 231 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Turn Thee to Me Antonin Dvořák

HEBREW BIBLE READING Job 23:1-9 p. 471 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 The Majesty and Glory of Your Name arr. Innes/Lasater

Response Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The United Church of Canada (1968)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF SENDING There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #435

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE God Himself Is With Us arr. Mueller

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Helen Grant – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Bill Ragsdale, Tim Wright, Jack, and Patton Lewis

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (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.

Aug 20	Job 23:1-9	Fatherhood of God: When God Feels Far Away
Aug 27	Psalm 138	Purpose Fulfilled
Sept 3	Psalm 36:5-9	Fatherhood of God: Scarcity vs. Abundance
Sept 10	Daniel 1	Daniel: Spiritual Resiliency

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

SERMON NOTES

In Jesus, God was _____.

God _____ what it's like to _____.

Compassion means _____,

But with a desire to _____ the _____.

God is _____ in times of _____.

When we are at our _____, God is _____.

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

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

HOMELESSNESS is a growing problem in Knoxville and Knox County and affects our whole community, not just people without stable housing. The Compassion Coalition is a faith-based non-profit in Knoxville. With churches, organizations, and businesses, the coalition is committed to moving beyond the walls of our buildings to be the presence of Jesus among those dealing with poverty and pain in our community. We will have a Luncheon following worship on **Sunday, September 10th** we will hear from Carolyn Hansen – the Outreach and Research Coordinator at Compassion Coalition. *Come, have lunch, and learn* more about what 2nd Presbyterian can do as a partner congregation and as individuals to impact poverty and homelessness.

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.

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 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

Monday, August 21st

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting (Barbour Room)
12:00 p.m. Pre-School Board Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 22nd

9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 p.m. GROW team meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, August 27th

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



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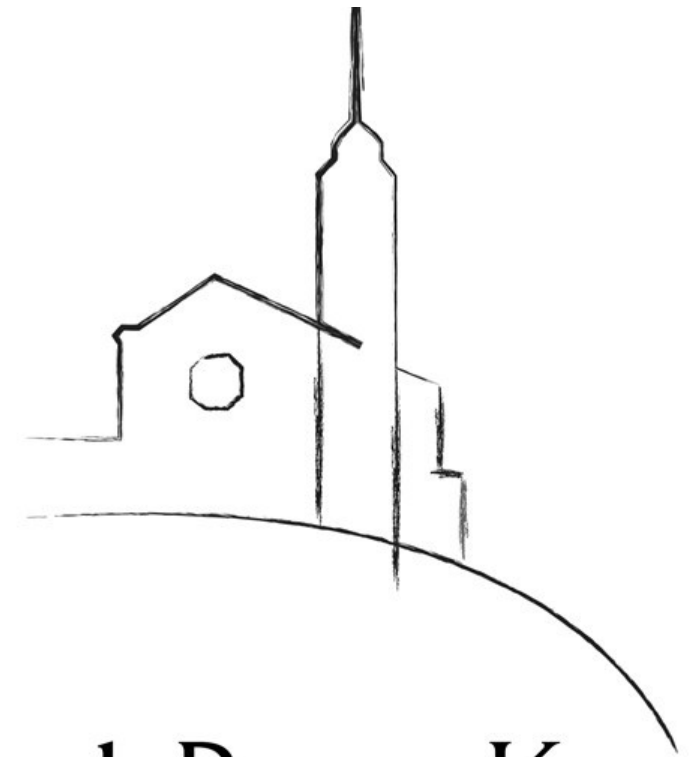
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

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



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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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