

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22nd, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* *arr. by Mayo, Rainey, and Ham*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 84*

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

All: And also with you.

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord!

All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

One: My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.

All: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

One: We enter the house of the Lord with Thanksgiving.

All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #408

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your word. We have forsaken your way and have chosen, instead, to put our trust in worldly ideas of power and success. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to repentance that we may honor you with our words and serve you with our actions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the good news:

All: Christ himself is the Word that offers us eternal life.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠ RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – FAYE PENMORE & FINLEY KENNEDY

Presentation & Baptismal Vows

Profession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism & Welcome

✠ BAPTISMAL HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* BEACH SPRING

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign

With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came

Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 43:1-7 p. 672 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *I Believe* *Mark Miller*

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.

I believe in love even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God even when God is silent.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 19:1-20 p. 139 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR REFLECTION *To Know Your Heart* *Medley arr. by Bruce Greer*

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *The Church's One Foundation* #321, vv. 1,2,4

✠ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Sonata No. 20 in G Major, Op. 49, No. 2* *Ludwig van Beethoven*

✠ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Clara Hardin – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Usher/Greeter: Cleston Jones, Bobbie Denton, Bennie Myers, and Dean Farmer

Technicians: Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

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

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

Aug 22	Acts 19:1-20	Paul in Ephesus
Aug 29	Acts 19:21-41	An Economic Riot in Ephesus
Sept 5	Acts 20:1-38	Paul Bids Greece Goodbye
Sept 12	Acts 21:1-26	Paul's Journey to and arrival in Jerusalem

THANK YOU FOR WEARING A FACE COVERING: Face coverings are currently required for *all activities* in the church building, including worship, regardless of vaccination status. We also ask that everyone maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between households.

COVID PRECAUTION PHASES: At its regularly stated meeting on August 17th, the Session of 2nd Presbyterian Church implemented four Covid Precaution Phases. Since it is clear that Covid is going to be present in our community for some time, the Session felt that it was best to create clear guidelines for Covid precautions that could be objectively measured and clearly communicated to the congregation. The phases are tied to the 7-Day Average Covid-19 Percent Positive Tests data provided by the Knox County Health Department each week (currently every Tuesday and Thursday). This metric has been a very good indicator throughout the pandemic as to the danger posed by the transmission of the virus in the community and the Session feels confident in using it as our primary guideline. The Session anticipates that we will move back and forth between these phases as the presence of Covid rises and falls in our community in the future. These phases will provide for the safety, health, and well-being of our membership and our visitors, given the level of Covid transmission in Knox County. If the data necessitates a move into a different phase, an email notification will be sent to the congregation and the website will be updated to indicate the current phase. The phases are available on the home page of our website and will be included in the September *2nd Edition*. Signs on the doors of the church building and the banner on the top of our website will always indicate the current phase.

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for Faye Penmore, daughter of John & Rachel Penmore, and Finley Kennedy, son of Geoffrey & Patricia Kennedy.

THERE WILL BE A SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS this evening 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 continue to move through the pandemic.

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. 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 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.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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.

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 Fellowship Hall prior to worship.

VISITING SHUT-INS UPDATE: Some of our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities have shut down again due to Covid-19. Be on guard and call before visiting anyone who may be in a facility to get the latest updates.

DISCIPLESHIP

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

ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We 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.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING PLATES are the entrances/exits to the sanctuary. Please remember to offer your gift of thanksgiving as you enter or leave.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 22nd

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, August 24th

9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym, Scout Room)

Sunday, August 29th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Bartlett family, the family of Judd Shaw, Leilla White, Nancy Farris, David Frazier, Pam Maples, John Henley, Alex Robinson, Joyce Robertson, and Peter Hamilton.

*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.



*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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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*.

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