

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Allegro from Concerto in G Major* Ernst/Bach

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

☩ CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 84

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Happy are those who dwell in your house, O Lord.

All: **Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself in the house of the Lord.**

One: With the birds of the air and the fish of the sea, we sing your praises.

All: **Happy are those who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

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

All: **Let us worship the Lord in his holy dwelling.**

☩ HYMN OF PRAISE *God of the Ages* #331, vv. 1-3

☩ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Giving God, each of us has received so much from you. You give us gifts and talents and resources and call us to share them with others. You call us to use what we have to bless those around us; but instead, we hoard them for ourselves. We look out for our own interests first. Rather than honoring the image of God in our neighbors, we seek recognition and power, status and control, no matter the cost. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.**

☩ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the good news: Christ shows his love for us by offering eternal life to all who receive him.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

☩ RESPONSE *God of the Ages* #331, 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church.

☩ HYMN OF PREPARATION *In an Age of Twisted Values* #345

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 Luke 11:37-42 p. 73 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *I Will Lift My Eyes* Mark Hayes

HEBREW BIBLE READING Proverbs 31:1-9 p. 613 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 *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* J.S. Bach

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

☩ Prayer of Dedication

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

**Humanity's reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls every person to use their abilities, possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted by God for the maintenance of the family and the advancement of the common welfare.**

☩ HYMN OF SENDING *O God, Show Mercy to Us* #341

☩ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

☩ POSTLUDE *Presto from Concerto in G Major* Ernst/Bach

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Charles White – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

Eddie Johnson – Guest Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Betsy and Bruce Foster, Cleston Jones, and Nancy Smythe

**Technicians:** Neal Henley (video); Matthew Lowe (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 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>
Sept 15	Genesis 3	God's Kingdom People: <i>The Fall</i>

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

**OUR GUEST ORGANIST THIS MORNING IS EDIE JOHNSON:** Edie Johnson is a Lecturer in the College of Music at UT Knoxville where she teaches organ, harpsichord, and sacred music. She served for over fourteen years at Church Street United Methodist Church as Music Associate/Organist. Edie is active as an organ recitalist, chamber musician, and presenter.

CONNECT

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

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MONTHLY MEETINGS RETURN** on **September 10th** at 10 a.m. We are excited to have Dr. Meredith Loftis as our special guest to discuss the topic of *Economic Justice* for the month. Dr. Loftis will be talking about Justice Knox, a local organization. Make sure to check out our September *2nd Edition* issue for more information about this event.

**SECOND READERS** will meet at the Buckingham Clubhouse on Wednesday, **September 11**, at 11:30 a.m. We will review *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. Leslie Matthews will lead our discussion. Please join us whether you have read the book or not. All are 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Room 205.

### GO

**DINE OUT FOR EDUCATION:** This **Tuesday, August 27**, restaurants across Knox County will donate **10%** of all pre-tax sales that day to support West View Elementary and other local schools. Dine out for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or dessert - every meal or snack you enjoy at participating restaurants will make a difference! To check a list of the participating restaurants, go to [knoxschoolspie.org/dineout/](http://knoxschoolspie.org/dineout/) or scan the QR code to the left, and to learn more about this event, check out last Friday's E-news.

### 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 are in the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition newsletter. If interested, please contact Neal Peebles at [fnpeebles3@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup>

- 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 (Rm 205)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

#### Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. CCR & R Training (Fellowship Hall)

#### Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

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

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

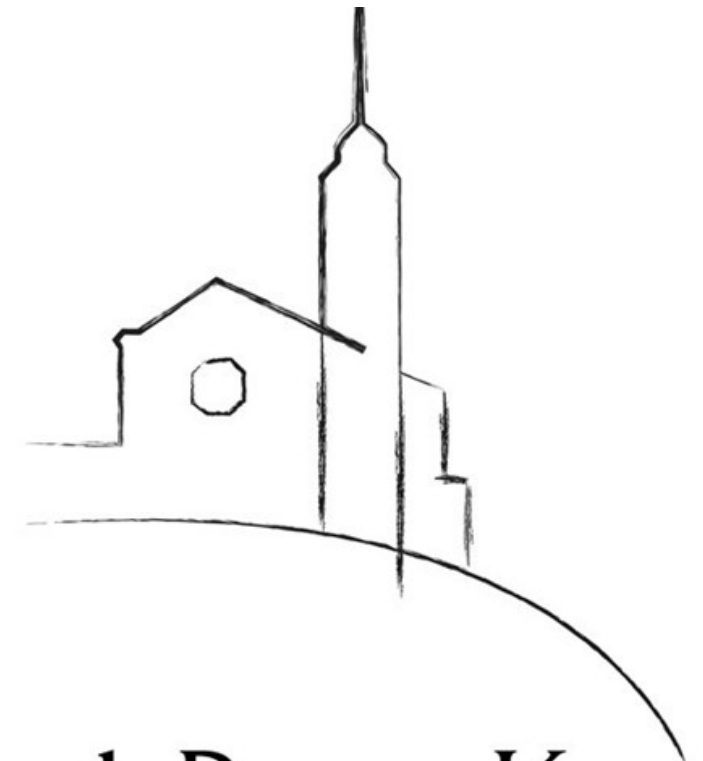
Eric Cantor, The family of Phyllis Robinson,  
Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

\*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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following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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