

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Great is the Lord

Smith/arr. Christopher

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 138

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord with everything in our hearts.

All: Let us sing the Lord's praises before all other gods.

One: Let us bow down in God's holy temple and thank the Lord for his loyal love and faithfulness,

All: for the Lord has made his name and his word greater than everything else.

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

#286

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and loving God, your love for us stretches throughout our lives and winds through all of history. Yet, despite the overwhelming evidence of your eternal care for us, we do not trust you to be at work in our world, here and now. Through your Son you have delivered us from death to life, but we doubt your power to transform our lives. Forgive us when our attention wanders, when our loyalty is tested, and when we turn to earthly rulers for the wisdom and strength you have already shown us. Send us your Spirit to fulfill your purpose in us, that we may be your people who not only proclaim you, but who trust you and follow your way of justice and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from Psalm 138

One: Even the Most High regards the lowly with love and compassion. Christ welcomes the sinful and lost with open arms.

All: We are the family of God, forgiven by grace. Praise to God for forgiveness in Christ's love!

✦ 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 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 *Take My Life and Let it Be* #697, omit v. 4

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:1-8 p. 161 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Sing and Be Not Silent* *Mary McDonald*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 138 p. 577 OT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* *arr. Kerr*

✦ Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

✦ Prayer of Dedication

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

God has created humans in a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Humanity is free to seek a life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

✦ HYMN OF SENDING *We Are Called* #749

✦ BLESSING AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✦ POSTLUDE *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* *Goss/arr. Wyrzten*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Kirsty Bleyl – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, Cleston Jones, Bennie Myers, and Time Wright.

Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk / Paul Sexauer (video)

and Dale Henley (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 27	Psalm 138	Purpose Fulfilled
Sept 3	Psalm 36:5-9	Fatherhood of God: Scarcity vs. Abundance
Sept 10	Daniel 1	Daniel: Spiritual Resiliency
Sept 17	Daniel 3	Daniel: The Danger of Idolatry

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

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP EACH WEEK in the courtyard outside the sanctuary for coffee, lemonade cookies, and a time of fellowship. If you would like to provide cookies one Sunday, there is a button with a link to sign up on the home page of our website, or you scan this QR code:



HANDBELLS! After a hiatus due to the pandemic, we are looking forward to starting up the 2nd Presbyterian Handbell Choir once again. But to do so, we need ringers! If you are interested in ringing bells, making music, and having fun, please send your name and phone number to Matt at mmimbs@2ndpres.org with "Handbell Choir" in the subject line.

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 needs YOUR HELP to continue its meaningful ministry. Many hands will make very light work in preparing these finds it hard to continue twice a month meals. **We need YOUR HELP to continue!** Call Leslie Matthews (865-765-0549) or Liz Peebles (865-660-9597).

SAVE THE DATE On September 24th at 3 p.m., we will be having a BABY SHOWER for Becca Kite, who is expecting a boy, and Rev. Rachel Penmore, who is expecting a girl. More details will be available in the next few weeks.

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

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE COUNT OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN KNOXVILLE AND KNOX COUNTY INCREASED NEARLY 50% BETWEEN JANUARY 2021 AND JANUARY 2022? In the first quarter of this year two thirds of homeless individuals were unable to find affordable housing in our community. In 2022 rental costs in Knox County grew at twice the national average. Come, have lunch with Carolyn Hansen – the Outreach and Research Coordinator at Compassion Coalition – immediately after worship on September 10th and learn more about what 2nd Presbyterian can do as to impact poverty and homelessness. The CONNECT Committee and GO Team are hosting the luncheon. There is no cost to attend. Childcare will be provided for those who let Kathy Duggan or Janis Smith know that it is needed. Please join us.

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

WEEDING TIME! Next Wednesday, August 30th, a small group of volunteers will be meeting at the church to do some weeding. The activity will start at 5:15 pm and those who volunteer will be treated to grilled hotdogs and other delicious food. If you're interested in volunteering and enjoying some good food, please get in touch with Cameron Kite at 865-216-6158 or tcameronbkite@gmail.com to sign up or ask any questions.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 27th

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

Sunday, September 3rd

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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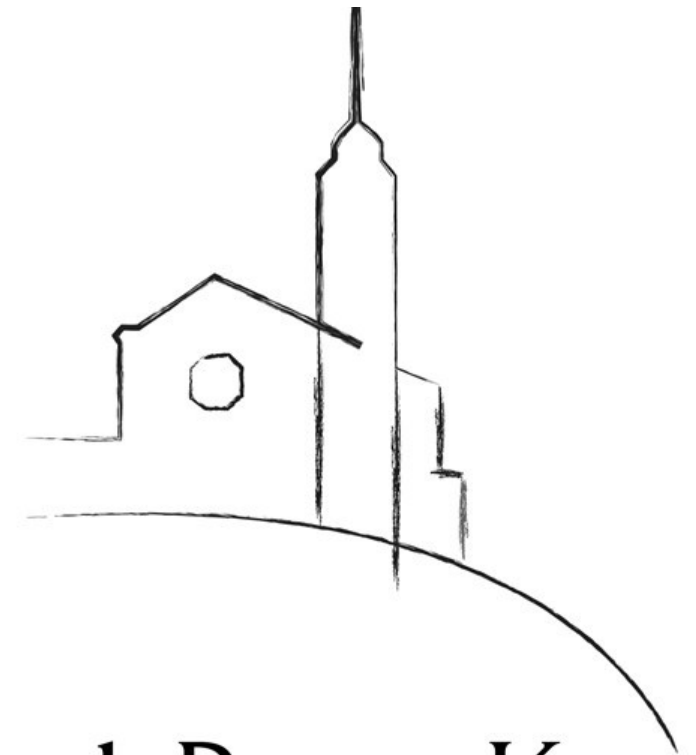
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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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