

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil Alexander

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 15

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

All: And also with you.

One: Who may abide in the presence of God?

All: Who may dwell on God's holy mountain?

One: All those who do what is right and speak truth sincerely;

All: All those who do no harm to their friends and do not indult their neighbors.

One: Come, let us seek the presence of the Lord.

All: Come, let us dwell on God's holy mountain.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we confess that we live lives filled with hypocrisy. We claim to know you, but we do not serve you with our whole heart. We worship you, but we keep the idols of our own making close at hand. We get confused trying to define for ourselves what is right or wrong and forget to seek your guidance. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word, show us the way to following you alone, so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, do not despair:

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives us and renews us.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are raised to walk in newness of life.

All: Thanks be to God for this good gift. Amen.

✠ RESPONSE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord that has shattered the chains that would bind us

Ending the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us

Showers of love sent down from heaven above!

God's grace has reached out to find us

✠ 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

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 44:6-22

p. 672 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Almighty Father

Benjamin Harlan

Almighty Father, You alone are holy.

You are my refuge, I will trust in You.

You are a tower, a mighty fortress.

You are my strength and shield, You are God.

Almighty Father, You alone are holy.

You guide my footsteps that I may not fall.

In joy or sorrow, I will exalt You.

You are my righteousness, You are God.

Almighty Father, You alone are holy.

You are creator, You are all in all!

Yours is the power, Yours is the glory.

Yours is the majesty, You are God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 19:21-41

p. 139 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Improvisation on 'Resignation'

Joseph M. Martin

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of humanity's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

#766

✠ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Cruger

✠ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Dana Hendrix – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Matthews, Bill Ragsdale, and Tim Wright

Technicians: Dale Henley (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 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
Sept 19	Acts 21:27-22:21	Paul's Arrest at the Temple

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 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. **We are currently in Phase Orange.**

THE SEPTEMBER SECOND EDITION is now available! Copies can be found in the vestibule and at the narthex entrance to the sanctuary. You can also read it online at 2ndpres.org by hovering over the 'Resources' tab and selecting 'Monthly Newsletters'.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME in-person on Wednesday, Sept. 8th (Covid phase permitting). This fall we will be studying *The Kingdom Parables of Jesus*, those parables in which Jesus says, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." The format will be lecture/small group discussion. Pastor Tim will review the story for 20 minutes or so in the Fellowship Hall, then we will break into small groups for discussion questions together. The makeup of each group will change from week to week and the discussion questions will be provided. When we are in Covid Phase Yellow or Orange, a Zoom link will also be provided in the Friday email and on the website for those who are not comfortable joining us in-person. This will allow you to watch the review of the parable in the Fellowship Hall live, then discuss the parable with the others who are on the Zoom meeting. If we are in Covid Phase Red, the class will move entirely onto Zoom and we will use the Breakout Room feature for the discussion. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and Bible study starts at 6:30.

THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS are now available! Copies can be found in the vestibule and at the entrances to the sanctuary.

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 29th

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

Tuesday, August 31st

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym, Scout Room)

Wednesday, September 1st

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 5th

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.

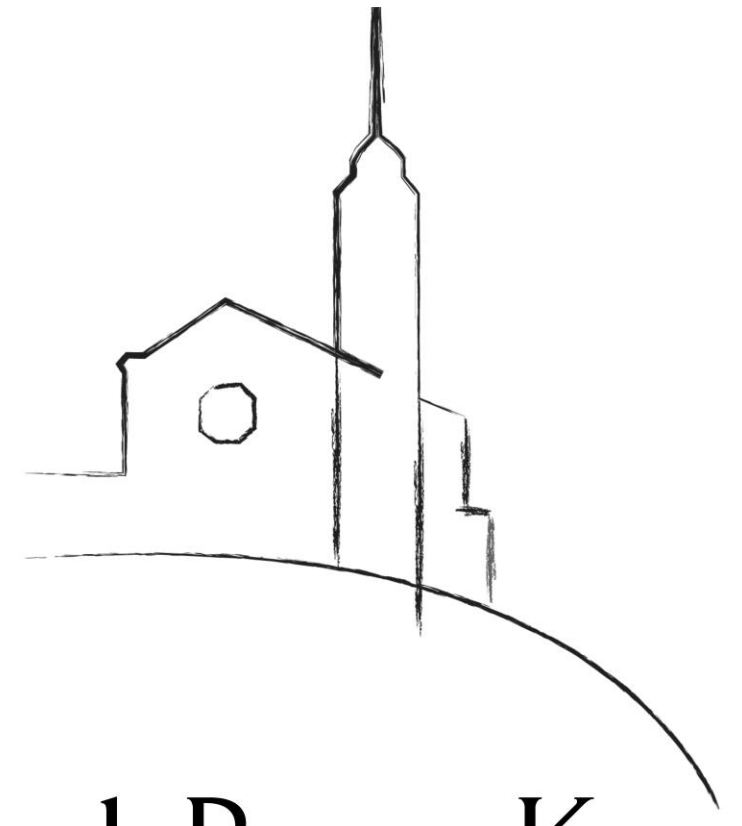
*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

Ministers:	Members & Friends of the Congregation	
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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*.



2nd Pres Knox

WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

*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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