

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Shackley

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 90

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

All: And also with you.

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

One: Before the mountains were brought forth, before you created the earth;

All: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

One: Fill us this morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and celebrate all of our days.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

One: Let your favor be upon us as we worship you, so that the work of our hands may last.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus, We Are Here

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✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we may admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. Forgive us, we pray. Send us your Spirit to turn us around, to give us the courage to change, and to empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service, in inclusiveness and welcome. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from Psalm 103

One: Friends in Christ, the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

✠ RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

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**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.

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

Joshua 24:1, 14-15

p. 216 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God of Beauty, Truth, and Goodness

Sandra Ford

God of beauty, truth, and goodness, Lord of wisdom yet unknown.
Grant us strength to match the vision as we come before your throne.
Sing a joyful Alleluia, praising God in all you do,
And remember as you witness, God is singing over you.

Stand for truth and cry for justice; share with those who don't belong.
And remember as you serve them, sing for those who have no song.
Sing a joyful Alleluia, praising God in all you do,
And remember as you witness, God is singing over you.

Run with faith and live with honor, bearing witness in his call.
As disciples build the future, until Christ is Lord of all.
Sing a joyful Alleluia, praising God in all you do,
And remember as you witness, God is singing over you.

Make a joyful celebration, God in Christ has conquered death!
If you really are a witness, sing until you have no breath.
Sing a joyful Alleluia, praising God in all you do,
And remember as you witness, God is singing over you.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 18:18-28

p. 138 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

How Beautiful

by Paris, arr. Larson

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Happy the Home When God Is There* ST. AGNES

Happy the home when God is there, and love fills everyone

When with united work and prayer the Master's will is done

**Happy the home where God's strong love is starting to appear
Where all the children hear his name and parents hold him dear**

**Happy the home where prayer is heard, and praise is everywhere
Where those who visit feel God's love, and in its peace they share**

Lord, let us in our homes agree this blessed peace to gain

Unite our hearts in love to thee, and love to all will reign

✠ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Mayo

✠ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Dean Farmer – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Usher/Greeter: Kay Weaver, Terry Weaver, and John Henley

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 8	Acts 18:18-28	Apollos in Ephesus
Aug 15	Acts 19:1-20	Paul in Ephesus
Aug 22	Acts 19:21-41	An Economic Riot in Ephesus
Aug 29	Acts 20:1-38	Paul Bids Greece Goodbye

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.

THERE WILL BE A SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS on Sunday, August 22nd 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.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JUSTIN GRIMM will be held next Sunday, August 15th, at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited.

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY EMILY MCTYRE, our Media Coordinator, will be with us. She is headed to Oxford for graduate studies. We'll miss you, Emily!

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

RECONNECTION SESSIONS: There is only one Reconnection Session left with open slots. It is on Thursday, August 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room (Library). Sign up on the home page of our website or by calling the church office.

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.

FOOD TRUCK FELLOWSHIP: Following worship TODAY, we are excited to welcome back LB&S Snow-Balls. You are invited to stay after worship to enjoy delicious snow-balls and a selection of savory lunch items!

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.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY WORK DAY: Thanks to all who came out to volunteer at West View Elementary yesterday!

THE HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION CEREMONY is Saturday, August 21st at 10:00 a.m. The address and directions will be in the Friday E-News. All are invited!

STEWARDSHIP

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

UT SORORITY VILLAGE PARKING: On August 12th-17th, the UT Sorority Village will be utilizing our lower parking lot for rush activities.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 8th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Food Truck Fellowship (Parking Lot)

Monday, August 9th

4:30 p.m. Cross Ministry Meeting (Barbour Room)
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 10th

5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee (Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting (FH, Gym, Scout Room)
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 11th

12:00 p.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (MCR)
5:30 p.m. Reconnection Session (Library)
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Mtg (Zoom)

Thursday, August 12th

11:30 a.m. Budget & Finance Committee (Barbour Room)

Saturday, August 14th

10:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting (Camp John Knox)

Sunday, August 15th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (MCR)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Celebration of Life – Justin Grimm (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

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