

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4th, 2022

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *God and God Alone* arr. Leatherman

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 139*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: O Lord, you search us and know us.

All: **You know when we sit down and when we rise up. You know our thoughts and are acquainted with all our ways.**

One: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: **Wonderful are your works, O God. We give you thanks.**

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* #744

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude. We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need. We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us. Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Beloved, our sins are forgiven.

All: **God promises to never leave us.**

One: Therefore, be at peace and stand secure in the Lord.

All: **Let us live lives of gratitude for these good gifts.**

✦ 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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus/As the Deer* Page

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

✦ Prayer of Dedication

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:25-33 p. 78 NT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 1 p. 489 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

✦ Preparatory Hymn *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* #498

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People *Lamb of God* Paris; arr. Lawson

Prayer after Communion

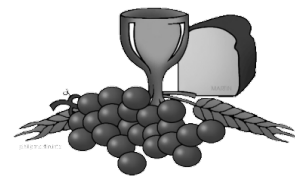
✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church
Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

✦ HYMN OF SENDING *How Happy Are the Saints of God* #457

✦ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✦ POSTLUDE *Bachiana on an Ancient Chorale* Young

✦ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. **Communion will be received via intinction this morning.** There will be a gluten free station located in front of the lectern.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Jessica Lewis – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
John Lasater – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton, Lauren Dodson, Jack Lewis, and Cleston Jones
Technicians: Dale Henley (video) and Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Through the first week of September, we are following the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C. Beginning on September 11th, we will be following the Narrative Lectionary, Year 1.

Sept. 4	Psalm 1	The Righteous & The Wicked
Sept. 11	Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17	Flood and Promise
Sept. 18	Genesis 12:1-9	The Call of Abraham
Sept. 25	Genesis 39:1-23	Joseph in Prison

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Kathleen Karnes and Ryan Rice, by their families.

PASTOR TIM IS ON SABBATICAL through September 5th. He will return to the office this week, on Tuesday, September 6th. If you need pastoral attention while he is away, please contact Pastor Sarah Morgan or the church office.

CONNECT

LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 11: We will welcome Tim back from sabbatical and thank Sarah for her exemplary service at a luncheon immediately after church on September 11th. We'll be serving a Petros Chili and Chips buffet. Reservations are requested. Please call the church (865-532-2189) before 3:00 pm on September 8th to make reservations. If you're willing to help provide dessert, please call Mary Farmer (865-525-2739).

LOVE OFFERING: Those wishing to give a note of thanks to Sarah (and a love gift if so interested) may mail or drop off your note or check during the week or put in the plate at church on September 4th or 11th.

SECOND READERS will meet on September 14, at the Buckingham Club House at 11:30 a.m., all are welcome. Bring your lunch and a drink. As a special treat, Helen Grant, a professional librarian, will be reviewing our book, *The Personal Librarian*. What a treat and thank you, Helen. Questions, Margaret Sullivan (865)588-3103.

GROW

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:45.

THE SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER UPPER ROOM devotional books are available, in the narthex and vestibule.

We are currently in Covid Phase RED. Face coverings and social distancing are **REQUIRED** for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. There will be no fellowship time before or after worship. Offering plates and pew pads will not be passed. The choir is limited to the scholarship singers. Online worship rather than in person worship is strongly encouraged.

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 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. A **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available, if needed.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES: Volunteers are needed for children's Sunday school. We provide the curriculum and materials, and you provide the time. Volunteer times for these areas are on a 6-week rotation. If you are interested, please contact Holly Grimm at hgrimm@2ndpres.org or 865-243-6353.

The youth room is in need of a ping pong table. One of the ways our youth connect is through activities like playing ping pong. If you have a ping pong table in great shape you would like to donate or know someone who does please contact Holly Grimm at hgrimm@2ndpres.org or 865-243-6353

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Join us on the second Tuesday in each month with a morning program. The sessions are sponsored by Second Church's Presbyterian Women but open to all women and men interested in Christian fellowship and study. Our next program will be on **September 13, 2022**, in the Fellowship Hall.

9:30-10:00 Coffee & Refreshments
10:00-10:20 Opening prayer, Hymn Sing, and Announcements
10:20-10:45 Business and mission news
10:45-11:30 Bible Study

All who wish to do so—bring a sack lunch. We'll stay in the fellowship hall after the meeting to dine and fellowship together.

GO

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS CIRCLE of Presbyterian Women are making hats for the children served by Isaiah 117 House. However, our stock is empty! We have yarn to give you, but we need knitters. We would love for you to join us on the third Thursday of the month (September 16 coming up), but if you are unable to be there, please stop by the church and pick up some yarn to use at home. The yarn is upstairs in room 227. If you need a pattern, I can supply that. Not a knitter? We have people who can help you learn! Contact Cheryl Ragsdale (865-684-8999) for more information.

WEST VIEW SCHOOL COUPON BOOKS, filled with coupons good at merchants selling groceries, food (restaurants), tires, oil, about anything we use daily, will soon be available for purchase. You'll easily recoup monies spent ... if used! Books cost \$10.00 and West View keeps 100%. The school will use all proceeds to update technology and to improve playground needs. SALE DATES are September 15 – October 3. Contact: Sandra Butler sandyb446@comcast.net, (865) 584-4397.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 4th - Communion

9:45 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Sunday (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 5th

Church and Preschool closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6th

6:00 p.m. Connect Team meeting (Barbour)
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting (Gym & Scout Room)

Wednesday, September 7th

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

Thursday, September 8th

3:00 p.m. Deadline for reservations for Luncheon on Sunday

Sunday, September 11th

9:45 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Sunday (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Luncheon to welcome Tim and thank Sarah (Fellowship Hall)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Arlys Milligan, Beverli White, Bobby Denton, Cameron Kite, Charles Wu, Doux Robertson, Frances Johnson, Jerry Young, Margaret Walther, Pat Winger, Peter Douglas Hamilton, and the family of Pam Maples.

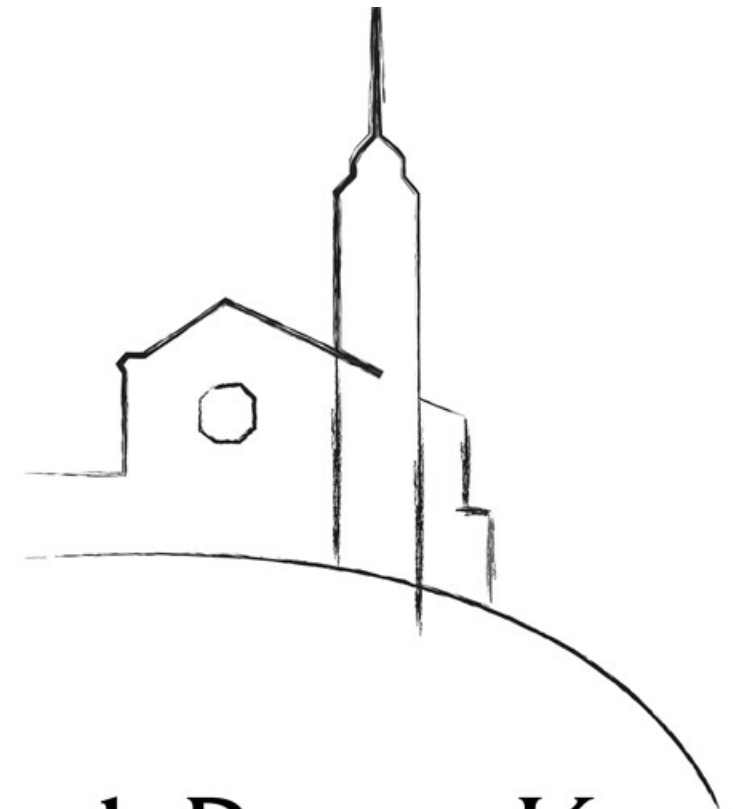
*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

Ministers:	Members & Friends of the Congregation
Teaching Elder:	Tim Reynolds treynolds@2ndpres.org
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Check out our blog: 2ndpresknox.blogspot.com

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*.



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Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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