

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1st, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Phillip Keveren

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 46; Nahum 1

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

All: And also with you.

One: “Be still and know that I am God.”

All: Come, behold the works of the Lord.

One: The mountains quake before him.

All: And the hills melt.

One: God is our refuge and our strength.

All: “Be still and know that I am God.”

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* #645, v. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our words, but we do not serve you with our lives. We are satisfied with the way things are and sidestep your calls for justice. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word, show us the way to serving you with sincere hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

One: Friends, do not despair. God renews us and makes us a new creation, filling our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ.

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

✠ RESPONSE *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* #645, 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 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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Forgiveness*

Tim Neumark

✠ Response *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* #712, v. 3

✠ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:6-11 p. 155 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HEBREW BIBLE READING Nahum 1:1-15 p. 868 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD’S SUPPER
Invitation to the Lord’s Table
✠ Hymn of Preparation *Come to the Table of Grace* #507
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 *Esto Les Digo* *Kinley Lange*
Prayer after Communion

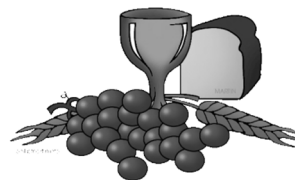
✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church
Responding in gratitude to God’s love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *The Days Are Surely Coming* #357

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* *arr. Michael Ware*

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



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 in the pews this morning.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Fran and Marty McLean and Kay and Terry Weaver
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Matt Casey (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Today we conclude our sermon series on *Obscure Characters of the Hebrew Bible*. Next week we will begin a sermon series called *God’s Kingdom People*, which will focus on the relationship between God and the Israelites.

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>
Sept 22	Genesis 4	God’s Kingdom People: <i>The Fallout</i>

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given by Tim & Tuesday Reynolds to the glory of God and in gratitude to all those who labor tirelessly for the mission and ministry of this congregation.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE PEWS this morning. We will be using a method known as the “dual cup method” to receive the sacrament. There are two cups in each slot in the tray. The bottom cup holds one piece of communion bread and the top cup holds the juice. When the tray is passed to you, remove both cups together, separate them, and then hold them until everyone has been served. We will take the bread and the juice together, as instructed by the pastors. For those who would like a gluten-free option, cups with gluten-free bread are in the center rings of the tray.

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 1st 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.

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.

2ND WEDNESDAYS RETURN SEPT. 11TH: Our monthly 2nd Wednesday dinner and program resume on Wednesday, September 11th. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. with the program following dinner, usually around 6:30 or 6:45 p.m. This month, our very own Dr. Andrew Butler will be giving a presentation on poetry and Appalachian identity. Andrew recently received his PhD from the University of Tennessee. His degree is in poetry writing and his research has focused on the concepts of kitsch, authenticity, and Appalachian identity. We hope to see you for dinner and some Appalachian poetry on September 11th!

GROW

THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS resumes next Sunday, September 8. We will meet in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*. All are invited – join us!

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 *2nd Edition* newsletter. If interested, please contact Neal Peebles at 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 *Psalms100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at 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, September 1st

- 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 with Communion (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day - Church closed for the holiday

Tuesday, September 3rd

- 4:30 p.m. Connect team meeting (Barbour Rm)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities team meeting (via Zoom)

Thursday, September 5th

- 6:30 p.m. Go team meeting (Barbour Rm)

Sunday, September 8th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

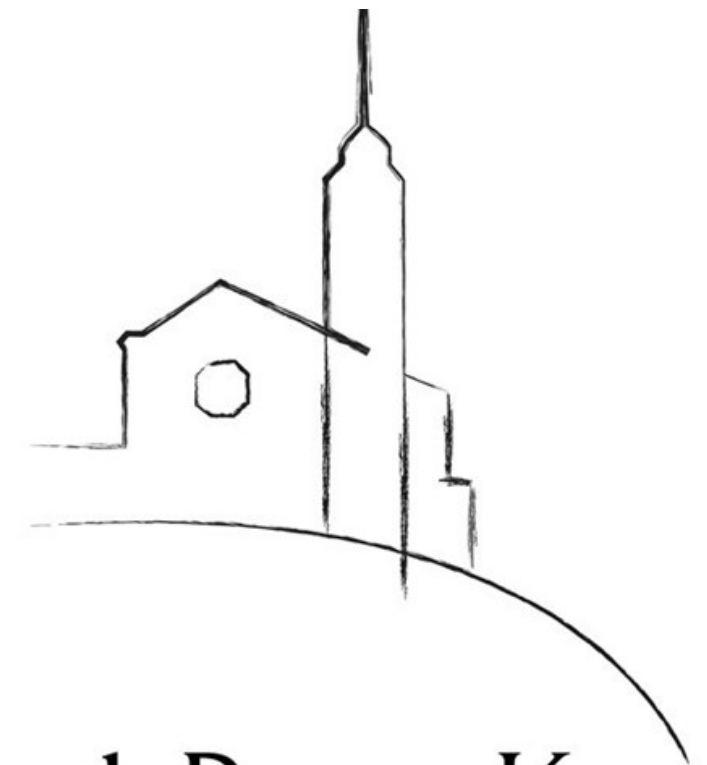
Eric Cantor, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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