

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Choral

Joseph Jongen

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 149

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

All: And also with you.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Sing to the Lord a new song.

One: Praise his name with dancing.

All: Make melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

One: The Lord takes pleasure in his people; let them sing for joy!

All: Praise the Lord!

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

#4, vv. 1-3

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, throughout history you have shown us that we can trust in you, but over and over again we forget. When things go our way, we congratulate ourselves; but when life doesn't go as we planned, we are quick to question your care for us. We turn from you, putting our trust in the people around us and the opinions of others. Forgive us, God. Renew our hearts and minds and remind us once more that we can wholly trust in you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: We gather here, in Christ's name.

All: Surely he is among us, full of grace and truth!

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and lifted up to new life.

All: Thanks be to God!

✦ RESPONSE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

#4, 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Carolyn Hansen, Compassion Coalition

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

O God, You Are My God Alone

#696

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:1-2

p. 161 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come Thou Almighty King

arr. Hal Hopson

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Daniel 1:1-20

p. 819 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Lorenz

✦ Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

✦ Prayer of Dedication

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Daniel 6:26-27

The Lord is the living God. The Lord stands firm forever. God's kingship is indestructible. God's rule will last until the end of time. God is rescuer and savior; God performs signs and miracles in heaven and on earth. Here's the proof: God rescued Daniel from the lions' power.

✦ HYMN OF SENDING

You Servants of God

#299

✦ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✦ POSTLUDE

Chorale on "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Johann Walther

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Charles White – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton & Henry Naff, Mary Kay Sullivan, and Kim Hudgens

Technicians: Dale Henley (video) and Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: This morning we begin a 7-week sermon series on the book of Daniel. Daniel was written to provide encouragement to good and faithful Jews living in Babylon as a minority under foreign rule. It presents a portrait of how to live faithfully as God's people in a land in which God's people are not in control and where worship of God is not at the center of public life.

Sept 10	Daniel 1	Daniel: Spiritual Resiliency
Sept 17	Daniel 3	Daniel: The Danger of Idolatry
Sept 24	Daniel 5	Daniel: The Writing on the Wall
Oct 1	Daniel 6	Daniel: The Lions' Den

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

PASTOR SARAH MORGAN IS AWAY this morning leading the Women's Retreat for First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN.

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.

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.

2ND WEDNESDAY CHOIR PRACTICE: Are you interested in being part of the choir? In addition to Sunday morning rehearsals, the choir will be rehearsing on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as part of our 2nd Wednesdays' schedule. This extra rehearsal each month will give people a little more time to spend with the music sung in worship and to prepare for specials seasons, such as Advent. Rehearsals will be in the sanctuary following dinner.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ANN PAYNE will be held this Saturday, Sept. 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

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

2ND WEDNESDAYS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 13TH: Beginning this month, we will meet monthly for a fellowship dinner followed by a program on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and will be catered by Eva's. The cost for the dinner will be \$10 per person, with a \$25 family maximum. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a program that will last about an hour. Childcare will be available. Our September program will be presented by our Church Administrator, Bonnie Smith. She will be introducing us to our new church connection app, Realm. For more details on 2nd Wednesdays, please read *The Second Edition*, available for pickup in the atrium and narthex, or digitally on our website.

BABY SHOWER The women of 2nd Pres are invited to celebrate the upcoming births in the families of Becca and Cameron Kite, as well as Rev. Rachel and John Penmore. The shower will take place on Sunday, September 24th at 3 pm in the Mary Chambers Room. The Kites are expecting a boy, while the Penmores are expecting a girl. Refreshments will be served. To access their gift registries, please check our Friday E-news. Let us know if you can attend. Liz Peebles, enp3613@gmail.com/865-660-9597 and Kathy Tallent, ktallent1@yahoo.com/865-385-5535

OUR NEXT DISCOVERY CLASS will be held on four consecutive Sunday mornings, beginning Sunday, September 17th, and going through Sunday, October 8th. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. in the Library/Fireside Room. The Discovery Class is for those who want to know more about being Presbyterian, more about 2nd Presbyterian Church, or who are thinking of uniting in membership with this congregation. Pastor Tim will lead discussions on Presbyterian theology, the history of 2nd Presbyterian Church, and how our congregation organizes itself for mission and ministry. At the conclusion of the class, those who are not already members will be given the opportunity to unite with this congregation in membership, should they so desire. A New Member Sunday will be held shortly thereafter. If you are interested in being part of the class, have questions, or are interested but cannot attend on Sunday morning, please contact Pastor Tim at treynolds@2ndpres.org.

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

TODAY, the Connect Committee and GO Team will host a catered luncheon immediately following worship on. We will hear from Carolyn Hansen – the Outreach and Research Coordinator at Compassion Coalition – and learn more about what 2nd Presbyterian can do as a partner congregation and as individuals to impact poverty and homelessness. *Please join us.*

THE GO TEAM needs volunteers for the upcoming opportunities to GO and SERVE the homeless and those in need. We need volunteers for September 29 (VMC) October 12 (KARM), November 29 (LOVE KITCHEN) & December 29 (VMC). For more information, please contact Leonard Bailey 865-207-4947 / Lbailey@chartertn.net.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 10th

9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Compassion Coalition Presentation / Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, September 11th

3:00 p.m. Budget & Finance (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 12th

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Worship Team (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, September 13th

6:00 p.m. 2nd Wednesdays Dinner & Program (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Saturday, September 16th

10:30 a.m. Ann Payne Memorial (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 17th

9:15 a.m. Discovery Class (Library)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Helen Ferguson, the family of Sandra Conroy, Leslie Testerman, Sue Jacox, 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.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

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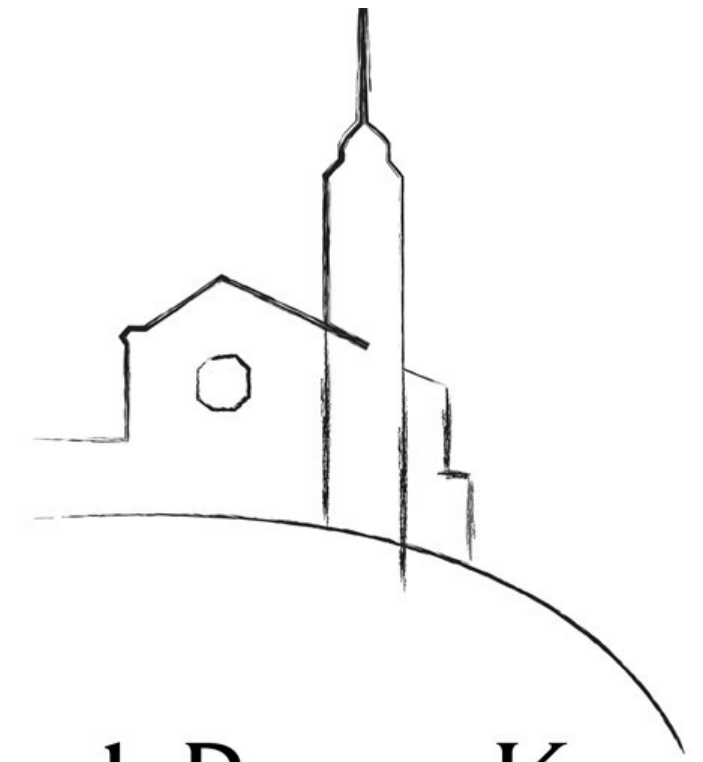
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GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



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*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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