

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11th, 2022

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. D. Johnson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 46; Genesis 9

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

All: And also with you.

One: God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: When the world falls apart, when the mountains crumble into the sea, when waters roar and rage, we will not be afraid.

One: The Lord is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All: He set a bow in the clouds as a sign of his covenant with us.

One: The Lord is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All: Let us worship God!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #32

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, how often we forget your covenant with us. You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we fail to love you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. Through our action and inaction, we condone evil, prejudice, injustice, and greed. God of grace, forgive us and show us your mercy once more, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

All: The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

One: Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ RESPONSE *Come Sing to God!* #805, v. 1

Come sing to God, O living saints; Sing praises to God's name

God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane

Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain

Yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain

✠ 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.

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.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION *In the Midst of New Dimensions* #315

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING 2 Peter 3:3-9 p. 238 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Almighty Father* Benjamin Harlan

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 6-9 - selections p. 5 OT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. A. L. Page

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

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Loving us still, God makes us hers with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* #546

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. A. L. Page

✠ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Helen Grant – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lisa Henley, John Henley, Bennie Myers, and Charles White

Technicians: Matt Casey (video) and Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Narrative Lectionary, Year 1.

Sept. 11	Genesis 6-9 – selections	Flood and Promise
Sept. 18	Genesis 12:1-9	The Call of Abraham
Sept. 25	Genesis 39:1-23	Joseph in Prison
Oct. 2	Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29	Rescue at the Sea

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given by Fay and Willard Carr to the glory of God, in celebration of Pastor Tim's return from sabbatical, and in thanksgiving for Pastor Sarah's service to Second Presbyterian during his absence.

CONNECT

LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 11: We will welcome Tim back from sabbatical and thank Sarah for her exemplary service at a luncheon immediately after worship 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 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.

OUR NEXT DISCOVERY CLASS will be held on four consecutive Sunday mornings, beginning NEXT Sunday, September 18th, and going through Sunday, October 9th. We will gather at 9:45 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 or have questions, please contact Pastor Tim at treynolds@2ndpres.org.

We are currently in Covid Phase YELLOW. Face coverings are optional for those who are fully vaccinated but requested for all others. Physical distancing is 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.

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.

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 be available for purchase before the luncheon on 9/11. 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 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. Welcome Back Luncheon

Monday, September 12th

- 6:00 p.m. Grow Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 13th

- 9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Meeting (Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting (Gym & Scout Room)

Wednesday, September 14th

- 11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)

Thursday, September 15th

- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)
- 12:00 p.m. Deadline Session Packet Items

Sunday, September 16th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Arlys Milligan, Beverli White, Bobby Denton, Cameron Kite, Charles Wu, Doux Robertson, Frances Johnson, Jerry Young, Margaret Walther, Pat Wininger, 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.

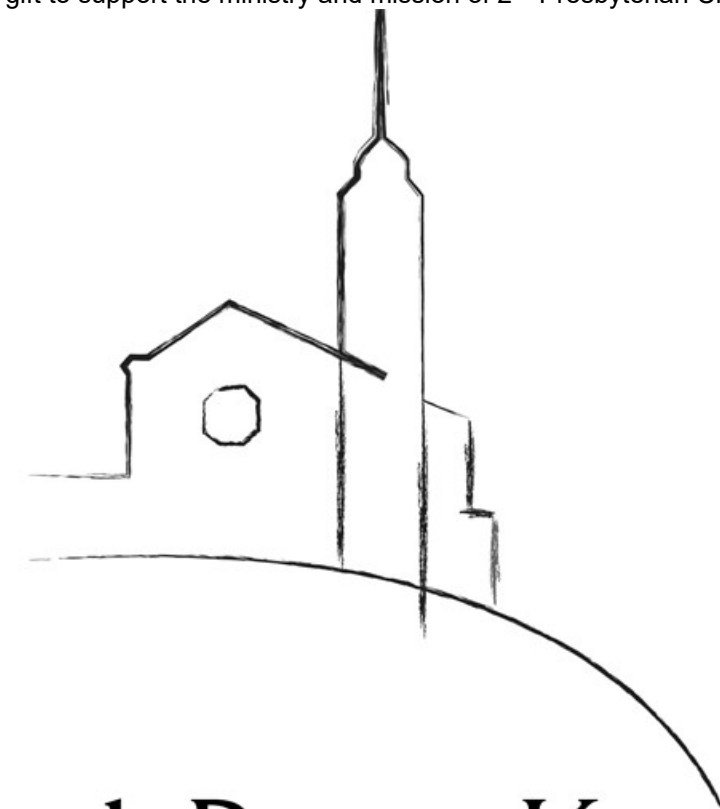
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

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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*.

OFFERING PLATES are at the entrances to the sanctuary if you would like to make a financial gift to support the ministry and mission of 2nd Presbyterian Church.



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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