



# 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.*

## Second Presbyterian Church

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*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*



*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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**September 12, 2021**

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*Oliver Holden*

***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 19*

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Look at the heavens!

**All: They are shouting the glory of God.**

One: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative work.

**All: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.**

One: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**All: Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

#4, vv. 1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be guided by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*from Psalm 19*

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple.

**All: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes.**

One: Hear the good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven. Live in peace!**

RESPONSE

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

#4, v. 4

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you  
While in essence only one; undivided God we claim you  
And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

We invite you pass the peace electronically with those outside your household.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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                      Psalm 133                      p. 575 OT  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM    ***Deep River***                      *arr. John Leavitt*  
Deep river, my home is over Jordan,  
Oh deep river, I want to cross over into campground.  
Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast?  
That promised land where all is peace?  
Deep river, my home is over Jordan,  
Oh deep river, I want to cross over into campground.

NEW TESTAMENT READING                      Acts 21:1-26                      p. 141 NT  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED    **Tim Reynolds**

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

TIME FOR REFLECTION    ***Amazing Grace***                      *arr. Joel Raney*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH    *from* The Belhar Confession  
**We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, and are of one soul and one mind; that we have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.**

HYMN OF SENDING    ***O God in Whom All Life Begins***                      **#308**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE    ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***                      *Martin Luther*

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor  
Sarah Morgan – Pastor  
Jessica Lewis – Liturgist  
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts  
2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Technicians:** Elizabeth Seastrunk (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:

Sept 12	Acts 21:1-26	Paul's Journey to and arrival in Jerusalem
Sept 19	Acts 21:27-22:21	Paul's Arrest at the Temple
Sept 26	Acts 22:22-23:11	Paul in Front of the Sanhedrin
Oct 3	Acts 23:12-35	A Plot to Kill Paul

**THE OCTOBER SECOND EDITION** deadline is Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>! Email Audrey (ajohnson@2ndpres.org) with your submissions!

**COVID PRECAUTION PHASES:** At its regularly stated meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>, the Session of 2nd Presbyterian Church implemented four Covid Precaution Phases. The phases are tied to the 7-Day Average Covid-19 Percent Positive Tests data provided by the Knox County Health Department. These phases will provide for the safety, health, and well-being of our membership and our visitors, given the level of Covid transmission in Knox County. Information on the phases is available on the home page of our website and in the September *2nd Edition*. Signs on the doors of the church building and the banner on the top of our website will indicate the current phase. **We are currently in Phase Red.**

## DISCIPLESHIP

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED** on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. When we are in Covid Phase Red, there will be no dinner and the class will take place virtually. Once we have returned to Covid Phase Orange, the Bible Study will be in-person with a virtual option for those who wish to join from home. We will also gather for dinner at 6:00 p.m. during Covid Phase Orange, but a prepared meal will not be served. Instead, we invite those who desire to gather for dinner with each person/family providing their own "brown bag" dinner.

This fall we are studying *The Kingdom Parables of Jesus*, those parables in which Jesus says, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." The format will be lecture/small group discussion. Pastor Tim will review the story for 20 minutes or so then we will break into small groups for discussion questions together. The discussion questions will be provided.

## FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**FOOD & FRIENDS WILL RESUME** when we return to Covid Phase Orange. Food & Friends is a fellowship ministry to college students and young adults that provides a free lunch following worship. While in Covid Phase Orange we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a catered meal. Once we reach Covid Phase Yellow we will return to visiting a local restaurant each week. Hosts for Food & Friends are needed each week to arrange for the meal. **If you are interested in serving as a host this fall**, please contact Patricia Kennedy ([patricia.w.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.w.kennedy@gmail.com)).

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

All functions in the building are cancelled during Covid Phase Red.

### Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Conference Call)  
11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship

### Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Discipleship (Virtual)

### Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Unit (Zoom)

### Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Outside Under Breezeway)  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study (Virtual)

### Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

12:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Committee (Virtual)  
4:15 p.m. Mobile Meals (Parking Lot Use Only)

### Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Conference Call)  
11:00 a.m. Worship

## STEWARDSHIP

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Scott Farris, Alex Robinson, and Peter Hamilton.

\*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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