

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Intrada from
Six Variants on Wondrous Love

Brenda Portman

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 116

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: I love the Lord, for he has heard my voice and my supplications.

All: **Because he inclines his ear to us, we will call on him as long as we live.**

One: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is merciful.

All: **We will offer thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord in the presence of all his people. Let us worship the Lord!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

God Is Here!

#409, vv. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have listened to voices that lead us away from you. We have doubted your goodness and strayed from your will, choosing our own way over yours. Our failure to listen for your voice has separated us from your presence, and we continue to try and hide our true selves from you. But you do not abandon us in our brokenness. In Christ, you offer us a grace greater than our sin. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us to right relationship with you, and lead us in the way of righteousness, that we may live fully in the grace you so freely give. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

based on Romans 5

One: Friends, hear the good news: Though sin came into the world through one man and spread to all, God's grace abounds even more. Through the righteousness of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Where sin once reigned in death, now grace reigns through righteousness, leading to eternal life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

✠ RESPONSE

What Wondrous Love Is This

#215, v. 1

✠ 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 on the table and pass it around.

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.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#366

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:12-17

p. 156 NT

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

To Love Our God

Mark Hayes

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Genesis 3:1-13

p. 2 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

Reverie from

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✠ Response *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

#712, v. 3

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet 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. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes heirs 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

O for a Closer Walk with God

#739

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Toccata from

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Bruce Foster – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

Edie Johnson – Guest Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Linda Cook, Geoff Duggan, Liz Peebles, and Tim Wright

Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Today is the first sermon in a series called *God's Kingdom People*. From now until Christmas we will focus on the relationship between God and the Israelites.

Sept. 15	Genesis 3	God's Kingdom People: <i>The Fall</i>
Sept. 22	Genesis 4	God's Kingdom People: <i>The Fallout</i>
Sept. 29	Genesis 12	God's Kingdom People: <i>The Call</i>
Oct. 6	Exodus 16-19	God's Kingdom People: <i>The Wilderness</i>

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

OUR GUEST ORGANIST THIS MORNING IS EDIE JOHNSON: Edie Johnson is a Lecturer in the College of Music at UT Knoxville where she teaches organ, harpsichord, and sacred music. She served for over fourteen years at Church Street United Methodist Church as Music Associate/Organist. Edie is active as an organ recitalist, chamber musician, and presenter.

LITURGISTS WANTED: We are looking to add a few people to our rotation of liturgists on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Pastor Tim (treynolds@2ndpres.org). Training will be provided.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: All are invited to stay for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship following worship each week.

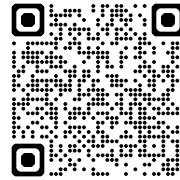
WELCOME VISITORS!

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.

GROW

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

FOOD & FRIENDS IS RETURNING: Food & Friends is a ministry to college students and young adults. Following worship, any college student or young adult who would like to go to lunch with other young adults is invited to meet at the Baptismal Font. We will go to a local restaurant together, and lunch will be paid for by the church. If you would like to sign up to host, please use the sign-up link in the weekly email blast, the QR code to the right, or contact Tim Reynolds (treynolds@2ndpres.org). Our first lunch of the semester will be NEXT SUNDAY.



SUPPORT

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Jack Rosamond is our new Church Administrator. He will be in the church office Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm. His email address is jrosamond@2ndpres.org. Jack is the new contact for all church business. Please stop by the office to introduce yourself and welcome him to the 2nd Pres Knox family!

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING This special offering will be received on Sunday, September 29, and on Sunday, October 6. Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering are helping our neighbors in need - those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe. Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

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 15th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - Elementary Youth (Rm 206)
 - Middle & High School Youth (Rm 208)
 - Faith, Science and the Future (Barbour Rm)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 16th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting (Barbour Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Board meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 17th

- 6:00 p.m. Session meeting (Barbour Rm)

Wednesday, September 18th

- 8:30 a.m. Department of Human Services meeting (FH)

Thursday, September 19th

- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)

Friday, September 20th

- 4:00 p.m. Deadline for 2nd Edition

Saturday, September 21st

- 2:00 p.m. Tom Simpson Funeral and Reception (Chapel)

Sunday, September 22nd

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

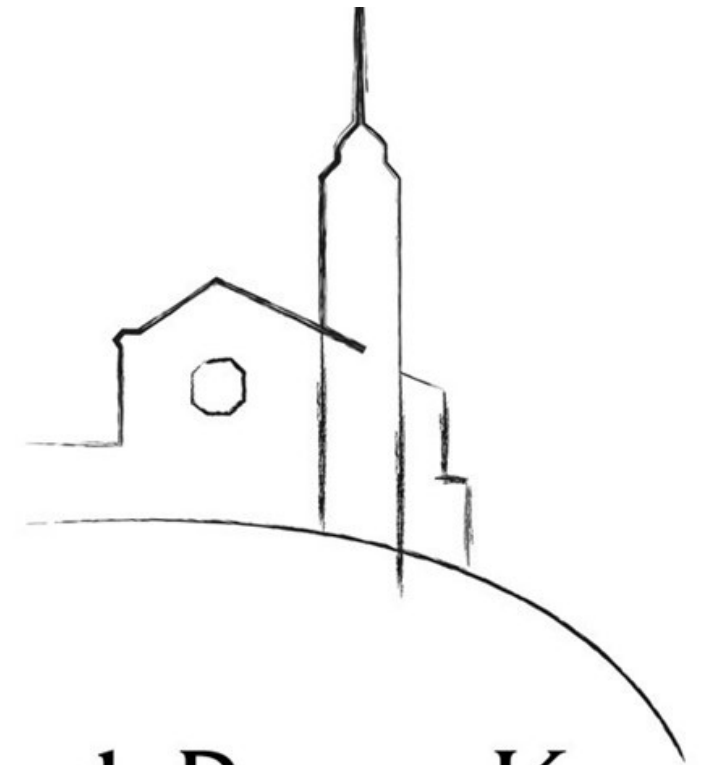
Amy Garcia, Sue Jacox, The family of Louise Josephson, Eric Cantor, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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*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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