

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises* *arr. Christopher*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 103*

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

All: And also with you.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: Bless his holy name.

One: Bless the Lord, who forgives and heals us.

All: Bless the Lord, who redeems and renews us.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *All Creatures of Our God and King* #15, vv. 1,2,4

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we lack focus. There are so many things competing for our attention, and we are overwhelmed; so, when the things of this world command our praise and demand authority, we give in. We give our time and attention to the latest craze or controversy, and we lose sight of who you have called us all to be. Have mercy on us when we forget to rely wholly on your authority. Forgive us when our worship is misdirected. Grant us grace as we seek to glorify you alone. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from Psalm 103*

One: Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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

✠ RESPONSE *All Creatures of Our God and King* #15, v. 6

✠ 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.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Be Thou My Vision* #450

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 Acts 5:27-32 p. 123 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Seek First the Kingdom* *Mary McDonald*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Daniel 3:13-30 p. 822 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *God Himself is With Us* *arr. Page*

✠ 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 *Come, Let Us Praise the Lord* DARWALL'S 148TH
Sung to the tune of "Rejoice the Lord Is King"

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* *arr. Johnson*
(Miles Lane – Coronation)

✠ 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: Jack and Patton Lewis, Marty McLean, and Mary Kay Sullivan.
Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk (video) and Matt Casey/Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently in 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 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
Oct 8	Daniel 7	Daniel: The Four Beasts

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Ann Campbell Payne, by her family.

PASTOR SARAH MORGAN IS at Westminster Presbyterian Church this morning participating in the installation of their new pastor, Rev. Dr. Richard Coble.

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.

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

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

A DISCOVERY CLASS begins THIS Sunday, September 17th at 9:15 a.m. in the Library/Fireside Room, 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. The class will go through October 8th. 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.

PRESCHOOL NEW SCHOOL YEAR! Please join us to welcome back our preschool teachers and parents! We are serving coffee and treats on Sept. 28th from 7a.m. until 9 a.m. in the breezeway. We would love to see anyone who can make it. If you would like to bring a treat, we will put out a sign-up sheet in the atrium before Sunday. Thanks in advance for making this a special school year for our preschool!!

REALM TRAINING CLASSES: Bonnie Smith is offering free training classes this fall on our new congregational connectivity app, Realm. Classes for anyone will be held on the 3rd week of the month. Classes for leaders of groups the 4th week of the month. There is no need to sign up for these classes in advance. Classes start this Wednesday and Thursday. See calendar for times.

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

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.

WEST VIEW STUDENTS NEED YOU! Get involved as a lunch/buddy mentor, read to students, or participate in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters programs by volunteering. For more information, check our Friday e-news email. You can also get in touch with Jill Ellis, the new Coordinator of West View Community School at 865-742-5826 or EllisJ@unitedwayknox.org.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 17th

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

Monday, September 18th

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th

6:00 p.m. Session meeting (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, September 20th

9:00 a.m. Realm 101 (Small Conference Room)
10:00 a.m. Realm 102 (Small Conference Room)
2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)

Thursday, September 21st

10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)
12:00 p.m. Realm 101 (Small Conference Room)
1:00 p.m. Realm 102 (Small Conference Room)

Sunday, September 24th

9:15 a.m. Discovery Class (Library)
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
3:00 p.m. Baby Shower (Mary Chambers Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Helen Ferguson, the family of Sandra Conroy, Leslie Testerman, 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

Ministers:	Members & Friends of the Congregation	
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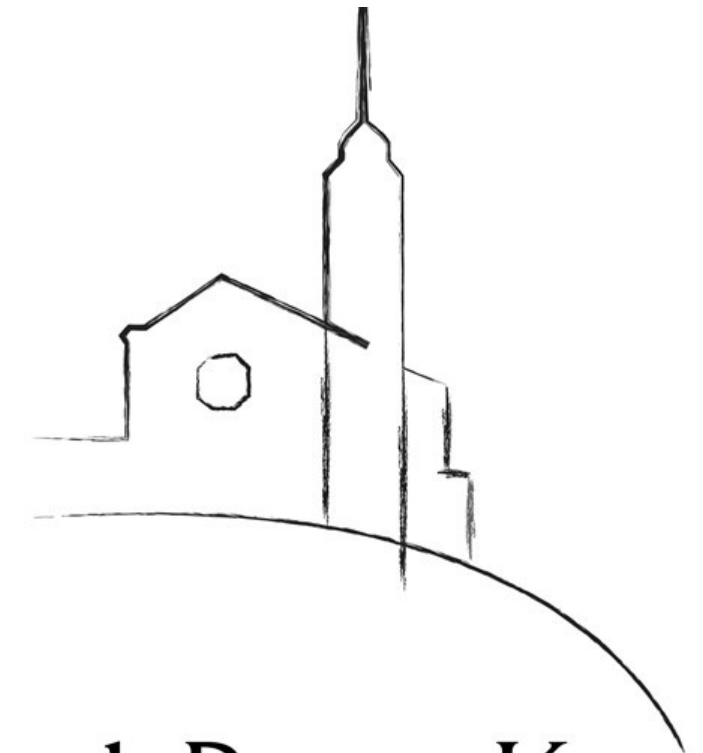
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

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



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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