

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Fantasia on “Hyfrodol”

arr. Innes

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 105

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

All: And also with you.

One: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name.

All: Sing praise to the Lord; tell of all his wonderful works.

One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Let us rejoice and give thanks to the Lord!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

#260, vv. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of every breath, we confess that most of the time our lives do not honor you. We sense your Spirit urging us one way, and we choose another. We seek guidance from the world around us rather than from you; and we ignore your word even when it is right in front of our eyes. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to be grateful for all you have done. Humble our hearts and fill them with gratitude and praise. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

One: Brothers and Sisters, believe the Good News: our sins are forgiven, and we are reconciled to God.

All: Let us therefore love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

✠ RESPONSE

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

#260, 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.

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

God of Our Life

#686

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

Luke 11:14-20

p. 72 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

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Kinley Lange

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Daniel 5:1-9, 17-20, 21b-31

p. 825 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

Chorale on “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

J.S. Bach

✠ 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

O God of Every Nation

#756

Sung to the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation”

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Tocatta on “How Firm a Foundation”

C. Murphree

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Kim Hudgens and Kay & Terry Weaver

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Elizabeth Seastrunk/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 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
Oct 15	Daniel 8-9	Daniel: The End of Exile

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Charles Wu, by his family, and in honor of Elsie Dodson’s 95th birthday, with love, from Richard, Lauren, Taylor and Parker.

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 and a signup sheet on the cookie table.

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 rehearsal at 9:15, 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.

SANCTUARY WALLS: *Sanctuary Walls* is a work written in response to a mass shooting which took place at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in the summer of 2008. It is meant to reflect on what the trauma caused by a hate crime feels, looks and sounds like. This performance will be the world premiere. It was conceived as a work for mezzo soprano, bass and orchestra and will be given in its piano/vocal version for this World Premiere Performance. Music by Forrest Wentzel; Words by Brian Griffin. To be presented on October 17, 2023, 7:30 PM Powell Recital Hall in the UT College of Music with: Karen Nickell, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Wentzel, bass; Julia Haas, piano.

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 TODAY at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. 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

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, there is a sign-up sheet in the atrium. 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 are the 4th week of the month. Although you can pre-register, you do not have to sign up for these classes in advance. 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

SUPPORT

SPECIAL OFFERING *The Peace and Global Witness Offering* will be received this Sunday and next. This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing injustice in our own communities and around the world.

SCHOOL COUPON BOOKS are being sold to benefit West View School. In-church sale dates: Sunday, Sept. 24th and Oct. 1st before and after worship in the Atrium. Cost per book \$20 (Hard copy + code to digital download for Android or iPhone) Consider donating books via teachers to children unable to purchase. Sandra Butler will sell, take orders, deliver: sandyb446@comcast.net / (865) 659-4416 cell

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, September 26th

9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 p.m. GROW team meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 27th

10:00 a.m. Realm Leaders Training (Small Conference Room)

Thursday, September 28th

7:00 a.m. Coffee for Preschool Teachers and Parents
1:00 p.m. Realm Leaders Training (Small Conference Room)

Sunday, September 29th

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


PRAYER CONCERNS

The families of Frances Johnson, Jerry Young, Helen Ferguson, & Sandra Conroy; Leslie Testerman, Janis Smith, 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.

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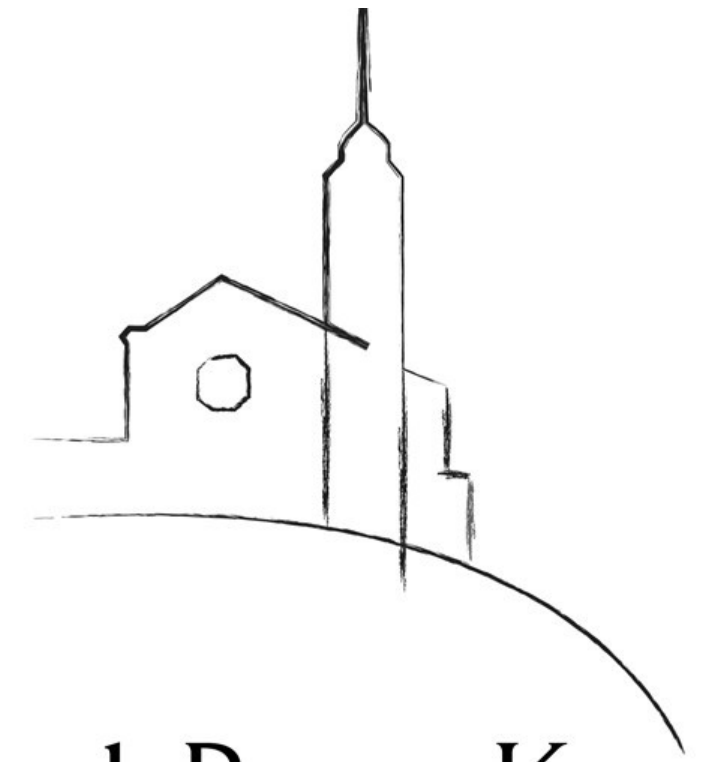
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

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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