

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*We Bow Down*

*arr. Hayes*

### ***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: The teaching of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.

**All: The testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.**

One: More to be desired are they than gold;

**All: Sweeter than honey, honey dripping from the comb.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

#451

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and Merciful God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent. You bless us with talents and skills for the work of your kingdom, but we waste our gifts and hoard our goods. You love us, but we turn our backs on you and our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord, and reconcile us to you by the power of your Holy Spirit. Give us the courage to share the good news through our gifts and give us the strength to love you and one another. Amen.**

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Beloved people of God, believe the Good News:

**All: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone.**

One: This is a gift of God by faith for all of us to enjoy.

**All: Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

✠ RESPONSE

*Glory Be to the Father*

#581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

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 124

p. 572 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

*by Pote*

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want.

My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.

Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

For you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want.

My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.

Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

and in the house of my God I will live forever.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 22:22-23:11

p. 143 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Sarah Morgan**

### ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

TIME FOR REFLECTION

*As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus*

*arr. Hayes*

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from* The Confession of 1967

**In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.**

✠ HYMN OF SENDING

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

#724

✠ BENEDECTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*arr. Atwood*

✠ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

### **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 always welcome in worship, but a **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Hearing Devices** are available, if needed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Helen Grant – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Dean Farmer, Leslie Matthews, and Doug Matthews

**Technicians:** Matt Casey, Dale Henley (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 26	Acts 22:22-23:11	Paul in Front of the Sanhedrin
Oct 3	Acts 23:12-35	A Plot to Kill Paul
Oct 10	Acts 24:1-27	Paul and Felix
Oct 17	Acts 25:1-12	Paul and Festus

**THANK YOU FOR WEARING A FACE COVERING:** Face coverings are currently required for worship, regardless of vaccination status. We also ask that everyone maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between households while in the building. (Visiting outside in the courtyard before or after worship is encouraged!)

**COVID PRECAUTION PHASES:** Moving forward, in-person worship will be an option no matter which Covid Phase we are in. As always, the live stream is available on our website or YouTube channel for those who prefer to worship from home during times of high Covid transmission in the community. The current Covid Phase will always be available on the home page of our website, where you can also find the guidelines for each phase. Additionally, signs on the doors of the building will alert you to the current Covid Phase. **We are currently in Phase Red.**

## 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.

## 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. When we return to Covid Phase Yellow, a prepared meal will be provided at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Bible study at 6:30 p.m.

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

**THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** will not meet until we return to Covid Phase Orange.

## STEWARDSHIP

**OFFERING PLATES** are at the entrances/exits to the sanctuary. Please remember to offer your gift of thanksgiving as you enter or leave.

**GREEK FEST PARKING LOT USE:** The Knoxville Greek Fest will be using our lower parking lot October 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**AUDREY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE** on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Phone coverage has been arranged for the hours of 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. All emails will be returned on Tuesday.

## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

### Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. FISH (Under Portico Weather Permitting)

### Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)

### Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Fran McLean, Scott Farris, Alex Robinson, and Peter Hamilton.

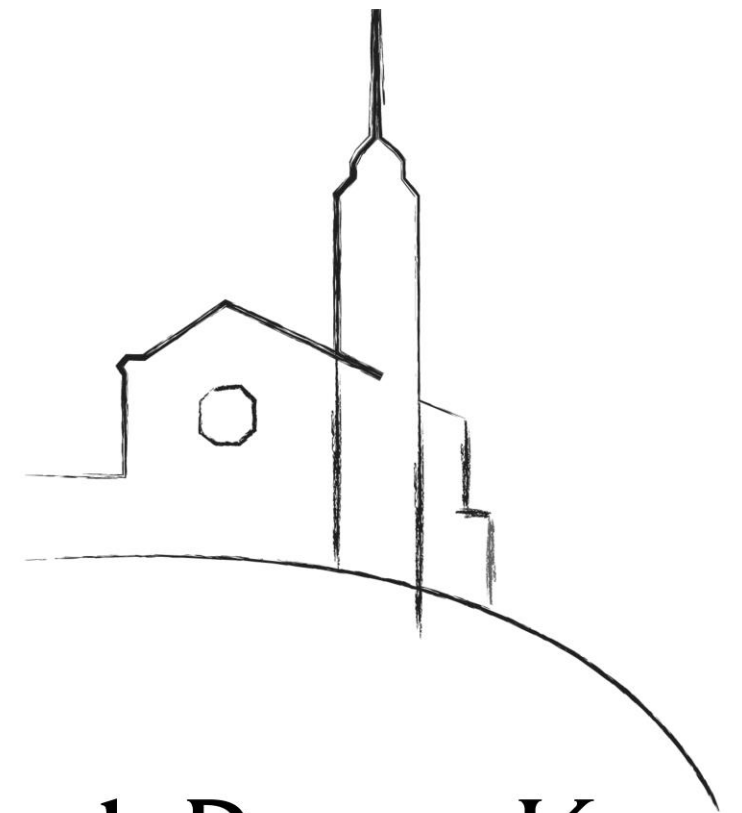
\*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.  
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

### *SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF*

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Check out our blog: [2ndpresknox.blogspot.com](http://2ndpresknox.blogspot.com)

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



# 2nd Pres Knox

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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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