

19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King/Simple Gifts* arr. Bojor

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *inspired by* Genesis 12

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: We are met together in the presence of God,

All: **and we do not meet alone.**

One: With the angels in the highest heaven, with Abraham and Sarah, with the saints of every age,

All: **We gather to worship the Lord.**

One: We embark on our own journey of faith as God makes of us a great people.

All: **God's holy name be praised!**

One: In the city and in our homes, in the desert and along the rivers, in the comfortable and uncomfortable places we find ourselves, we journey in the presence of God.

All: **And we do not journey alone.**

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE *The God of Abraham Praise* #49

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beckoning God, we hear your call to trust you always and to follow you. But honestly, some days our stresses and doubts are much more real to us than you are. We remember how Abram dared to believe your promises and set out from his home, but trust like that is hard to come by. We often believe our culture's teaching that "God helps those who help themselves," rather than believing the Bible's teaching that you help those who are unable to help themselves. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to confront our fears and struggles, our doubts and disbelief. Send us your Spirit to enable us to call on your power, which is greater than our own, that we may follow you in spite of their pull. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Remember, dear friends, that God reaches out to us with loving arms to offer us the forgiveness we ask for.

All: **Let us remember that in this moment we have asked, and in Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

✦ RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #581

✦ 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 *Here I Am, Lord* #69

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 Hebrews 11:8-16 p. 223 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Deep River* arr. John Leavitt

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 12:1-9 p. 10 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *God of Beauty, Truth, and Goodness* arr. Elissa Hodge

✦ Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

✦ Prayer of Dedication

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* The Confession of 1967

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in us and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievements to the final triumph of God.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

✦ HYMN OF SENDING *Live Into Hope* #772

✦ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✦ POSTLUDE *Majesty* arr. John Purifoy

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Marty McLean – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lisa and John Henley, and Nancy Smythe
Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our current sermon series is called *God's Kingdom People*. From now until Christmas we are focusing on the relationship between God and the Israelites.

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>
Oct. 13	Exodus 20-24	God's Kingdom People: <i>The Covenant</i>
Oct. 20	Exodus 32	God's Kingdom People: <i>The Second Fall</i>

TODAY IS A 5TH SUNDAY and worship is in the Fellowship Hall. If you are in the sanctuary and reading this, you're in the wrong place!

PASTOR TIM IS AWAY THIS MORNING. He will return to the office on Tuesday.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS into this family of faith: Don Garcia (reaffirmation of faith), Amy Garcia (letter of transfer), and Mark & Kathy Jenkins (letter of transfer). Please extend them the right hand of fellowship at the end of the worship service.

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.

FOUNDER'S DAY IS APPROACHING: Founder's Day for Second Church will be here soon on Oct. 20. Have you planned what you will bring in your covered dish for lunch? If you have an old family or favorite recipe, please consider bringing the food and the recipe to share.

CONNECT

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

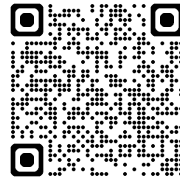
WELCOME VISITORS!

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 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 up front. 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, the QR code to the right, or contact Tim Reynolds (treynolds@2ndpres.org). **The hosts for today are Dick & Lauren Dodson.**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN invite all at Second Church to its next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00-11:30 a.m. We are in for a treat, with the speaker being the Executive Director of the Interfaith Health Center, an outstanding local health provider for the working poor.

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PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING This special offering will be received this Sunday and next. 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.

WEST VIEW SCHOOL COUPON BOOKS: West View School Coupon Books are on sale Sunday before church in the Atrium or afterwards at Fellowship Time. Each book is \$20, and Sandra Butler can be contacted to reserve your Coupon Book. Contact Sandra Butler at sandyb446@comcast.net or (865) 659-4416.

FISH MINISTRY DONATION NEEDS: The FISH ministry is currently in need of dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, and maxi pads. Donations can be placed in the FISH bin in the hallway between the Atrium and kitchen.

SUPPORT

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 to the right.



THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 29th

- 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)

Tuesday, October 1st

- 4:30 p.m. CONNECT Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities SUPPORT Team Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, October 3rd

- 1:00 p.m. GO Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Sunday, October 6th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

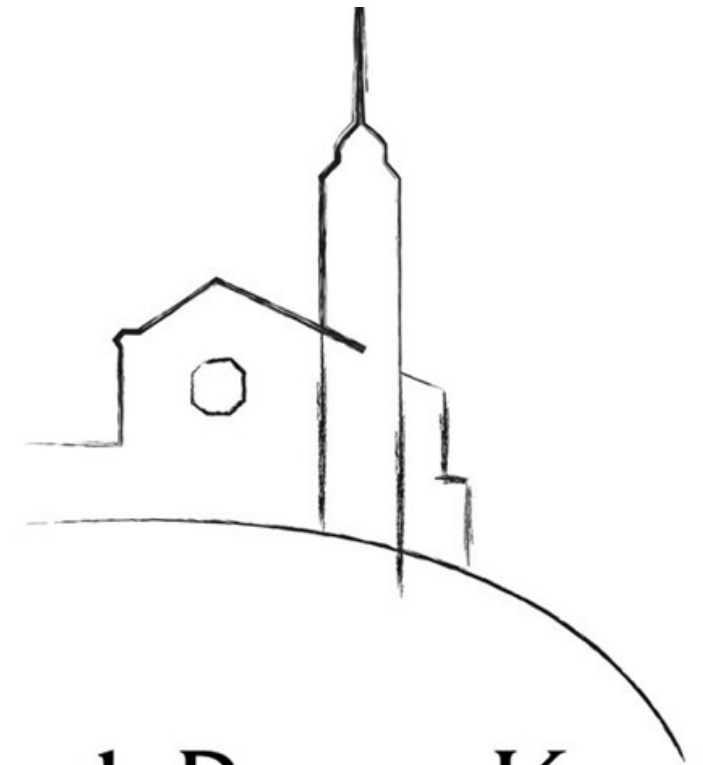
Cordelia Jones, Zach Burch, Amy Garcia, Sue Jacox,
the family of Louise Josephson, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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