

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3rd, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Arison

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36; 2 Corinthians 9

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

All: And also with you.

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens.

All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God.

All: Your righteousness endures forever.

One: In your light we see light.

All: Let us worship the light of our salvation.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Great Is the Lord

#614

(Sing 2 times through)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundance, you supply seed to the sower and bread for food. You provide us with all that we need that we may readily share it with others. Rather than sharing what we have, though, we keep it for ourselves. We are too afraid to relinquish control. We tell ourselves that there will not be enough to go around, and we let our selfish nature lead the way. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that all we have comes from you; and remind us of your call to share freely what we have been so freely given. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: God's love for us is genuine.

All: When we need it most, God's grace washes over us, seeping into the cracks of our brokenness and saturating our thirsty hearts.

One: In Christ, we receive forgiveness and peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

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 at the end of the row and pass it along.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Kathy Duggan

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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. DeCou

Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalm 36:5-9

p. 510 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

p. 184 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn

Bread of Life from Heaven

#497, vv. 1-3

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. They are lifted up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion

He Is Here in the Breaking of Bread

Lloyd Larson

Prayer after Communion

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church

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.

HYMN OF

For the Fruit of All Creation

#36

SENDING

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL

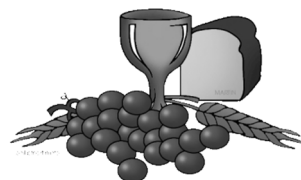
RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Wyrzten

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



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. Communion will be received via intinction this morning. Prefilled communion cups are available at the entrances to the sanctuary for those who do not wish to come forward for intinction.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Jack and Patton Lewis, Cleston Jones, and Janis Smith.

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video) and Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Scripture, Topic. Includes entries for Sept 3, 10, 17, and 24.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Helen Deans Ferguson by her family.

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, or you scan this QR code:



COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. Please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are seated, and return to your seat via the side aisle. A gluten-free communion station is provided to the left. If mobility or health concern is an issue for you, self-serve cups are available at the sanctuary entrance.

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

2ND WEDNESDAYS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 13TH: Beginning this month, we will meet monthly for a fellowship dinner followed by a program on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and will be catered by Eva's. The cost for the dinner will be \$10 per person, with a \$25 family maximum. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a program that will last about an hour. Childcare will be available. Our September program will be presented by our Church Administrator, Bonnie Smith. She will be introducing us to our new church connection app, Realm. For more details on 2nd Wednesdays, please read *The Second Edition*, available for pickup in the atrium and narthex, or digitally on our website.

SAVE THE DATE On September 24th at 3 p.m., we will be having a BABY SHOWER for Becca Kite, who is expecting a boy, and Rev. Rachel Penmore, who is expecting a girl. More details will be available in the next few weeks.

OUR NEXT DISCOVERY CLASS will be held on four consecutive Sunday mornings, beginning Sunday, September 17th, and going through Sunday, October 8th. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. in the Library/Fireside Room. The Discovery Class is 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. Pastor Tim will lead discussions on Presbyterian theology, the history of 2nd Presbyterian Church, and how our congregation organizes itself for mission and ministry. At the conclusion of the class, those who are not already members will be given the opportunity to unite with this congregation in membership, should they so desire. A New Member Sunday will be held shortly thereafter. 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.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, the Connect Committee and GO Team will host a catered luncheon immediately following worship on. We will hear from Carolyn Hansen – the Outreach and Research Coordinator at Compassion Coalition – and learn more about what 2nd Presbyterian can do as a partner congregation and as individuals to impact poverty and homelessness. The CONNECT Committee and GO Team are hosting the luncheon. There is no cost to attend. Childcare will be provided for those who let Kathy Duggan or Janis Smith know that it is needed. Please join us.

SUPPORT

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 3rd

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

Monday, September 4th Labor Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5th

4:30 p.m. CONNECT team (Barbour Room)
5:00 p.m. FACILITIES team (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. Scouts (Scout Room and Gym)

Wednesday, September 6th

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)

Thursday, September 7th

1:00 p.m. GO team (Barbour Room)

Sunday, September 10th

9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Compassion Coalition Presentation / Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

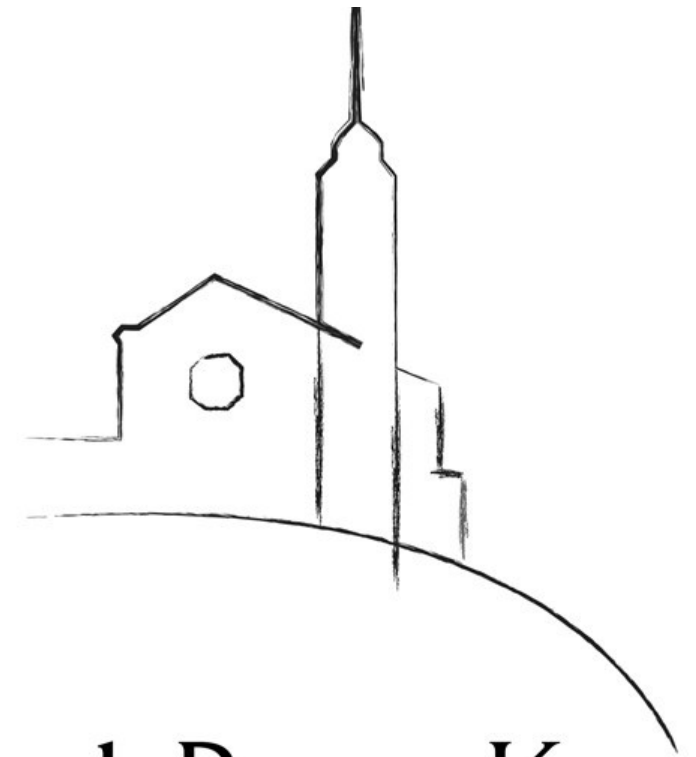
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

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



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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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