



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.*

Second Presbyterian Church

Organized 1818

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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September 5, 2021

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Worthy of Worship

Mark Blankenship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 125

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

All: And also with you.

One: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion.

All: They cannot be moved.

One: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

All: So the Lord surrounds his people.

One: O Lord, surround us this day and abide with us forever.

All: O Lord, surround us and grant us peace.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Compassionate God, daily we occupy ourselves with our desire to fulfill our own wants, to avoid discomfort, and to ignore those we do not agree with, know or love; and we prove ourselves to be unworthy of the gifts you offer. Of this we are profoundly aware, and we ask for your mercy. Renew us in body and spirit, that we might be able, with your help, to walk in the way you intended for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, our stories are known, our sins are forgiven, and our lives are made new.

One: Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

✠ RESPONSE

O Day of Rest and Gladness

**All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son
All praise the Holy Spirit, our God, the Three in One
God reigns in highest heaven, the Lord whom we adore
Who was and is and shall be, now and forevermore**

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We invite you pass the peace electronically with those outside your household.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING 1 Kings 17:8-24 p. 324 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 20:1-38 p. 140 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

Preparatory Anthem

Bread of the World

Dennis Eliot

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be your feast to us the token
That by your grace our souls are fed.

Sit at this place, dear Lord and Father,
Fill up the cup and break the bread;
O let us feel your loving power,
O let us hear the words you said:
"This is my blood and body broken,
Refresh your spirit, make it whole;
Remember me with food, the token;
Bread of the world, wine of the soul."

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 of the People

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 SENDING ***God Be with You Till We Meet Again*** #542

✠ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE ***The Solid Rock*** *arr. Rudy Atwood*



Communion: We welcome all who follow
Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the
Lord's Table, including children.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Technicians: 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:

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| Sept 5 | Acts 20:1-38 | Paul Bids Greece Goodbye |
| Sept 12 | Acts 21:1-26 | Paul's Journey to and arrival in Jerusalem |
| Sept 19 | Acts 21:27-22:21 | Paul's Arrest at the Temple |
| Sept 26 | Acts 22:22-23:11 | Paul in Front of the Sanhedrin |

TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY: If you were not able to pick any of the self-serve cups from the church, feel free to use whatever you have at home – crackers or bread, wine or grape juice, etc.

COVID PRECAUTION PHASES: At its regularly stated meeting on August 17th, the Session of 2nd Presbyterian Church implemented four Covid Precaution Phases. The phases are tied to the 7-Day Average Covid-19 Percent Positive Tests data provided by the Knox County Health Department each week (currently every Tuesday and Thursday). These phases will provide for the safety, health, and well-being of our membership and our visitors, given the level of Covid transmission in Knox County. The phases are available on the home page of our website and in the September *2nd Edition*. Signs on the doors of the church building and the banner on the top of our website will always indicate the current phase. **We are currently in Phase Red.**

THE SEPTEMBER SECOND EDITION is now available! Copies can be found in the vestibule. You can also read it online at 2ndpres.org by hovering over the 'Resources' tab and selecting 'Monthly Newsletters'.

DISCIPLESHIP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME THIS Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 6:30 p.m. If we are still in Covid Phase Red, there will be no dinner and the class will take place virtually until we return to Orange. We are going to try a new virtual interface for this that will not require you to download anything to your computer. As long as you have the ability to access the internet you will be able to participate. You will receive an email with instructions on Wednesday morning if you are on our email list.

Once we have returned to Covid Phase Orange, the Bible Study will be in-person with a Zoom 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.

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

THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS are available! Copies can be found in the vestibule.

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).

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 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.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

Sunday, September 5th

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

Tuesday, September 7th

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Virtual)
5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee Meeting (Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Care & Compassion (Virtual)
7:00 p.m. Service & Outreach (Virtual)

Wednesday, September 8th

12:00 p.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Virtual)
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study (Virtual)

Sunday, September 12th

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

STEWARDSHIP

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, September 6th for Labor Day.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Scott Farris, the Bartlett family, 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.

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