

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 8th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

For the Fruit of All Creation

arr. Jane Holstein

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 19

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

All: And also with you.

One: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim his handiwork.

All: Day after day speak about God, yet they use no words.

One: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their speech to the end of the world.

All: Let the whole earth recognize the glory of God, our Creator and Redeemer.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

#385

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the beginning was the Word. Through him all things were made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, but we did not recognize him. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, but we did not receive him. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, but we did not believe him. Have mercy upon us, most merciful God! Take us back to the very beginning, to that time before time, and speak your Word to us again. Tell us the story of your everlasting love so that in your story we may understand our own. Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to receive, and minds to believe. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The good news is from everlasting to everlasting: as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sin in Christ Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God!

✠ RESPONSE

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

#484, v.1

✠ 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Helen Grant, Presbyterian Women

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

#20

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

John 1:1-14

p. 91 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Earth Is the Lord's

Benjamin Harlan

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Genesis 1:1-2:3 (paraphrase)

p. 1 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

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Brian Dunbar

✠ Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#606

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from The Confession of 1967

God has created us in relation with himself that we may respond to the love of the Creator. He has endowed us with capacities to make the world serve our needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

#23

✠ BENECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

"The Heavens Are Telling" from *The Creation*

F.J. Haydn

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Helen Grant – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton, Henry Naff, Bill Ragsdale, and Mary Kay Sullivan

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Elizabeth Seastrunk (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Today is the first sermon in a series called *God's Kingdom People*. From now until Christmas we will focus on the relationship between God and the Israelites.

Sept 8	Genesis 1-2	God's Kingdom People: <i>Creation</i>
Sept 15	Genesis 3	God's Kingdom People: <i>The Fall</i>
Sept 22	Genesis 4	God's Kingdom People: <i>The Fallout</i>
Sept 29	Genesis 12	God's Kingdom People: <i>The Call</i>

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

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.

CONNECT

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MONTHLY MEETINGS RETURN beginning this **Tuesday, September 10th** at 10 a.m. We are excited to have Dr. Meredith Loftis as our special guest to discuss the topic of *Economic Justice* for the month. Dr. Loftis will be talking about Justice Knox, a local organization. Make sure to check out our September *2nd Edition* issue for more information about this event.

SECOND READERS will meet at the Buckingham Clubhouse this Wednesday, **September 11**, at 11:30 a.m. We will review *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. Leslie Matthews will lead our discussion. Please join us whether you have read the book or not. All are welcome.

2ND WEDNESDAYS RETURN SEPT. 11TH: Our monthly 2nd Wednesday dinner and program resume this Wednesday, September 11th. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. with the program following dinner, usually around 6:30 or 6:45 p.m. This month, our very own Dr. Andrew Butler will be giving a presentation on poetry and Appalachian identity. Andrew recently received his PhD from the University of Tennessee. His degree is in poetry writing and his research has focused on the concepts of kitsch, authenticity, and Appalachian identity. We hope to see you for dinner and some Appalachian poetry on September 11th!

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!

SUPPORT

SEEKING A FEW EXPERIENCED GARDENERS to help with landscape maintenance. Ideally, we'll form a few teams of 3-4 people so that each team's work session is only about an hour. Neal Peebles will organize each work session and provide tools as needed. Communication with the team would be through Realm, making it easy to reach everyone quickly. More details are in the September *2nd Edition* newsletter. If interested, please contact Neal Peebles at fnpeebles3@gmail.com or 865-384-8741.

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 8th

- 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, September 10th

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship team meeting (Barbour Rm)

Wednesday, September 11th

- 11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)
- 5:30 p.m. Grow team meeting (Small Conference Rm)
- 6:00 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Dinner & Program (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 15th

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

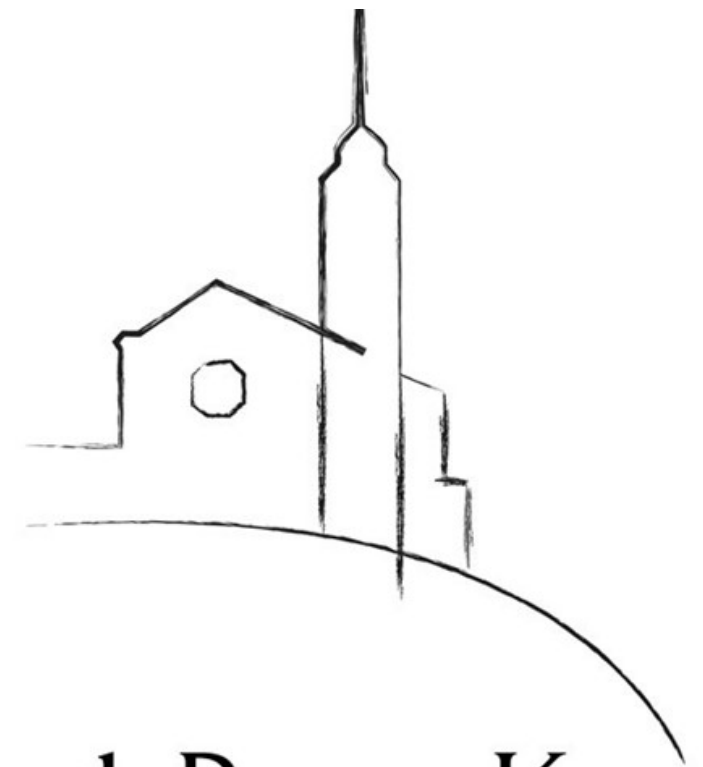
Sue Jacox, The family of Louise Josephson,
Eric Cantor, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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