2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***In Dulci Jubilo*** *Johann Michael Bach*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

RESPONSE ***Come Now, O Prince of Peace*** **#103, v. 1**

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Isaiah 11 & 40

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: "Prepare the way," the prophets call, "make ready the highways for God."
All: How we long to walk down the sidewalks in God's kingdom of peace!
One: Prepare your hearts, for God's realm opens up a new day.
All: How we yearn for the time when the wolf and lamb will live together in harmony.
One: Prepare the way; God promises a new day when adversaries will lay down their arms.
All: How we dream of a world transformed by God's love.
One: May the God of hope fill our hearts with joy and peace.
All: We rejoice, for God's Spirit is in our midst!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel*** **#88, v.1,4,5,7**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, Christ is coming; your kingdom draws near. As we prepare the way for the Prince of Peace, we cannot remain unchanged. We have neglected to plead the case of the poor and ignored the needs of the afflicted. We have denied our part in systems that oppress and turned a blind eye toward injustice. Help us abandon our wayward wanderings and return to faithful paths. Renew our minds and transform our hearts, that our lives might bear the fruit of compassion and care. Baptize us with your Spirit and claim us again for your holy work, until you come in glory. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things. The most wondrous of all being God's entry into our world in Jesus, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
All: Those who believe in Jesus are not, and will never be, condemned. Thanks be to God!

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

✞RESPONSE ***Angels We Have Heard on High*** **#113 (refrain)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

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 ***Phrygian Prelude*** *Flor Peeters*
✞Response ***Of the Father's Love Begotten*** **#108, v. 6**
✞Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 15:4-13 p. 163 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 11:1-10 p. 640 OT
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 Hymn ***For Everyone Born*** **#769**
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 ***Shalom*** *Dan Forrest*
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 ***We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*** **#378**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Verset*** *Léon Boëllmann*

✞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 in the pews this morning.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah Warner-Sperl – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir
Kathryn Paden – Soprano
Sarah Ringer – Violinist

Ushers: Betsy Foster, Lisa Henley, Bill Ragsdale, and Dick Smith
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary. Our Advent readings focus on the traditional Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Dec 7	Isaiah 11:1-10	The Peaceful Kingdom
Dec 14	Matthew 11:2-11	The Authentic Jesus
Dec 21	Matthew 1:18-25	God with Us
Dec 28	Matthew 2:13-23	Escape to Egypt

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

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE PEWS this morning using the "dual cup method". Cups with gluten-free bread are in the center rings of the tray.

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Order your Christmas Poinsettias by December 10th. A digital copy of the order form is in the E-news, on our website, and in Realm. Paper forms are in the Narthex and in the church office. You can also pay in Realm using the QR code beside this announcement or by texting "2NDPRESKNOX Poinsettia" to 73256.

KNOXVILLE CHAMBER CHORALE 2025 HOLIDAY CONCERT: 2nd Presbyterian is proud to host the Knoxville Chamber Chorale for their 2025 Holiday Concert THIS AFTERNOON at 3:00 pm. Admission is free to the public. Led by Dr. John Orr, the Knoxville Chamber Chorale is the select vocal ensemble of the Knoxville Choral Society. Comprised of auditioned singers, the Chorale performs advanced choral repertoire with a focus on musical precision, expressive artistry, and rich vocal blend.

KNOXVILLE NATIVITY PAGEANT: The 57th Annual Nativity Pageant of Knoxville is December 13th-15th at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum. Admission is free. For more information visit www.knoxvillenativity.com.

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

FOOD & FRIENDS is a ministry to college students and young adults. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, all college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church. Our NEXT Food & Friends is December 14th.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We will go caroling at the houses of some of our members on December 21st. Meet in the church parking lot at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join us!

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!

THE PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRESENTATION is Thursday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited!

2nd PRES YOUNG FAMILIES: On December 14th, join us in the Fellowship Hall for ornament decorating at 4:30 followed by dinner and story time! Kids are welcome to wear pajamas. Bring a blanket for your family to sit on during story time.

GO

STUFFED ANIMALS NEEDED: Second Readers is collecting new, soft, stuffed animals for the Juvenile Court. Animals should be no more than 12 inches high, new, and snuggly. Look for a box in the atrium to place your cuddly critters. If you are unable to shop, you may make a donation and we will shop for you. Thank you for your participation!

FAMILY PROMISE: The Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church will host families this week. **Volunteers are needed** to help ready the home for guests in the early afternoon TODAY the 7th, to close the home on the 14th and to help with the evening meal on Wednesday, December 10th. To volunteer, please contact Janis Smith via phone or text at (615) 260-7784.

SUPPORT

STEWARDSHIP: If you have not already made a pledge for 2026, there is still time to support our ministry in the coming year. You can make a pledge online through the church website, through the Giving tab in your Realm account, or by filling out a physical card and putting it in the offering plate. Thank you for your faithful support of what we believe God is calling us to do.

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, December 7th

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
3:00 p.m. Knoxville Chamber Choral Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 8th

12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (zoom)

Tuesday, December 9th

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Thursday, December 11th

5:30 p.m. Preschool Christmas Musical (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 14th

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
4:30 p.m. Christmas Storytelling (Fellowship Hall)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family of Bill Sullivan, Mark Jenkins,
Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., 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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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*.

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