4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 1st, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Komm Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott*** *Georg Philipp Telemann*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 19 & 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: The world finds no proof of God.
All: But the heavens tell of God's glory.
One: God's message is foolishness is to the world.
All: But God's folly surpasses human wisdom.
One: The freedom of the world leads to death.
All: But obedience to God's ways leads to life.
One: We gather in the name of Christ, crucified and risen.
All: The Word made flesh brings life to all God's people!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Fairest Lord Jesus*** **#630**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth in our hearts or loved as you love. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is, and because of this, you have a quarrel with us. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility. May we be fools for Christ, following him wherever he leads, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* 1 Corinthians 1

One: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.
All: The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but the power of God to us who are being saved.
One: Jesus Christ became for us righteousness, holiness, and redemption so that we might be forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Glory Be to the Father*** **#581**

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 ***Interlude*** *Flor Peeters*
✞Response ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Jeremiah 9:1-6, 23-24 p. 709 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 p. 166 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
✞Preparatory Hymns ***In Remembrance of Me*** **#521**
Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (p. 35 – *Glory to God*)
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 ***Because He Broke the Bread*** *Parker & Schram*
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 ***Help Us Accept Each Other*** **#754**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***I Know That My Redeemer Lives*** *Richard Wienhorst*

✞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.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: John and Lisa Henley, Doug and Leslie Matthews
Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Matt Casey (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Feb 1	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	God's Foolishness
Feb 8	Matthew 5:13-20	Light of the World
Feb 15	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Love
Feb 22	Romans 5:12-19	The Gift of Grace

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

DUE TO THE PREVALENCE OF THE FLU VIRUS, if you feel more comfortable passing the peace with a fist bump, elbow bump, or a friendly wave and nod of the head, please feel free to do so.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE PEWS this morning. We will be using a method known as the "dual cup method" to receive the sacrament. There are two cups in each slot in the tray. The bottom cup holds one piece of communion bread and the top cup holds the juice. When the tray is passed to you, remove both cups together, separate them, and then hold them until everyone has been served. We will take the bread and the juice together, as instructed by the pastors. For those who would like a gluten-free option, cups with gluten-free bread are in the center rings of the tray.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: Sunday worship will not be cancelled due to weather, though there may be some last-minute modifications to the worship service. Please use your own discretion, however, in deciding whether to come. Safety is of primary importance; please stay home if you don't feel you can make it to worship safely. You can always join virtually. All other activities will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Any cancellations will be posted in Realm and on the website. Please check these if you are unsure.

SCOUT SUNDAY is February 15th. For over 100 years Boy Scouts have enjoyed the support of religious organizations. Our own Troop 6 was founded on January 29, 1915, and is the oldest troop in the Great Smoky Mountain Council. Second Presbyterian Church has been the charter organization since 1916.

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, cookies, and a time of fellowship following worship each week.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON will take place following worship on Sunday, February 8th in Hudson Hall. The Souper Bowl Luncheon is a fundraiser to support the hungry here in Knoxville. An electronic signup sheet has been created so you can sign up to let us know what kind of soup, salad, or dessert you are bringing to share. A link to the signup is on the home page of our website or you can scan the QR code in this announcement. If you don't want to sign up electronically, just call the church office and let us know. Please bring a recipe card for your soup!

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 February 8th and all college students and **young adults are invited to join us at the Souper Bowl luncheon!** If you are interested in hosting Food & Friends, scan the QR code to sign up or let Pastor Tim know.

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!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: The Pastor's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are reading and studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

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FAMILY PROMISE: The Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, our neighbor at 3611 Kingston Pike, will provide breakfast, dinner, and overnight housing for four families the week of February 15-21. Volunteers from 2nd Presbyterian will have the opportunity to serve an evening meal on Wednesday February 18th. The time commitment is 5:30 - & PM. In addition, help is needed to ready the house for guests on Sunday the 15th from 4-5 PM and close the house on Sunday the 22nd from noon - 1 PM. *For more information,* please contact Janis Smith via email or text: smithjb1@gmail.com / (615) 260-7784.

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, February 1st
- 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)

Monday, February 2nd
- 3:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting (Zoom)
- 5:15 p.m. Soccer Shots (Gym)
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Growth Group (Library)

Tuesday, February 3rd
- 4:30 p.m. Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Team Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym/Scout Room)
- 8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, February 4th
- 10:30 a.m. PET Pastors Conversation (Barbour Rm.)

Thursday, February 5th
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)
- 1:00 p.m. Go Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Growth Group (Library)

Sunday, February 8th
- 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. Annual Congregation Meeting + Souper Bowl Luncheon (Hudson Hall)
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 3:00 p.m. Zeigenfuss Voice Recital (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dr. James Farris, The family of Lynda May, Joe Beals, 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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