7th Sunday of Easter

June 1st, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Resignation*** *arr. Rachel Steffensmeiser*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 37

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: We will trust in the Lord and do good. We will take delight in the Lord and trust in him.
All: We will commit our way to the Lord and wait patiently for him to act.
One: Our steps are made firm by the Lord; he delights in our way.
All: The Lord holds us by the hand; even though we might stumble, we shall not fall!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Alleluia, Alleluia!*** HYMN TO JOY

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we acknowledge that we belong to you, and that you hold the keys of death and life. Yet we have sought to preserve our old ways of living, rather than embracing the new life you have given us. We have not truly believed your Good News, even when there are signs of it all around us. Forgive our wavering spirits and our refusal to trust in you. Set us free by your unwavering Spirit from the uncertainty that paralyzes us and fill us with new life in Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. We pray in his name. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the Good News: God never tires out, God is always faithful, God is always with us. God heals us with mercy and strengthens us for service.
All: The One who numbers the stars knows each of us by name and loves us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

✞RESPONSE ***Alleluia, Alleluia!*** HYMN TO JOY

✞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.

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Vacation Bible School

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Abide with Me/Chopin's Etude, Op. 10. No. 3*** *arr. Ham*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 23 p. 501 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 1:1-4 p. 228 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 Hymn ***Living Word of God Eternal***
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 ***Hymn of Mercy*** *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.

RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING MEMBERS – Craig & Dana Hendrix

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*** **#803**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Ode to Joy*** *arr. Darek*

✞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

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

Ushers: Betsy Foster, Doug Barbour, Janis Smith
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Dale Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: What does it really mean to live out the faith we hold? The book of James offers one of the most practical and challenging guides in all of Scripture – calling us not just to believe, but to act on our belief. Our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*, explores what authentic, active faith looks like in everyday life.

June 1	James 1:1-4	Faith in Action: *Real Faith for Real Life*
June 8	James 1:5-11	Faith in Action: *The Challenge of Faith*
June 15	James 1:12-18	Faith in Action: *The Snares of the World*
June 22	TBD	Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff, Executive Presbyter

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

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.

PASTOR SARAH is on sabbatical through Labor Day. She will return to the office on September 2nd.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO WEAR RED NEXT WEEK in celebration of Pentecost.

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE: Beginning TODAY and continuing through Labor Day, the Worship Team asks that everyone sit in the front half of the sanctuary during worship to encourage togetherness and fellowship during the summer. We understand this may be difficult at first for those of you who like to sit in the back, so please think of it this way: you are still sitting in the back, it's just that the back has moved up!

LITURGISTS WANTED! We are currently looking for folks who are interested in serving as a liturgist for worship. Pastor Tim will provide a training this summer and you will be worked into the rotation beginning in September. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please email Pastor Tim at treynolds@2ndpres.org. Additionally, Dana Hendrix, who has been serving as a liturgist and scheduling the liturgists is moving to Michigan. If you are interested in creating the liturgist schedule every 3-4 months, please let Pastor Tim know.

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.

PREBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on June 10th at 11 am for their annual picnic. They will meet at the First United Methodist Church's Pavilion.

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!

OUR SUMMER BIBLE STUDY coincides with our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*. Each week we gather with Pastor Tim to discuss the sermon and study the passage from the previous Sunday in more depth. The class meets in the Barbour Room on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. We hope you join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the nursery and preschool! Please contact Holly Grimm at (865) 243-6353 if you are interested.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 9-11, from 5:30-7:30 pm. We are excited to be launching a new partnership with First Presbyterian Church to offer Vacation Bible School for all ages. Our Children's program is Live It Out: *Discover How to Love Like Jesus*, and our Adult's program is *Back to Basics*, which will offer an in-depth look at what it means to be Presbyterian and how we live out that identity in daily life. Scan the QR code on the right to sign up!

GO

THE PENTECOST OFFERING will be received today, June 1st and next Sunday, June 8th. Pentecost celebrates the renewal of the relationship between God and the community of faith. The offering will go towards a number of PCUSA youth and children's ministries.

FISH MISSION DONATIONS: We are currently asking you to direct your monetary gifts directly to the FISH designated fund rather than donating items. You can contribute via Realm, the church website, or by check. Monthly donations would be most helpful. FISH meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month to pack and/or deliver. If you'd like to help, contact Dick Dodson at rtdodson52@gmail.com.

SUPPORT

JACK ROSAMOND IS ON VACATION this week. He will return on June 10th.

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, June 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

Monday, June 2nd
- 3:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 3rd
- 10:30 a.m. Faith in Action Bible Study (Barbour Room)
- 4:30 p.m. Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, June 5th
- 1:00 p.m. Go Team Meeting (Small Conference Room)

Sunday, June 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)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Jacox, Mark Jenkins, Mancil Milligan, Janet Chadwick, Bill Roach, Jr., 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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FRIDAY E-NEWS: If you are not receiving the Friday E-News and would like to, please email Jack Rosamond (jrosamond@2ndpres.org) and let him know you would like to be added to the list.

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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