22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr'* *Michael Praetorius*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 145

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Come, worship the Lord who is gracious and merciful.
All: Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
One: The Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
All: Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
One: The Lord, who is good to all.
All: Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
One: The Lord, whose compassion is over all creation.
All: Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
One: The Lord, who is faithful in word and gracious in deed.
All: Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
One: The Lord, who upholds those who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
All: Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
One: Let us bless God's holy name, forever and always.
All: Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* **#4**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering, "What if?" or "Suppose?" we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us. So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well – touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears – heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings – speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord and Savior.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.
All: With kindness and justice, God makes us new people. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is the Lord and worthy of praise! Amen.

✞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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION **Lauren Dodson**

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 *O Christ, the Great Foundation* **#361**

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

HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 14:5-14 p. 60 OT

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

ANTHEM *Eternal Light* *arr. Benjamin Harlan*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 p. 205 NT

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

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* The Confession of 1967

New life in Christ does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. We will still struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems, but will live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others. This new life finds its direction in Jesus, his deeds, his words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of the apostles and prophets guides us in living this life and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for ministry. The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humanity in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than humanity's schemes will finally prevail.

✞HYMN OF SENDING *Now Thank We All Our God* **#643**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE *Prelude in G minor, BWV 558* *JS Bach*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Charlie Melson--Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah J. Warner - Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Linda Cook, Jim Giffen, and Janis Smith
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary, a common set of readings from Scripture that Christians across the world hear together each week in worship.

Nov 9	2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17	The Day of the Lord
Nov 16	Isaiah 65:17-25	God's Kingdom Come, Will Be Done
Nov 23	Luke 23:33-43	What if…Jesus Hadn't Been Crucified?
Nov 30	Isaiah 2:1-5	Wake Up & Get Ready!

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given by Bill Johnson to the glory of God and in memory of Raleigh Johnson, United States Army Veteran of World War II.

SUPPORT

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURE: Today we open our stewardship pledge period. This is a time when friends and members of our congregation are asked to prayerfully consider our response to God's call for our church and our response to God's abundance in our lives. Please consider how you can help support the work of 2nd Presbyterian Church with your financial pledge. You are invited to bring your pledge card and place it in the offering plate on Dedication Sunday, November 23rd, or you may make a pledge at any time through the "pledge" link on the home page of the church's website. Thank you for your commitment to the mission of 2nd Pres.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.

FRIDAY E-NEWS: If you are not receiving the Friday E-News and would like to, please email Tuesday Reynolds (jrosamond@2ndpres.org).

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.

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 TODAY. The hosts are Dick & Lauren Dodson.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN meets **this** Tuesday Nov. 11 from 10:15-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. **All** are welcome to join for a Hymn Sing with Pastor Tim and Bible study with Helen Grant. **QUESTION**: Was Jesus truly tempted by the Devil?

SECOND READERS will be meeting at 11:30 on **November 19th**, at the Buckingham Clubhouse. The book they will be discussing is *Waiting for Christmas* by Lynn Austin. Bring a lunch and join in the fun!

CONNECT TEAM: The Connect Team is looking to identify high school and College students who will graduate this spring. Email information to Liz Peebles at enp3613@gmail.com or the church office.

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 *Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe* by Ronald J. Allen & Robert D. Cornwall.

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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 in advance for your participation!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 9th

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 (Courtyard)
11:30 a.m.	Food and Friends (Restaurant TBD)
1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Monday, November 10th

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

Tuesday, November 11th

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

Thursday, November 13th

10:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Room)

Sunday, November 16th

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 (Courtyard)
1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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