6th Sunday of Easter

May 25th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***God My Father, Loving Me*** *Flor Peeters*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 67

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!
One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
All: let all the peoples praise you.
One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
All: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.
One: Let all the peoples praise you, O God;
All: let all the peoples praise you!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***The Risen Christ*** **#257**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious God, who gives the fruits of the earth for the benefit of all your creatures, we give thanks and praise to you for abundant harvests and plentiful food. We pray for those in our land who are denied these gifts and seek your forgiveness for our complicity in their want. We thank you for our government, designed to be responsive to the will of the governed, and for the choices that are ours in this land of opportunity. We pray for those whose voices are silenced and for those who do not listen. Forgive us when our choices are selfish ones and forgive us especially when we do not choose to raise our own voice against the pain of those among us who suffer needless want. Most of all, O God, we give you thanks for the revelation of your love in Jesus Christ, who came that everyone might have abundant life. Forgive us when we betray him by not doing the things he says to do or loving the way he loved us. We make this prayer in his name. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the Good News: the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. As far as the east is from the west, so far has our Lord removed our sin from us.
All: Let all the peoples praise our gracious and merciful God. Glory be to our God forever!

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

✞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.

✞HYMN OF PREPARATION ***O God, Show Mercy to Us*** **#341**

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 17:1-3, 20-26 p. 111 NT

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

ANTHEM ***O Rest in the Lord*** *Mendelssohn*
Annie Liu, mezzo soprano

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 67 p. 529 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** *Wayne Leupold*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* The Heidelberg Catechism

Christ, having redeemed us, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God – that we may offer praise, that we may be assured as we see the fruits of faith, and that through our lives our neighbors may know Christ.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*** **#753**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein*** *Johann Pachelbel*

✞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
Sarah J. Warner – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Cleston Jones, Tracy Horton & Henry Naff, Nancy Smythe
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Pastor Sarah looks at the Psalm reading from the Revised Common Lectionary today. Next week, we will begin our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*.

May 25	Psalm 67	Called to Praise God
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*

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God, and by Dana, Craig, and Genevieve Hendrix in loving memory of Dana's Parents, Tom and Maxine Holton.

PASTOR SARAH will be on sabbatical beginning tomorrow, May 26th. She will return to the office on September 2nd.

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE: Beginning June 1st and continuing through Labor Day, the Worship Team is asking everyone to sit in the front half of the sanctuary during worship. Since worship attendance is usually slightly lower during the summer months, we feel this is a good way to encourage togetherness and fellowship. We will be placing a sign in the sanctuary from June-August, and we request everyone sit forward of that sign for our summer worship services. 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!

CONNECT

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

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.

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!

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

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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

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.

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.

LOST & FOUND items will be donated on May 26th. If you are missing anything, please claim it or email Jack Rosamond to collect the item. Our lost and found is in the hallway between the kitchen and atrium.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, May 25th

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, May 26th

Church Closed – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27th

9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)

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)

PRAYER CONCERNS

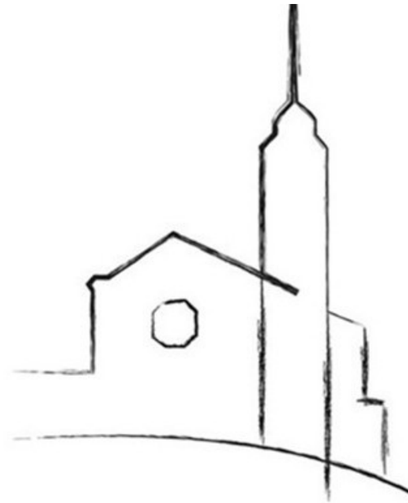
Sue Jacox, Mark Jenkins, Mancil Milligan, Janet Chadwick, Bill Roach, Jr., Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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