5th Sunday in Lent

March 22nd, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Gymnopèdie No 1*** *Erik Satie*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Ezekiel 37; Psalm 150

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Can these bones live?
All: The Lord breathes life into them and they live.
One: The Lord breathes life into these dry bones, and they live and know that the Lord has spoken and will act.
All: The Lord breathes hope into hopeless places, creation into desolation.
One: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
All: Praise the Lord!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*** **#265, vv. 1-4**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we are a hopeless people. We search for glimpses of hope, but we find desolation. We look for signs of peace, but we find only discord. We long for wholeness, but we are broken. You call us to be bringers of hope, of peace, of wholeness; but we can't muster the courage. Forgive us, God, for our hopelessness in the face of despair, for the ways we contribute to the world's desolation and discord and brokenness. Breathe new life into us, we pray and restore in us the desire to do your will. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Psalm 130

One: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?
All: But, there is forgiveness in you.
One: Friends, hope in the Lord!
All: For with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem. Thanks be to God.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*** **#265, v. 5**

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 ***How Great Thou Art*** **#625, vv. 1,3,4**

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

GOSPEL READING John 11:1-6, 17, 38-44 p. 104-105 NT

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

ANTHEM ***Esto Les Digo*** *Kinley Lange*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Ezekiel 37:1-14 p. 806 OT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

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 *from* A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Breathe on Me, Breath of God*** **#286**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Prelude in G minor*** *J.S. Bach BWV 558*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: John Henley, Lisa Henley, Bill Ragsdale, and Mary Kay Sullivan
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

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

Mar 22	Ezekiel 37:1-14	The Valley of the Dry Bones
Mar 29	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem
Apr 5	John 20:1-18	He Is Risen!
Apr 12	John 20:19-31	Thomas & The Wounds of Christ

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

PRAYER STATIONS are available in Room 50 (on the opposite end of the hall from the library) throughout Lent any time the church is open.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER DEADLINE is TODAY! Orders can be placed in honor/memory of a loved one, and you may use the order forms located around the church OR by scanning the QR code here to order through Realm. Thank you for helping us beautify our sanctuary for Easter Sunday!

PALM SUNDAY: Palm Sunday is NEXT Sunday, March 29th. Everyone is invited to pick up a palm as they enter the sanctuary to wave during the first hymn. All children and their families are invited to come to the Narthex at the start of worship to receive palms and parade through the sanctuary during the first hymn.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: On Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, we will celebrate Holy Thursday with a service of communion at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be a joint service with Church of the Savior.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE: We will gather with other PCUSA congregations at Graystone Presbyterian Church at 12 noon on Good Friday, April 3rd, for a reflective and contemplative prayer service.

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UKIRK EXTRA GIVING OPPORTUNITY: If you are interested in supporting a special project that will increase awareness of UKirk's ministry on campus through a one-time gift of $250, please contact Pastor Tim for details.

NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY: We have been invited to join Westminster Presbyterian at the Justice Knox Nehemiah Action Assembly on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium. Westminster has been a supporting congregation for Justice Knox for a decade, and the Nehemiah Action Assembly is the gathering city leaders are asked to commit to specific actions resulting from a year-long study. There will be a pre-meeting to explain guidelines at 6:40 p.m., with the meeting to follow from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you would like tickets or more information, contact Leonard Bailey (865)207-4947 or lbailey@chartertn.net).

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in supporting ministries of compassion through causes addressing hunger, disaster, poverty, climate change, immigration issues and refugees.

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: Join us after worship each week for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship.

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. If you are interested in hosting Food & Friends, scan the QR code to sign up or let Pastor Tim know. **The next Food and Friends is April 12th!**

PIZZA & BINGO: You're invited to join us after worship TODAY for a pizza lunch followed by an afternoon of Bingo! There will be prizes for youth and adults as well as a special prize for the last game: a "blackout round" for the first person to completely fill their card! See you there!

OAKES FARM TULIP FESTIVAL: We're going to the Tulip Festival at Oakes Farm in Corryton this Saturday, March 28, and all are invited to come along! Join us at 8240 Corryton Rd. at 10 a.m. for a beautiful morning of fellowship and flowers as we welcome the season of spring. If you did not sign up to attend prior to last Wednesday, you are still welcome to join us on Saturday at the regular price of admission. Visit www.oakesfarm.com for ticket information. See you there!

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 studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

GROWTH GROUPS: Growth Groups are on break until the week of April 12th. Spring Quarter Growth Group signups will be March 29th-April 5th. Watch this space and the website for more information.

EGGS NEEDED! We are now collecting candy-filled plastic Easter eggs for our egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5 (*nut-free candy only, please!*). There is a collection box for eggs located in the atrium. Thank you in advance for your donations!

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, March 22nd

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.	Pizza & Bingo (Gym)
1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, March 24th

9:00 a.m.	FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Gym/Scout Room)
8:45 p.m.	UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, March 25th

10:00 a.m.	Arts and Crafts (Room 227)

Thursday, March 26th

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

Sunday, March 29th - Palm Sunday

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Joe Beals, Geoff Duggan, 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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