25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Olivet*** *Lowell Mason*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 105

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name.
All: Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord.
One: Make known the deeds of the Lord among all the people.
All: Tell of God's wonderful works.
One: Glory in God's holy name.
All: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*** **#35**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, you know us at our worst and still you offer us unending grace and mercy. For this we give you thanks, even as we continue to struggle at being our best. We are often selfish and greedy and jealous, and still you remind us of your goodness that is for all. We are anxious and untrusting and fearful, and still you remind us of your love that remains steadfast. Forgive us, Lord, when we get so caught up in our own interests that we fail to show others the same grace and mercy and love that we have received. Open our hearts that your love may flow through us and into the world you so love. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *based on* Psalm 145

One: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
All: God fulfills the desires of all who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
One: Hear this good news: in Christ, God offers forgiveness and reconciliation.
All: Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*** **#35**

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 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church.

✞HYMN OF PREPARATION ***For the Fruit of All Creation*** **#36**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, your name is hallowed.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 61:1-4 p. 691 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Seek First the Kingdom*** *Mary McDonald*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 20:1-16 p. 21 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Theme on Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*** *Flor Peeters*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

Our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls every person to use their abilities, possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted by God for …the advancement of the common welfare. It encourages those forces in human society that raise hopes for better conditions and provide people with opportunities for a decent living.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Come, Labor On*** **#719**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Andante*** *Christian Heinrich Rinck*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Kim Hudgens, Barbara and Glenn Lamping, and Janis Smith
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are following the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings used all over the world that provide a structured way to engage with Scripture throughout the liturgical year. We are currently in Year A, which focuses on the Gospel of Matthew.

Sept 20	Matthew 20:1-16	The Generous Landowner
Sept 27	Matthew 21:23-32	Doing God's Will
Oct 4	Matthew 21:33-46	The Wicked Tenants
Oct 11	Philippians 4:1-9	Rejoice in the Lord

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given in loving memory of Elsie Dodson and in honor of Dick and Lauren Dodson, by Caroline Buckner.

WAYS TO SERVE IN WORSHIP: There are many ways in which you can serve on Sunday mornings, and we'd love to help you get involved!

Ushers: Our ushers greet folks arriving at worship and are often the first contact a visitor makes in our congregation. If you are interested in joining the usher rotation, please text either Kim Hudgens 865.567.6477 or Janis Smith 615.260.7784.

Liturgists: We are looking for folks who are interested in serving as liturgists for worship beginning in September. Training is provided. If interested, please email Pastor Tim at treynolds@2ndpres.org.

A/V Techs: Our A/V Techs run the sound, the screens and the streaming. Training is provided. If interested, contact Paul Sexauer at 865.850.7328 or sexauerpaul@gmail.com.

Choir: The choir rehearses each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. We'd love for you to add your voice! For more information, contact Matt Mimbs at mmimbs@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 2nd 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

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON: The Connect Team invites everyone to have lunch in the gym following worship TODAY. It will be a time for fellowship and to hear about recent and upcoming events in the life of the church. All are welcome!

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 October 11th. If you are interested in being a host, scan the QR code to sign up or just let Pastor Tim know.

ARTS AND CRAFTS will take place this Wednesday, September 23, at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in Room 227. All are welcome to come for a time of creating and fellowship!

GROW

FALL GROWTH GROUPS return soon! Today is the last day to register for Growth Groups. You may register through our website, Realm, a bulletin insert, or by calling the church office. Fall Growth Groups will meet from the week of September 27 through the week of November 29, with no meeting during Thanksgiving week.

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 welcome!

A SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS focusing on studying the book, *Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts* takes place Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Books are available in the church office at no charge and the class will conclude before Thanksgiving. For more information, contact Liz Peebles: enp3613@gmail.com.

THE PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. We are discussing Walter Brueggemann's book, *Chosen? Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* and considering how to understand God's promises to the biblical people called Israel in light of the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine today.

GO

SUPPORT WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY by purchasing a Knox County Schools coupon book! Now through September 30, Sandra Butler will be available in the atrium before and after Sunday worship to collect orders.

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, September 20th

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes (various locations)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (outside, *weather permitting*)
Congregational Luncheon (Gym)

Monday, September 21st

9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conf. Room)
6:30 p.m. Ukirk Board Meeting (Barbour Rm.)

Tuesday, September 22nd

9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, September 23rd

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

Thursday, September 24th

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

Sunday, September 27th

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes (various locations)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (outside, *weather permitting*)

PRAYER CONCERNS

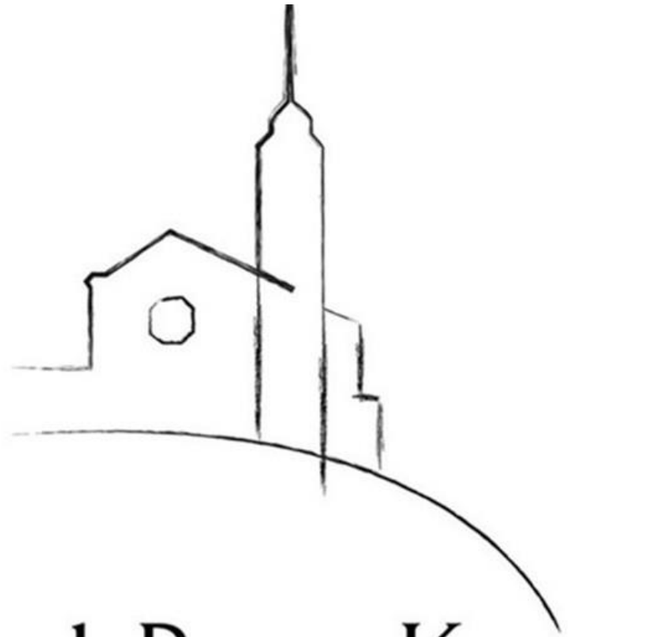
Clara Hardin, The Matthews Family,
Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*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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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.

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