11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Amazing Grace*** *Wayne Leupold*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* James 5

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Are any among us suffering?
All: Then let us pray.
One: Are any cheerful?
All: Then let us sing songs of praise!
One: Are any among us sick?
All: Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.
One: The prayers of faith will save us,
All: And God will lift us up!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Sweet Hour of Prayer*** **vv. 1&2**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children to be in communion with you. And from the beginning of time we have chosen our own imperfect way, rather than your perfect way; we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Forgive us, Lord. Send us your Spirit to help us put our own priorities aside and return to you. Send us your Spirit to restore us to communion with you. Send us your Spirit to restore us to the joy of knowing you and recognizing your reign among us. We pray through Jesus Christ, the bringer of your Good News. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *based on* James 5

One: We have confessed our sins to one another, and to God, and we believe that prayer is powerful and effective. In that belief, I declare to us all, in Jesus Christ we are healed and forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

✞RESPONSE ***Sweet Hour of Prayer*** **v. 3**

✞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 ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** **#465**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
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 1 Kings 18:1-2, 41-45 p. 324 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Celtic Prayer*** *arr. John Purifoy*

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 5:12-20 p. 231 NT

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Thanks be to God.

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* The Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity of the people of God is manifested and active in a variety of ways – in that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; that together we know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; serve God together in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***All Are Welcome*** **#301**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Christe, du Lamm Gottes*** *J.S. Bach*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Helen Grant – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah J. Warner – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Nancy Smythe, Bill Ragsdale, and Mary Kay Sullivan
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*, explores what authentic, active faith looks like in everyday life.

Aug 24	James 5:12-20	Faith in Action: *Prayers of the Faithful*
Aug 31	James – selections	Faith in Action: *Reflections on James*
Sept 7	TBD	Sarah Morgan preaching – TBD
Sept 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Dorothy Sue Lowe, who would have celebrated her 93rd birthday this week.

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

WORSHIP NEWS: At its most recent meeting, the Worship Team discussed our summer sanctuary seating arrangement and determined that it has been so successful at creating a sense of community and togetherness that we are going to continue it for the foreseeable future. The Worship Team will continue to monitor the utilization of the sanctuary space going forward and make any adjustments necessary.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOAN RIEDL will be held on Saturday, August 30th at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ED MAY will be held on Saturday, September 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

CONNECT

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

2ND PRES FAMILY GAME DAY will be on September 6th, from 10:30-12:00 pm in the Gym. Lunch will be provided, and children are welcome to bring bikes and scooters (helmets required), frisbees, or other fun games. There will also be family "relay-style" games. Please RSVP to Holly at (865)243-6353.

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

GROWTH GROUPS: This fall we are starting a new small group ministry. On Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00 p.m. there will be an informational meeting in the Fellowship Hall designed to give you detailed information about our Growth Group Ministry and an opportunity to ask questions about how they will work. We will offer a light dinner prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m., as well as childcare for those who need it. In order to know how many to plan for, please use the QR code or the home page of our website to RSVP if you plan on eating dinner or need childcare.

GROWTH GROUP FACILITATORS/HOSTS NEEDED: If you are interested in being either a Facilitator or Host for one of our Growth Groups this fall, you are invited to attend a brief interest meeting in the Library following worship TODAY **Sunday, August 24th.** Facilitators organize the group and facilitate the weekly meetings. The Host hosts the meeting in their home (or organizes the locations of the meeting if a group decides to rotate where it meets) and ensures the presence of a welcoming and comfortable environment.

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 concludes this week.

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

GO

FAMILY PROMISE: The Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, our neighbor at 3611 Kingston Pike, will again provide breakfast, dinner, and overnight housing for 3-4 families the week of August 24th. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, August 24, 4-5 PM, to prepare the home for incoming families. Doug Barbour and Kathy Duggan will coordinate preparing, serving, and hosting dinner on Friday, August 29. from 5:15-7 PM. Doug will also stay at the house that night, should there be an urgent need for a family member. Training is provided, if others are interested in staying at night. On Sunday, August 31st, when guests have departed, volunteers help close the house Noon-1PM. If you can help, please contact Kathy: kduggan55@gmail.com / (865) 441-8683 or Doug: dhbar1@gmail.com / (865) 307-4545

SUPPORT

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).

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 24th
- 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. Facilitator/Host Interest Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, August 25th
- 9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Faith in Action Bible Study (Barbour Room)

Saturday, August 30th
- 2:00 p.m. Joan Riedl Celebration of Life (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 p.m. Joan Riedl Reception (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, August 31st
- 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

Barbara Fields, family of Ed May, family of Joan Riedl, Mancil Milligan, Jim Robertson, Mark Jenkins, Fran McLean, 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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Faith in Action: A Journey Through James

Prayers of the Faithful

Two Final Thoughts:

The Christian life is life _____ _____.

There's no such thing as a _____ _____ Christian.

We learn _____ in _____ with _____ _____.

The church is where we practice _____ _____ _____ _____.

Questions for Further Study
For the week of August 24, 2025

1. How would you respond to someone who says prayer is nothing but an ancient superstition and believing in prayer is akin to believing in dragons, sea monsters, and ghosts? What is a healthy and Biblical way to think about prayer?

What role does confession play in spiritual healing and growth? Name a time when confession (either your own to God or someone else, or someone else's to you) has helped you heal and move forward.

2. James says that when we are suffering we should pray. Jonah was suffering in the belly of the great fish for three days before he prayed to the Lord. Read his prayer in Jonah 2:1-10. What do you notice about it? How is Jonah honest with the Lord? What is the turning point for Jonah? How does Jonah's prayer reflect patience, persistence, endurance, and faithfulness?

Why did Jonah wait three days to pray? Why do we often think of prayer as a last resort, rather than a first response? What do we miss out on when we fail to consult with God early and often when we are in the midst of difficult situations?

3. Reading the following *allelon* commands, then jot down the command and what size group you feel would best facilitate fulfilling it.

John 13:34-35	Romans 12:10
Romans 12:16	Romans 14:13
Romans 15:7	Romans 15:14
Colossians 3:16	1 Corinthians 12:25
Galatians 5:13	Ephesians 4:32
Ephesians 5:21	Colossians 3:9
1 Thessalonians 5:15	Hebrews 3:13
Hebrews 10:24	Hebrews 10:25
James 4:11	James 5:16