1st Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE ***Stuttgart (Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus)*** *arr. Leupold*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

✞RESPONSE ***Come Now, O Prince of Peace*** **#103, v. 4**

Come, hope of unity; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Romans 13; Isaiah 2

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: The night is far gone, the day is near.
All: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.
One: In the days to come, many people shall say,
All: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
One: In the days to come, they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.
All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Savior of the Nations, Come*** **#102**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all that was, all that is, and all that will be, you call us toward a future where peace reigns, where hostility and anger are not the norm. You call us to be agents of this peace, to usher in your kingdom. Instead, we actively work against it when we participate in systems that oppress, when we choose hate and fear over love and mercy, when we turn a blind eye to those in need. Forgive us for the ways that we keep your kingdom at arms' length. Show us your mercy, once more, and give us hearts for offering that mercy to others. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
One: Friends, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
All: Amen.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Angels We Have Heard on High*** **#113 (refrain)**

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 ***Canticle of the Turning*** **#100**

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 Matthew 24:30-31, 36-44 p. 27 NT

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

ANTHEM ***Canticle of Hope*** *Joseph M. Martin*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 2:1-5 p. 631 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Divinium Mysterium, Pt. 1*** *arr. Wilbur Held*
✞Response ***Of the Father's Love Begotten*** **#108, v. 6**
✞Litany of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***O God of Every Nation*** **#756**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Divinium Mysterium, Pt. 2*** *arr. Wilbur Held*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Kim Hudgens and Kay & Terry Weaver
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary. Our Advent readings focus on the traditional Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Nov 30	Isaiah 2:1-5	Being Hopefully Pessimistic
Dec 7	Isaiah 11:1-10	The Peaceful Kingdom
Dec 14	Matthew 11:2-11	The Authentic Jesus
Dec 21	Matthew 1:18-25	God with Us

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

PASTOR TIM will be out of the office this week on vacation.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS NEEDED: If your family, Growth Group, ministry team, or group of friends would like to light the candle on the Advent Wreath during worship this year, please contact Pastor Tim.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Order your Christmas Poinsettias by December 10th. Please check our E-news to get a digital copy of the order form. Paper Forms are in the Narthex and in the church office. You can also pay in Realm at the QR code beside this announcement or by texting "2NDPRESKNOX Poinsettia" to 73256.

KNOXVILLE CHAMBER CHORALE 2025 HOLIDAY CONCERT: 2nd Presbyterian is proud to host the Knoxville Chamber Chorale for their 2025 Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 pm. Admission is free to the public. Led by Dr. John Orr, the Knoxville Chamber Chorale is the select vocal ensemble of the Knoxville Choral Society. Comprised of auditioned singers, the Chorale performs advanced choral repertoire with a focus on musical precision, expressive artistry, and rich vocal blend.

KNOXVILLE NATIVITY PAGEANT: The 57th Annual Nativity Pageant of Knoxville is December 13th-15th at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum. Admission is free. For more information visit www.knoxvillenativity.com.

STEWARDSHIP: If you have not already made a pledge for 2026, there is still time to support our ministry in the coming year. You can make a pledge online through the church website, through the Giving tab in your Realm account, or by filling out a physical card and putting it in the offering plate. Thank you for your faithful support of what we believe God is calling us to do.

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

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 December 14th.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We will go caroling to some of our homebound and shut-in members on December 21st. Meet in the church parking lot at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join us!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet Tuesday, Dec. 9th from 10:15-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. **All** are welcome to join!

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.

THE PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRESENTATION is Thursday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited!

2nd PRES YOUNG FAMILIES: On December 14th, join us in the Fellowship Hall for ornament decorating at 4:30 followed by dinner and story time! Kids are welcome to wear pajamas. Bring a blanket for your family to sit on during story time. RSVP by TODAY to Holly at hgrimm@2ndpres.org or (865) 243-6353.

GO

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!

FAMILY PROMISE: The Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church will host families the week of December 7-14. **Volunteers are needed** to help ready the home for guests in the early afternoon on Sunday the 7th, to close the home on the 14th and to help with the evening meal on Wednesday, December 10th. To volunteer, please contact Janis Smith via phone or text at (615) 260-7784.

SUPPORT

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, November 30th

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)

Tuesday, December 2nd

4:30 p.m. Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
5:00 p.m. Facilities Team Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, December 4th

1:00 p.m. Go Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Sunday, December 7th

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)
3:00 p.m. Knoxville Chamber Choral Concert (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Neal Peebles, 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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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*.

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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,***



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