9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE ***Fugues on the Magnificat, primi Toni, pt. 3*** *Johann Pachelbel*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 48

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! Let the people say:
All: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
One: We gather to ponder your steadfast love, O Lord, in the midst of your holy temple.
All: Your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth.
One: Your right hand is filled with victory; we will proclaim to this generation and the next that you are God!
All: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! Our God and our Guide, forever and ever!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***We Praise You, O God*** **#612**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, Maker of the Universe, you created the world and all that is in it and gave us abundant resources out of your love and mercy. Yet we do not live as those who rejoice in your abundance. Rather, we live with a mindset of fear and scarcity, hoarding what we have rather than sharing with others. We do not trust that you will provide; we do not trust that you will take care of us; we do not trust that there is enough. We do not trust you, God. It's as simple as that. Forgive us for not trusting you. Help us to exchange the fear that leads to scarcity for the faith that leads to abundance. Help us to know and love and trust that with you, there is always enough. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: This is the Good News: there is no ranking in God's Kingdom. Everyone gets the same amount of grace; everyone gets enough.
All: God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven. We have received God's abundance. We have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✞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 ***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*** **#716**

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 Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 p. 617 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM ***Shout to the Lord a New Song*** *Kathy Bowen*

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 4:13-5:6 p. 231 NT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Trio on When Love Is Found*** *Randolph Currie*
✞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 maintenance of the family and 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 ***All Things Are Yours!*** GERMANY

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr'*** *Michael Praetorius*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Tracy Horton & Henry Naff and Doug & Leslie Matthews
Technicians: Neal 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 10	James 4:13-5:6	Faith in Action: *Warning Against Materialism*
Aug 17	James 5:7-12	Faith in Action: *Patience in Suffering*
Aug 24	James 5:13-20	Faith in Action: *Prayers of the Faithful*
Aug 31	James – selections	Faith in Action: *Reflections on James*

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

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

SUMMER WORSHIP: The Worship Team asks that everyone sit in the front half of the sanctuary during worship this summer to encourage togetherness and fellowship. Thanks so much!

HEAD DECORATOR NEEDED: Ileen Cheek has been doing a splendid job decorating our church for the holidays. She has professed that she needs a break and thus we are looking for someone who would love to work with Ileen and eventually take over her position as Head Decorator. The responsibilities are to lead the decoration of the church for Christmas and Easter. For more questions on the position, please contact Ileen Cheek (352-281-2811) or Betsy Foster (865-406-4800).

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.

CONNECT

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The "Welcome Back" Ice Cream Social will be on Sunday, August 17th at 5:00 pm in the Gym. The church will provide Ice Cream, toppings, and drinks. An inflated "bounce house" will be available for kids, as well as other fun games too! Visitors and guests are always welcome!

8 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help serve at the Ice Cream Social, August 17th from 4:30 - 6:45 pm. Call or text Leslie Matthews at 865-765-0549 in interested.

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 GROUP FACILITATORS/HOSTS NEEDED: This fall we are starting a new small group ministry. More information will be provided in the coming weeks, but one thing we need for this ministry to be successful is a Facilitator and a Host for each group. 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. 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 on **Sunday, August 24th.**

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 coincides with our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*. Each week we gather with Pastor Tim to discuss the sermon and study the passage from the previous Sunday in more depth. The class meets in the Barbour Room on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. We hope you join us!

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

GO

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.

PASTA AND BLUEGRASS FUNDRAISER: The annual fundraiser for Family Promise of Knoxville is on August 23rd from 6-8 pm. Tickets are $15 for adults, and $10 for children. All tickets sold benefit Family Promise, a local charity dedicated to fighting family homelessness. Click the link in the E-News, or email Jack for the ticket link.

FAMILY PROMISE: The Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, our neighbor at 3611 Kingston Pike, will again provide breakfast, dinner, and overnight housing for three - four 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 as adults are needed, should there be an urgent need. Training is provided, if others are interested. On Sunday, August 31st, when guests have departed, volunteers help close the house Noon-1PM.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 10th
- 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, August 11th
- 12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 12th
- 10:30 a.m. Faith in Action Bible Study (Barbour Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Thursday, August 14th
- 1:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social Setup (Gym)

Sunday, August 17th
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social (Gym)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Joan Riedl, Mancil Milligan, Jim Robertson, Geoff Duggan, Mark Jenkins, Janet Chadwick (Liz Peebles' sister), 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.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

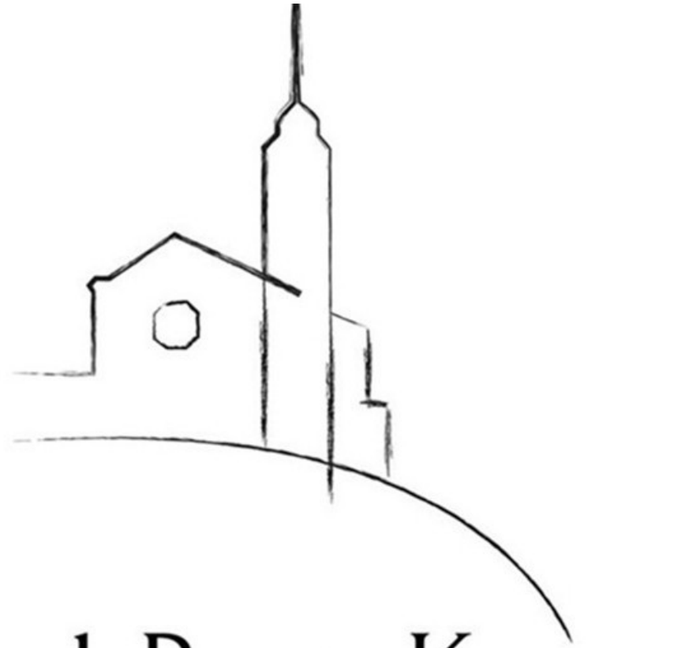
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GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.

FRIDAY E-NEWS: If you are not receiving the Friday E-News and would like to, please email Jack Rosamond (jrosamond@2ndpres.org).



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Faith in Action: A Journey Through James

Warning Against Materialism

Three Important Things to Remember:

1) _____ is guaranteed.

2) Prosperity brings _____.

3) We are to do the _____ _____.

Four Sins Concerning Wealth:

1) _____ of wealth.

2) Witholding _____ _____ from workers.

3) _____ without _____.

4) _____ of the weak and powerless.

Questions for Further Study
For the week of August 10, 2025

1. Read the following two excerpts, the first from a book and the second from a popular movie:

- "The proper use of money is not for living high down here; that would be a very poor investment indeed. No, the proper use of money is for investing as much of it as possible in the lives of people, so that we will have treasure in heaven. Of course, we need to keep a certain amount of money in order to carry on the day-to-day business of life, but we want to free up as much as we possibly can in order to place it where the return is eternal." Richard J. Foster, *The Challenge of the Disciplined Life*

- "Greed, for lack of a better word, is good. Greed is right. Greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through, and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed in all of its forms—greed for life, for money, for love, for knowledge—has marked the upward surge of mankind. And greed—you mark my words—will not only save Teldar Paper, but that other malfunctioning corporation called the U.S.A." Gordon Gekko, *Wall Street* (1987)

Pause, pray, and think about these two passages. There is no right answer, only *your* answer. What is the truth in each of these passages? Do you agree with one more than the other? Is there a third perspective?

2. Read Philippians 4:4-13. Research the circumstances under which Paul composed this letter. How does this passage address worry & anxiety over wants/needs? In verse 12, the author mentions "a secret" to being content. What do you think is this secret?

3. How do power and wealth work hand in hand in our world today? What should the church do and say about the way wealth is handled individually and in society as a whole? What responsibility do we have to encourage a different way of handling wealth and wielding power? How do we do that?