23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Whate'er My God Ordains is Right*** *Johann Pachelbel*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 149

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Praise the Lord, assembly of the faithful! Sing to the Lord a new song!
All: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
One: Let them praise the name of the Lord with dancing.
All: Let them make melody to the Lord with tambourine and lyre.
One: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people.
All: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*** **#529**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly, and carelessly. We tend to focus on the sin and brokenness in others without acknowledging our own failings. We make assumptions about what others want and need instead of allowing them to speak for themselves. We've tuned out voices that are bold enough to express views that are different from our own. We've relied on your grace time and time again, while denying that you are eager to give grace to our enemies as well. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live.
All: By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Glory Be to the Father*** **#581**

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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Phrygian Prelude*** *Flor Peeters*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 133 p. 575 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:15-20 p. 20 NT
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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Invitation to the Lord's Table
✞Preparatory Hymn ***Come, Share the Lord*** **#510**
Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (p. 35 – *Glory to God*)
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Communion of the People ***A Communion Invitation*** *Craig Courtney*
Prayer after Communion

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church

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.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Where Charity and Love Prevail*** **#316**
Sung to the tune: ST. ANNE (Our God, Our Help in Ages Past)

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***My Inmost Heart Now Raises*** *Johann Christoph Bach*

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



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. **Communion will be received via intinction this morning.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Henry Naff, Bill Ragsdale, and Mary Kay Sullivan
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: This week we return to the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings used all over the world to 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 6	Matthew 18:15-20	Reconciliation
Sept 13	Genesis 50:15-21	God's Intentions
Sept 20	Matthew 20:1-16	The Laborers in the Vineyard
Sept 27	Matthew 21:23-32	Doing God's Will

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in honor of Brent Beals and Ann Blackwood who were married this past Friday here in the sanctuary. Congratulations!

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. Please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are seated, and return to your seat via the side aisle. A gluten-free communion station is provided to the left. If mobility or other health concerns are an issue for you, there are self-serve cups available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

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 Tech: 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

LONG TABLE LUNCHES are for anyone who would like to go out to eat with others following worship on the first Sunday of the month. A reservation is not required, but if you know you're going to attend, we'd love for you to let us know by calling the church office during the week prior. Meet at the baptismal font following worship if you are interested in going! The next Long Table Lunch is TODAY

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 September 13th. If you are interested in being a host, scan the QR code to sign up or just let Pastor Tim know.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will gather THIS Tuesday, September 8, at 10:15 a.m. in the LIBRARY. Their fall monthly Hymn Sing/Bible Study will continue this week as well – all are welcome to join for a wonderful time of fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE! The Connect Team invites everyone to have lunch in the gym following worship on Sunday, September 20. It will be a time for fellowship and to hear about recent and upcoming events in the life of the church. We hope to 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 welcome!

FALL GROWTH GROUPS return soon! Registration for Growth Groups is today thru September 20. 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.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS OFFERING: A new class is being offered on Sunday mornings beginning September 13th, focusing on the book study*, Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts*. This class will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and is open to all! Books are available in the church office at no charge, and the class will conclude before Thanksgiving. Contact Liz Peebles for more info: enp3613@gmail.com.

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 6th

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 (outside, *weather permitting*)
September Long Table Lunch (offsite)

Monday, September 7th

Labor Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8th

10:15 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Library)
6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

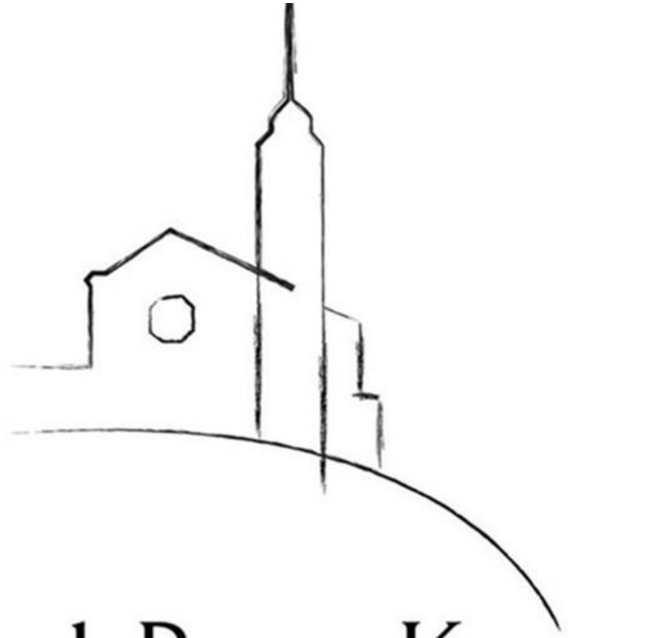
The Matthews Family, Jenny Smith, Mariann Thuesen, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*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.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

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