7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Trio on "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*** *Wayne Leupold*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* James 3

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Who here is seeking the wisdom of God?
All: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.
One: Who here is seeking God's bright and holy truth?
All: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.
One: Who here is seeking to live a Spirit-filled life?
All: We long to live lives of holiness and light.
One: God generously grants his wisdom to all who ask. Come near, people of God, and receive the wisdom from above!
All: Let us worship in wisdom and in truth.

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***God of Grace and God of Glory*** **#307, vv. 1-2**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control. Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, for we are rich in things but poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we may not miss your kingdom's goal. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we may serve you, whom we adore. In Jesus' name. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The wisdom from above is pure, peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and we are given a new way to live. Let us accept God's grace and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.

✞RESPONSE ***God of Grace and God of Glory*** **#307, v. 5**

✞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 ***Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*** **#174**

Sung to the tune of *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (PICARDY)

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 3:1-5, 9-14 p. 305 OT

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

ANTHEM ***The Lord is My Shepherd*** *Alan Pote*

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 3:13-18 p. 230 NT

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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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation
Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Vows
✞Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer & Welcome

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Be Thou My Vision*** **#450**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Christe , der du bist Tag und Licht*** *Michael Praetorius*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Linda and Gerald Cook, Dick Smith, and Mary Kay Sullivan
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Dale Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: What does it really mean to live out the faith we hold? The book of James offers one of the most practical and challenging guides in all of Scripture – calling us not just to believe, but to act on our belief. Our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*, explores what authentic, active faith looks like in everyday life.

July 27	James 3:13-18	Faith in Action: *Wisdom from Above*
Aug 3	James 4:1-10	Faith in Action: *Faith and Humility*
Aug 10	James 4:11-17	Faith in Action: *Warning Against Arrogance*
Aug 17	James 5:1-12	Faith in Action: *Patience in Suffering*

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.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME Rob, Deborah, and Dylan Lewis into this family of faith. They are transferring from Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church. Please extend them the right hand of fellowship following the worship service.

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).

CONNECT

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

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

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.

WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY WORKDAY: Our annual workday at West View Elementary is Saturday, August 2nd. We plan to start work at 8:30 and finish by 12:00. Scan the QR code to the right to sign up to help! Please indicate on your signup if you intend to help indoors or outdoors. Wheelbarrows are needed! Also, outside volunteers should bring shovels, rakes, pruning tools, gardening tools, gloves, and sunscreen. If you have any questions, please call or text Leonard Bailey at (865)207-4947.

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.

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) and let him know you would like to be added to the list.

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*.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, July 27th
- 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

Tuesday, July 29th
- 10:30 a.m. Faith in Action Bible Study (Barbour Room)

Thursday, July 31st
- 3:30 p.m. Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary)

Saturday, August 2nd
- 8:30 a.m. West View Elementary Workday (West View School)

Sunday, August 3rd
- 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

The family of Pam Kite, Jim Robertson, Geoff Duggan, Joan Riedl, Mark Jenkins, Mancil Milligan, 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.

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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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Faith in Action: A Journey Through James

Wisdom from Above

Living by God's Wisdom

Our wisdom is shown by _____ we do
and _____ we do it.

It's more important to be _____
than to be _____.

If we are _____ in the _____ way,
then we are in the _____.

If our words bring more _____ than _____,
we need to _____-_____, even if we're _____.

Living by God's wisdom is not about being _____,
it's about having _____ _____.

Questions for Further Study
For the week of July 27, 2025

1. Name 5 really dumb things you have done in your life. Name 5 wise things you have done in your life. Why do you think James connects humility and wisdom?

2. Read the list of what constitutes Godly wisdom in James 3:17. Give some examples of people you know who demonstrate this type of wisdom.

Which of these attributes do you think Christians seem to be doing the best job of in our country today? Which would you say is the most lacking among Christians in our country? Why?

Which of the attributes of Godly wisdom do you find easiest to practice in your own life? Which do you find the most difficult?

How do we become one of those who make peace? What do you make of James' metaphor that peace is "sown" and "harvested"?

3. Read Job 28:12-28. What does this passage teach us about the source of true wisdom?

4. Read Matthew 5:3-12. Where do you see the influence of Jesus' teaching on James' teaching at work? In your own words write what it means to hunger and thirst for righteousness. Then, in your own words, write what it means to be a peacemaker.