2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 22nd, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*** *arr. Hoekstra*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Luke 8

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather.
All: Come among us, Healing God, with your love which never ends.
One: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope.
All: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.
One: With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait.
All: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, and clothe us in our right minds, that we may fully follow you.

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*** **#35**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION *based on* Luke 8

Merciful and Mighty God, you bring peace to the tormented and restore the broken. Yet we confess that we often fear your power more than we trust your grace. We close our hearts to your transforming work because we do not always understand it. You reach out to the wounded, the outcast, the naked and homeless, but we keep our distance, preferring comfort over compassion. You call us to proclaim what you have done, but we remain silent, hesitant to bear witness to your mercy. Forgive us, Lord. Speak your word of healing into our lives, then send us out to declare how much you have done for us through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ meets us in our places of deepest need.
All: He speaks with authority, calms our storms, and restores us to life. To the lost and tormented, he gives peace, purpose, and a place in the story of God's grace.
One: Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, restored, and sent.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

✞RESPONSE ***Glory to God*** **#585, v. 1**

✞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 ***O For a World*** **#372**

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 Psalm 42 p. 515 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ***Gentle Voice*** *Lee Dengler*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 8:26-39 p. 68 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Wendy Neff**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Elegy, Op. 85, No. 4*** *Mendelssohn*
✞Response ***As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*** **#712, v. 1**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* Iona Abbey Worship Book

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and in the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God, Amen.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Called as Partners in Christ's Service*** **#761**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Lobe Den Herren*** *arr. Robertson*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Wendy Neff – Guest Preacher
Dick Dodson – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, Geoff Duggan, Nancy Smythe, Tim Wright
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (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.

June 22	Luke 8:26-39	Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff, General Presbyter
June 29	James 1:18-27	Faith in Action: *The Word at Work*
July 6	James 2:1-13	Faith in Action: *No Favorites*
July 13	James 2:14-26	Faith in Action: *Faith That Works*

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.

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY IS REV. DR. WENDY NEFF, General Presbyter for the Presbytery of East Tennessee. Wendy served three different congregations in this presbytery prior to being called to serve as General Presbyter. Wendy lives in Knoxville with her husband, two teenage children (one of whom just graduated from Hardin Valley), and two dogs. Pastor Tim will be back in the office on Tuesday.

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE: The Worship Team asks that everyone sit in the front half of the sanctuary during worship this summer to encourage togetherness and fellowship. We understand this may be difficult for those of you who like to sit in the back, so please think of it this way: you are still sitting in the back, it's just that the back has moved up!

LITURGISTS WANTED! We are currently looking for folks who are interested in serving as a liturgist for worship. Pastor Tim will provide a training this summer and you will be worked into the rotation beginning in September. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please email Pastor Tim at treynolds@2ndpres.org. Additionally, Dana Hendrix, who has been serving as a liturgist and scheduling the liturgists is moving to Michigan. If you are interested in creating the liturgist schedule every 3-4 months, please let Pastor Tim know.

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

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

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. FISH meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month to pack and/or deliver. If you'd like to help, contact Dick Dodson at rtdodson52@gmail.com.

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, June 22nd

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, June 24th

9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Faith in Action Bible Study (Barbour Room)

Sunday, June 29th

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

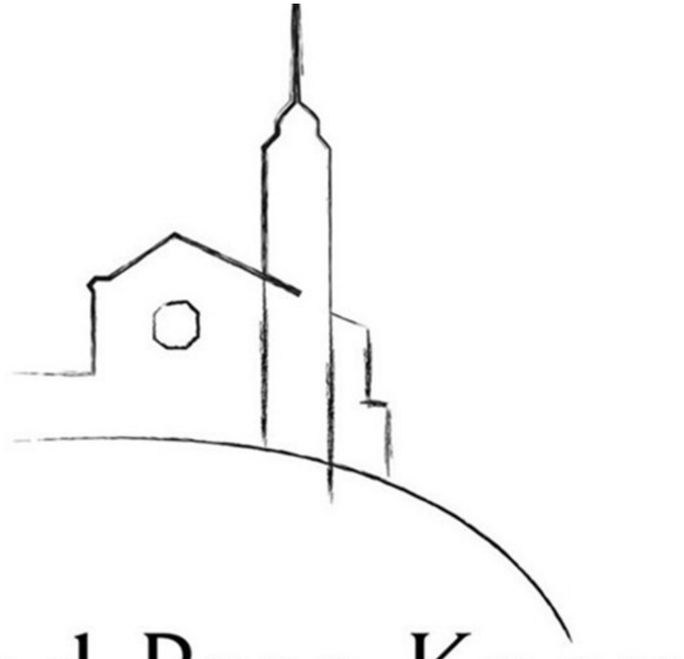
Joan Riedl, Sue Jacox, Mark Jenkins,
Mancil Milligan, Janet Chadwick (Liz Peebles' sister),
Bill Roach, Jr., Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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