24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Komm Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott*** *Georg Philipp Telemann*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 103

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.
All: Bless God's holy name.
One: God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.
All: Bless God's holy name.

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***We Have Come to Join in Worship*** HOLY MANNA

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we confess that we often forget that you are God, and we are not. We put ourselves in your place, determining who is worthy of forgiveness and who is not, when you remind us over and over again that all are worthy of forgiveness. Have mercy on us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves, when we grasp at power that is not ours to hold, when we seek to hold others back in an attempt to get ahead. And, even when we struggle to live as you would have us live, work in and through us for the good of your kingdom, we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Psalm 103

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him;
All: as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

✞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.

✞HYMN OF PREPARATION ***They'll Know We Are Christians*** **#300**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, your name is hallowed.
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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:9-21 p. 162 NT

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

ANTHEM ***I Will Arise*** *Arr. Parker/Shaw*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 50:15-21 p. 48 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***The Church's One Foundation*** *Samuel S. Wesley*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The United Church of Canada

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Goodness is Stronger than Evil*** **#750**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***All Glory Be to God on High*** *Michael Praetorius*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Gerald and Linda Cook, Tracy Horton, and Dick Smith
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Dale Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are following the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings used all over the world that 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 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
Oct 4	Matthew 21:33-46	The Wicked Tenants

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Testerman for his birthday, given by the family.

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.

FALL GROWTH GROUPS return soon! Registration for Growth Groups continues 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.

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

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

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

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!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS OFFERING: A new class is being offered on Sunday mornings beginning TODAY, focusing on the book study, *Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts*. This class will take place at 9:30 a.m. in Room 50. Books are available in the church office at no charge, and the class will conclude before Thanksgiving. For more information, contact Liz Peebles: enp3613@gmail.com.

THE PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY resumes this Thursday, September 17th, at 10:30 a.m. We will read and discuss Walter Brueggemann's book, *Chosen? Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*. We will consider how the situation in modern-day Israel raises difficult questions for many Christians as they read biblical accounts of God's saving actions with the Israelites and explore how to understand God's promises to the biblical people often called Israel in light of the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine today.

FLYING INTO FALL! All are welcome to bring their families to the playground THIS Saturday from 10:00-12:00 for fellowship and fun! Pizza will be provided. In the event of bad weather, this will take place in the gym. See you Saturday!

GO

SUPPORT WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY by purchasing a Knox County Schools coupon book! Now through September 30, Sandra Butler will be available in the atrium before and after Sunday worship to collect orders.

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.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 13th

9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes (various locations)
10:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time (outside, *weather permitting*)
	Food and Friends (offsite)

Monday, September 14th

12:00 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)
3:00 p.m.	Budget and Finance Team Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 15th

6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
8:45 p.m.	UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, September 16th

11:30 a.m.	2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)

Thursday, September 17th

10:30 a.m.	Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)

Saturday, September 19th

10:00 a.m.	Flying into Fall! (Playground)

Sunday, September 20th

9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes (various locations)
10:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Churchwide Luncheon (Gym)

PRAYER CONCERNS

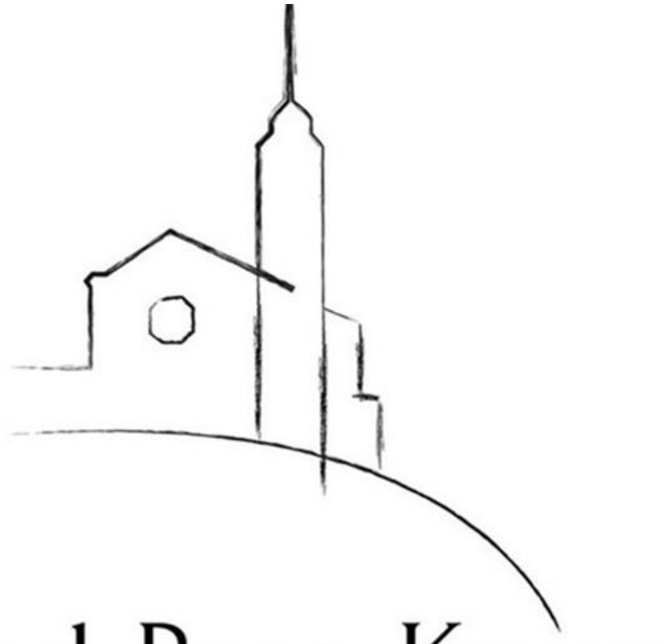
Clara Hardin, The Matthews Family, Mariann Thuesen, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*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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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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