Christ the King Sunday

November 23rd, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Fugues on the Magnificat, Primi Toni III*** *Johann Pachelbel*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 146

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Praise the Lord, O my soul!
All: We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to God all our lives long.
One: The Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.
All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!
One: The Lord executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.
All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!
One: The Lord sets the prisoner free and opens the eyes of the blind.
All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!
One: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.
All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!
One: The Lord watches over strangers and upholds orphans and widows.
All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***O Worship the King*** **#41, vv. 1-4**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, you offer us grace and mercy beyond our deserving, and we fail to show our gratitude in return. Rather than extending mercy to others, we hold grudges. Rather than offering them grace, we point out their faults. You call us to love as you love, but we love ourselves too much and others too little. Forgive us, Lord, when we do not know what we are doing – when we lose our way and lose sight of who you call us to be. Call us back again into the arms of your unending mercy and remind us of who it is you call us to be. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from Colossians 1*

One: All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ.
All: We have forgiveness through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell.
One: Brothers and sisters, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
All: Thanks be to God!

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***O Worship the King*** **#41, v. 5**

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 ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*** **#263**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Jeremiah 23:1-6 p. 725 OT

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

ANTHEM ***A Grateful Heart*** *Mary McDonald*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 23:33-43 p. 89 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 ***Amazing Grace*** *arr. Wayne Leupold*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Litany of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* Colossians 1:15-20

I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God, Creator of heaven and earth. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. In Jesus all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** **#268**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Now, My Tongue, the Myst'ry Telling*** *Flor Peeters*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, Geoff Duggan, Doug Matthews, and Leslie Matthews
Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary, a common set of readings from Scripture that Christians across the world hear together each week in worship.

Nov 23	Luke 23:33-43	What if…Jesus Hadn't Been Crucified?
Nov 30	Isaiah 2:1-5	Wake Up & Get Ready!
Dec 7	Isaiah 11:1-10	The Peaceful Kingdom
Dec 14	Matthew 11:2-11	The Authentic Jesus

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given by the Church of the Savior, UCC, with appreciation and gratitude for your gracious hospitality and friendship.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS NEEDED: If your family, Growth Group, ministry team, or group of friends would like to light the candle on the Advent Wreath during worship this year, please contact Pastor Tim. Advent begins November 30th.

LET'S DECORATE TOGETHER! Everyone is invited to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Join us THIS AFTERNOON at 2:00 pm following the Thanksgiving luncheon.

CONNECT

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: Please join us for "Friendsgiving" - a Thanksgiving celebration in the Gym after worship THIS MORNING. This takes the place of our regular Fellowship Time today.

VISION TASK FORCE UPDATE: As many of you are aware, a Vision Task Force has been working for the last 2 years to discern God's calling for a sustainable future for our congregation. While their work is still ongoing, the Vision Task Force will give an update on its work at the Friendsgiving Luncheon this Sunday. For those unable to attend, a written update will be sent out on Sunday afternoon.

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 December 14th.

SPRING GRADUATES: The Connect Team is looking to identify high school and College students who will graduate this spring. Email information to Liz Peebles at enp3613@gmail.com or the church office.

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!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: The Pastor's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are reading and studying *Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe* by Ronald J. Allen & Robert D. Cornwall. WE WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

2nd PRES YOUNG FAMILIES: On December 14th, join us in the Fellowship Hall for ornament decorating at 4:30 followed by dinner and story time! Kids are welcome to wear pajamas. Bring a blanket for your family to sit on during story time. RSVP by 11/30 to Holly at hgrimm@2ndpres.org or (865) 243-6353.

GO

STUFFED ANIMALS NEEDED: Second Readers is collecting new, soft, stuffed animals for the Juvenile Court. Animals should be no more than 12 inches high, new, and snuggly. Look for a box in the atrium to place your cuddly critters. If you are unable to shop, you may make a donation and we will shop for you. Thank you in advance for your participation!

FAMILY PROMISE: Family Promise believes that every family's future begins with a home. While awaiting an affordable option, area churches provide housing and a warm dinner on a rotating basis. The Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church will host families the week of December 7-14. **Volunteers are needed** to help ready the home for guests in the early afternoon on Sunday the 7th, and to close the home on the 14th. Both are done with prayer for each family hosted. Doug Barbour and Janis Smith have volunteered to provide a kid-friendly evening meal on Wednesday, December 10th and would welcome anyone that can pitch in. It is a wonderful experience to sit with families while they dine, watch them interact with their children, and share stories of their days. **Volunteers are still needed to help with the opening and closing of the home,** please let Janis Smith know via phone or text at (615) 260-7784.

SUPPORT

DEDICATION SUNDAY: Today is Stewardship Dedication Sunday. Stewardship is the joyous discipline of thanking God with the way we live our lives and spend our money. It is the church's theological antidote to the chief idols of our age: consumerism, materialism, and acquisition. You are invited to place your pledge card in the offering plate during the offertory this morning. Thank you for joining in our 2026 pledge endeavor. Your Stewardship Team: Lauren Dodson, John Henley, Kim Hudgins, Geoffrey Kennedy, and Mary Kay Sullivan.

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, November 23rd

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. "Friendsgiving" Luncheon (Gym)
1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
2:00 p.m. Decorate the Sanctuary (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, November 18th

9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, November 20th – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 23rd

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 (Courtyard)
1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Neal Peebles, Mancil Milligan, Mark Jenkins,
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.

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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*.

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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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