3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 25th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✟CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 27

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek:
All: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
One: To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
All: Now my head is lifted up, and I will offer praise with shouts of joy.
One: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
All: Hear, O Lord, our songs of praise!

✟HYMN OF PRAISE ***We Are Singing*** SIYAHAMBA

✟PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, if unity is the goal, then we continue to miss the mark. You remind us that we are one in Christ Jesus, but we continue to create divisions. We divide ourselves into categories of our own making and pit ourselves against one another. We are immovable in our certainty that is born of anger and fear. We are slow to listen and quick to dismiss. Forgive us, God, for the ways we fall short of your vision for humanity. Help us to bear with one another in love, modeling the grace and mercy we receive in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
All: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
One: Sisters and brothers, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
All: Amen.

✟PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✟RESPONSE ***Holy God, We Praise Your Name*** **#4, v. 4**

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 ***Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*** **#722**

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 Deuteronomy 6:4-13 p. 163 OT

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

ANTHEM ***One Song*** *Pepper Choplin*

GOSPEL READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 p. 166 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Interlude*** *Flor Peeters*

✟Response ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**

✟Prayer of Dedication

✟AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Belhar Confession

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways and can be established only in freedom and not under constraint.

✟HYMN OF SENDING ***We All Are One in Mission*** **#733**

Sung to the tune: AURELIA, (The Church's One Foundation)

✟BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✟POSTLUDE ***I Know My Redeemer Lives*** *Richard Wienhorst*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Betsy Foster, Geoff Duggan, Barb and Glen Lamping
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Jan 25	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Unity in Diversity
Feb 1	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	God's Foolishness
Feb 8	Matthew 5:13-20	Light of the World
Feb 15	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Love

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

DUE TO THE PREVALENCE OF THE FLU VIRUS, if you feel more comfortable passing the peace with a fist bump, elbow bump, or a friendly wave and nod of the head, please feel free to do so.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: Sunday worship will not be cancelled due to weather, though there may be some last-minute modifications to the worship service. Please use your own discretion, however, in deciding whether to come. Safety is of primary importance; please stay home if you don't feel you can make it to worship safely. You can always join virtually. All other activities will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Any cancellations will be posted in Realm and on the website. Please check these if you are unsure.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LYNDA MAY will be held in the sanctuary THIS Friday, January 30th at 3:00 p.m. The family will receive visitors in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON will take place following worship on Sunday, February 8th in Hudson Hall. The Souper Bowl Luncheon is a fundraiser to support the hungry here in Knoxville. An electronic signup sheet has been created so you can sign up to let us know what kind of soup, salad, or dessert you are bringing to share. A link to the signup is on the home page of our website or you can scan the QR code in this announcement. If you don't want to sign up electronically, just call the church office and let us know. Please bring a recipe card for your soup!

SCOUT SUNDAY is February 15th. For over 100 years Boy Scouts have enjoyed the support of religious organizations. Our own Troop 6 was founded on January 29, 1915, and is the oldest troop in the Great Smoky Mountain Council. Second Presbyterian Church has been the charter organization since 1916.

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.

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 February 8th and all college students and **young adults are invited to join us at the Souper Bowl luncheon!** If you are interested in hosting Food & Friends, scan the QR code to sign up or let Pastor Tim know.

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 the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

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, January 25th
- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 3:00 p.m. Zeigenfuss Voice Recital (Sanctuary)

Monday, January 26th
- 5:15 p.m. Soccer Shots (Gym)
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Growth Group (Library)

Tuesday, January 27th
- 9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym/Scout Room)
- 8:30 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, January 29th
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Growth Group (Library)

Friday, January 30th
- 3:00 p.m. Lynda May Celebration of Life (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 1st
- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

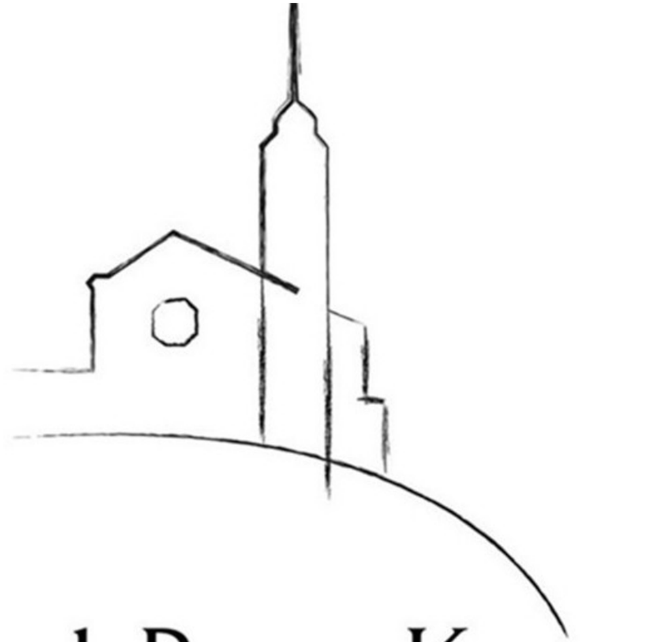
The family of Lynda May, Joe Beals, Mark Jenkins, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*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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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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