29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Glorify Thy Name*** *arr. Mark Hayes*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 96

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Sing to the Lord a new song!
All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
One: God does great things for us. See God's amazing work all around us.
All: Great is the Lord!
One: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*** **#645 v. 1-3**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by the shine of success. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and view empathy as weakness. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that we are yours, created in your image and called to be your people. Give us courage to do the work of building your kingdom here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world full of deep need. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, hear the good news. God loves you.
All: Even in our imperfection, God loves us and won't let us go.
One: We are forgiven and made new, sent forth to love and to serve.
All: Alleluia! Amen.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*** **#645 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 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church.

✞HYMN OF PREPARATION ***How Can I Keep from Singing?*** **#821**

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 Genesis 1:26-27 p. 1 OT

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

ANTHEM ***I Will Lift My Eyes*** *Mark Hayes*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 22:15-22 p. 24 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 ***Hushed October Morning Mild*** *Brad Jacobsen*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *based on* James 1:17-18

We believe in God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, the source of all that we are and all that we have. We believe that every blessing comes from God, whose goodness never changes and whose light shines faithfully into our lives. We believe that God has given us new birth through the word of truth, calling us to be his people and making us a sign of his grace in the world. Therefore, we receive God's gifts with gratitude, we trust God's provision with faith, and we offer our lives and all that we have back to God in love and service. We belong to God, all that we have belongs to God, and all that we do is to be offered for the glory of God. Thanks be to God, from whom every good gift comes. Amen.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***All Things Are Yours!*** GERMANY

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** *arr. Jack Schrader*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Helen Grant – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Tracy Horton, Dick Smith, and Tim Wright
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Matt Casey (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.

Oct 18	Matthew 22:15-22	The Question about Paying Taxes
Oct 25	Matthew 22:34-46	The Greatest Commandment
Nov 1	1 John 3:1-3	Saints and Children of God
Nov 8	Matthew 25:1-13	The Ten Bridesmaids

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

HANDBELLS WILL REHEARSE this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Newcomers welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, the Sunday closest to Reformation Day (Oct. 31st). This is the date Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517. This public expression of his "protestations" against the Catholic Church initiated the Protestant Reformation.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is on November 1st. If you have a friend or loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like their name to be read in worship that day, please email Pastor Sarah (smorgan@2ndpres.org).

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 November 8th. If you are interested in being a host, let Pastor Tim know.

LONG TABLE LUNCHES are for anyone who would like to go out to eat with others following worship on the first Sunday of the month. A reservation is not required, but if you know you're going to attend, we'd love for you to let us know by calling the church office during the week prior. The next Long Table Lunch is November 1st.

PRESCHOOL THIRTY YEAR CELEBRATION! Your SPC Preschool is turning 30 this year! All are invited to their Anniversary Celebration TOMORROW, October 19th, at 5:30 p.m. – join us in the fellowship hall for pizza at 5:00 and then go enjoy the festivities in the gym and atrium, including a bounce house and a book fair!

SECOND READERS will meet at Buckingham Clubhouse this Wednesday, October 21st, at 11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch and share some time with fellow readers. All are welcome! For questions, call Margaret Sullivan, 865-363-3967.

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!

A SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS focusing on studying the book, *Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts* takes place Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library. The class will conclude before Thanksgiving. Contact: Liz Peebles, enp3613@gmail.com.

THE PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. This week we will begin discussing a new book. *Jews & Christians: A Troubled Family* is a dialogue between a rabbi and a Christian scholar which challenges Jews and Christians to examine their misconceptions and prejudices about each other's faith. The book is available in the Church Office.

GO

DONATIONS NEEDED: The Go Team is collecting items needed by both Family Promise and the Knoxville Internationals Network (KIN) ministries. These consist of basic kitchen supplies and hygiene items (detailed lists are in your Friday e-news and Second Edition). Donations may be brought to the drop-off bins at the church office. Thank you in advance for supporting these two important organizations!

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, October 18th

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*)

Monday, October 19th

9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conf. Rm.)
1:30 p.m. Mixed Growth Group (Library)
5:30 p.m. Women's Growth Group (Library)
Preschool 30th Anniversary Celebration (Gym/Atrium)
6:30 p.m. UKirk Board Meeting (Barbour Rm.)

Tuesday, October 20th

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

Thursday, October 22nd

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

Sunday, October 25th

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*)

PRAYER CONCERNS

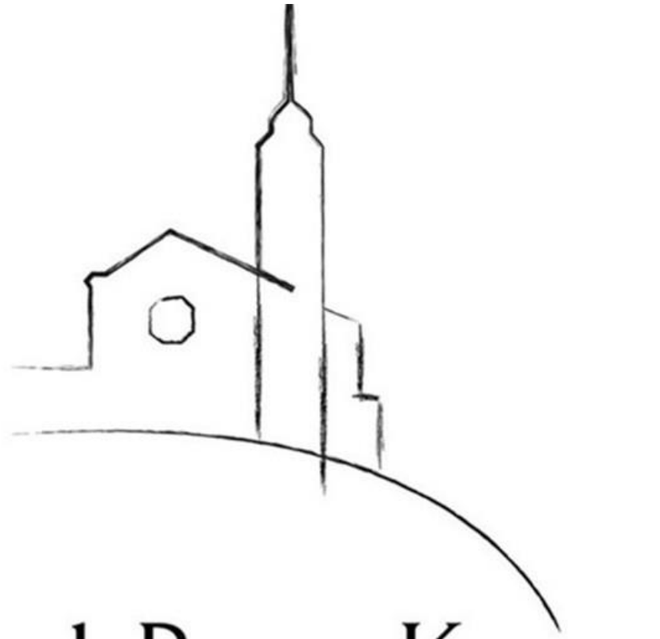
Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*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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