21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23rd, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Aurelia*** *Samuel S. Wesley*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 105

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name; make his deeds known to all people!
All: For the Lord is our God, faithful to a thousand generations!
One: Sing God's praises and tell of God's wonderful works. Glory in God's holy name! Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!
All: For the Lord is our God, faithful to a thousand generations!
One: Search for God and for his strength. Never stop looking for the Lord.
All: For the Lord is our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Here I Am, Lord*** **#69**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and Loving God, we claim, as people of faith, that our faith makes all things possible. So we go about, to and fro, working hard on our faith so that all things will be possible for us. Then we remember that faith is a gift, not a work, and that Jesus didn't say our faith makes all things possible, but that all things are possible with you. Forgive us, Lord, for making faith about us and what we do. Send us your Holy Spirit to remind us again and again that anything we do, anything we achieve, anything we accomplish is all because of your grace working in and through and around us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Matthew 19, Psalm 139, Romans 8

One: Nothing is impossible with God. There is no place we can go where God cannot reach us. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
All: We are forgiven, we are loved, we are reconciled to God. Let us go into the world and live with the love of God. Amen.

✞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 ***Faith Begins by Letting Go*** **#684**

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

HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 3:1-12 p. 50 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Lead Me, Lord*** *John Leavitt*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:26-38 p. 56 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** *Wayne Leupold*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Will You Come and Follow Me*** **#726**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Prelude in C Major BWV 553*** *J.S. Bach*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Becky Smith – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah Warner-Sperl – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Lauren Dodson, Nancy Smythe, and Mary Kay Sullivan
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Over the next two weeks Pastor Sarah is finishing up her summer mini-series on Holy Home Décor, looking at the texts that find their way onto the décor in our homes and putting them in their Biblical context. We will pick back up with the Revised Common Lectionary beginning in September.

Aug 23	Luke 1:26-38	*Holy Home Décor:* Faith Makes It Possible
Aug 30	1 Thess. 5:12-28	*Holy Home Décor:* Pray Without Ceasing
Sept 6	Matthew 18:15-20	Reconciliation
Sept 13	Genesis 50:15-21	God's Intentions

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

PASTOR TIM IS AWAY THIS MORNING celebrating his son's wedding with family. He will be back in the office tomorrow.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELSIE DODSON will be held NEXT Sunday, August 30th at 2:30 pm. The service will be at Berry-Highland funeral home. Visitation with the family will follow the service.

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.

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

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. Meet at the baptismal font following worship if you are interested in going! The next Long Table Lunch is September 6th.

FOOD & FRIENDS returns in September! Food and 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 September 13th. If you are interested in being a host, scan the QR code to sign up or just let Pastor Tim know.

ARTS and CRAFTS group meets this Wednesday, August 26th, at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in Room 227. All are welcome to come for a time of creating and fellowship!

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!

THE PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES NETWORK is hosting its conference, *Rooted in Hope*, September 15-18 at First Presbyterian Church. For more information and registration, scan the QR code here. Online registration ends September 4th.

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FAMILY PROMISE: Our neighbors at the Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church will host unhoused families through Family Promise THIS WEEK. Volunteers are needed this afternoon from 4:00-5:00 p.m. to help finalize setup needs and on Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to help with dinner and to enjoy fellowship with the families. After worship NEXT Sunday we will assist with teardown from 12:00-1:00. We'd love as many hands involved as possible; if you are able to help with any of these opportunities to share God's love and serve our neighbors, please contact Doug Barbour, dhbar1@gmail.com or 865.307.4545. Thank you!

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, August 23rd

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Rm.)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (outside, *weather permitting*)

Tuesday, August 25th

9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, August 26th

10:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts (Rm. 227)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

The Matthews Family, Jenny Smith, 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.

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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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