Baptism of the Lord

January 11th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Gymnopedie*** *Erik Satie*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: O God, some of us are discouraged and long for your embrace.
All: Wash us with your love.
One: Some of us are weary, weighed down by the depression of this world.
All: Wash us with your hope.
One: Some of us are anxious, and seek refuge from the chaos of life.
All: Wash us with your peace.
One: Some of us are restless, yearning for renewal or transformation.
All: Wash us with your grace.
One: However we come into your presence, pour out your Spirit upon us.
All: We come to the waters of baptism. Let us worship God!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*** **#407, omit v. 3**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you, but we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us rather than using them for your glory. We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness rather than showing love to our neighbors. We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the Gospel. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us again in the waters of baptism and transform us by your grace, so that our words may further righteousness and our deeds be pleasing in your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.
All: Thanks be to 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 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

✞HYMN OF PREPARATION ***Out of Deep, Unordered Water*** **#484**

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 Isaiah 42:1-9 p. 670 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Down to the River to Pray*** *arr. Sheldon Curry*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 3:13-17 p. 3 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Allein Gott in der Hor sei Ehr*** *Michael Praetorius*
✞Response ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, who sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, binding us together with all believers in one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, and feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. And in a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*** **#757**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Prelude in G minor BWV 558*** *Johann Sebastian Bach*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, John & Lisa Henley, Bill Ragsdale
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

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

Jan 11	Matthew 3:13-17	The Baptism of Jesus
Jan 18	Isaiah 49:1-7	A Light to the Nations
Jan 25	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Unity in Diversity
Feb 1	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes

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.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place in conjunction with the Souper Bowl luncheon in Hudson Hall following worship on Sunday, February 8th. Please mark your calendars now!

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 TODAY. If you are interested in hosting, 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 *Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe* by Ronald J. Allen & Robert D. Cornwall. Beginning January 22nd we will be studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

GROWTH GROUP REGISTRATION: Registration for the Winter Quarter of our Growth Groups ends TODAY. You do not need to have been in a Growth Group this Fall to participate during the Winter Quarter. Similarly, if you participated in the Fall and want to take a break for the Winter, that's fine, as well. Or if you would like to be in a different group, you may indicate that on your registration. You can sign up through Realm, on the church's website, by calling the church office, or using the QR code. Groups will be finalized this week and begin meeting the week of January 18th. Groups will meet for 9 weeks, concluding the week of March 15th.

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*.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, Kathryn Paden. Kathryn's email address is admin@2ndpres.org. Please make a note of this new address for all church business. A BIG THANK YOU to Tuesday Reynolds who has served as the Interim Church Administrator since October. Tuesday will stay on for a few weeks to help train Kathryn.

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 11th

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
11:30 a.m.	Food and Friends (TBD)
1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Monday, January 12th

12:00 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)
5:15 p.m.	Soccer Shots (Gym)

Tuesday, January 13th

6:00 p.m.	Worship Team (Barbour Room)
5:00 p.m.	Facilities Team (Zoom)
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Gym/Scout Room)
8:30 p.m.	UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, January 15th

10:00 a.m.	Arts & Crafts (Room 227)
10:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Room)

Sunday, January 18th

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
11:45 a.m.	Grow Team (Small Conference Room)
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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