19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Our Father Who Art in Heaven*** *Johann Krieger*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 105

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Give praise to the Lord!
All: Proclaim the Lord's name!
One: Sing praise to God.
All: Tell of God's wonderful acts!
One: Glory in God's holy name;
All: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** **#366, vv. 1-3**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new beginnings, your words are trustworthy and true, but still we have doubts. When we are faced with trials and obstacles that seem insurmountable, we question your presence. When we look around at the hate and divisions that exist in our world, we can't imagine a way forward. We are overwhelmed by the way things are, and we convince ourselves that there is nothing we can do. Forgive us, Lord, when we give up. Remind us that there is work for us to do. We trust that your kingdom is coming, but it is not here yet. Guide us in the way we should go and help us to live into the vision of your new creation, doing the hard work that is required of us to make it so. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* 2 Corinthians 5

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.
All: All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
One: Believe the promise of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** **#366, 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 ***Be Still, My Soul*** **#819**

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 Isaiah 65:17-25 p. 696 OT

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

SPECIAL MUSIC ***Prelude on Thaxted*** *Gustav Holst*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:1-7 p. 259 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Salut D'Amour*** *Edward Elgar*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in humanity and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***O Holy City, Seen of John*** **#374**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Fugues on the Magnificat, Primi Toni III*** *Johann Pachelbel*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Andrew Butler – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah Warner-Sperl – Organist
Jessie Wilson – Oboist
Jackson Sharp – Cellist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Linda and Gerald Cook, Betsy Foster, and Dick Smith
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our current sermon series is *Religious Mythbusters.* We are using Scripture to test the validity of religious myths and clichés which sound biblical but are not.

Aug 9	Revelation 21:1-5	*Religious Mythbusters:* Our Souls Go to Heaven and We Become Angels
Aug 16	Acts 10:1-36	*Religious Mythbusters:* All Religions are Basically the Same
Aug 23	Luke 1:26-38	*Holy Home Décor:* Faith Makes It Possible
Aug 30	Luke 1:26-38	*Holy Home Décor:* Pray Without Ceasing

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given in honor of Pastor Tim and his 10 years of ministry at Second Presbyterian Church. Congratulations!

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELSIE DODSON will be held 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

A LUNCHEON HONORING PASTOR TIM: The Connect Team invites all to attend a reception in the gym after worship on TODAY to celebrate Pastor Tim's 10 years of ministry here at Second Presbyterian!

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 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.

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!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the book of Revelation on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. Our study concludes this Thursday. We will resume sometime in September. Please watch this space for further details.

GO

FAMILY PROMISE: Our neighbors at the Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church will host unhoused families through Family Promise the week of August 23-30, and we have an opportunity to assist them. Volunteers are needed on the afternoon of Sunday, August 23rd, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. to help finalize the setup needs, with dinner and fellowship with the families from 5:30-7:30 p.m. After worship on August 30th, we 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 9th

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. 10 Year Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Tim (Gym)

Monday, August 10th

12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)
3:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 11th

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

Thursday, August 13th

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

Sunday, August 16th

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*)
11:45 a.m. Grow Team Meeting (Small Conf. Rm.)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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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