13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***My Country, 'Tis of Thee*** *Wayne Leupold*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 145

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
All: The Lord is good to all; his compassion is over all that he has made.
One: All the works of the Lord shall give thanks, and all the faithful shall bless the Lord.
All: We will speak of the glory of the kingdom and tell of the power of the Lord.
One: For the kingdom of the Lord is an everlasting kingdom, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures throughout the generations.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***God of Creation, All-Powerful*** SLANE

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we are hard-hearted and stubborn. You call us to forgive those who have wronged us, but we admit that we are quicker to expect forgiveness than we are to forgive. Instead, we hold grudges. We write people off. We use any offense against us as justification for our division and hatred. Help us, Lord. Remind us of the grace you give to us so that we might offer it to others – not the kind of grace that comes with strings or conditions attached, but the kind that is given freely. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.
All: The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.
One: Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.
All: Thanks be to God.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***God of Creation, All-Powerful*** SLANE

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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Lift Every Voice and Sing*** *J. Rosamond Johnson*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:21-35 p. 20 NT

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

HEBREW BIBLE READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 p. 735 OT

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
✞Preparatory Hymn ***Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*** **#444**
Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (p. 35 – *Glory to God*)
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People ***Lamb of God*** *arr. Larson*
Prayer after Communion

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church

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.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***America, the Beautiful*** **#338**

✞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



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. **Communion will be received via intinction this morning.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Jim Giffen, Kim Hudgens, Janis Smith, and Mary Kay Sullivan
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently in a 5-part sermon series called *Religious Mythbusters*. Just as the TV show *Mythbusters* used the scientific method to test the validity of rumors, myths, internet videos, and news stories in the early 2000's, Pastor Tim will be using Scripture to test the validity of religious myths and clichés that have a ring of truth to them and which most people think are biblical. Upon closer examination, however, they do not actually hold up as either Scriptural or reflecting the promises of God.

July 5	Matthew 18:21-35	*Religious Mythbusters:* Forgiving Means Forgetting
July 12	Luke 18:9-14	*Religious Mythbusters:* God Loves Us More
July 19	Proverbs 27:1-22	*Holy Home Décor:* Friendship
July 26	Ruth 1	*The Book of Ruth:* The Family We Choose

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

PASTOR SARAH is away on vacation this week. She will be back in the office on July 13th.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. Please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are seated, and return to your seat via the side aisle. A gluten-free communion station is provided to the left. If mobility or health concern is an issue for you, there are self-serve cups available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

JOIN THE USHERING TEAM! Ushers greet folks arriving at church 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. We would love to talk with you about the simple but gratifying responsibilities of ushering at Second!

BE A LITURGIST! We are currently looking for folks who are interested in serving as a liturgist for worship. Pastor Tim will provide a training this summer and you will be worked into the rotation beginning in September. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please email Pastor Tim at treynolds@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: The Connect Team invites you to go to lunch with friends on the first Sunday of each month. These 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 TODAY. Meet at the baptismal font following worship if you are interested in going!

SAVE THE DATE for Sunday, July 19th, as the Connect Team will be hosting a wedding shower for Seth Reynolds and Blythe Lundberg (son and future daughter-in-law of Tim and Tuesday Reynolds) following worship in the Fellowship Hall. We are so excited for this special couple and want to show them our love! Seth and Blythe's wedding website and gift registry can be accessed by scanning the QR code here. We hope to see you on the 19th!

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!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: We meet on Thursdays at 10:30 in the Barbour Room. This summer we are studying the book of Revelation using N.T. Wright's *Revelation for Everyone.* Copies are available in the church office at no charge. Hope you can join us!

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, July 5th

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 (Mary Chambers Rm.)
	Long Table Lunch (location TBA)

Monday, July 6th

3:00 p.m.	Budget and Finance Team Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 7th

5:00 p.m.	Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
8:45 p.m.	UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, July 9th

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

Sunday, July 12th

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*)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Elsie Dodson, Christina Young, John Reynolds, 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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