Pentecost Sunday

June 8th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Komm, heiliger Geist*** *Georg Philipp Telemann*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Acts 2

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Come, sing a new song of worship.
All: Come, sing a new song of praise.
One: Today we remember a day of promise fulfilled.
All: With joy we celebrate Pentecost:
One: a day when power and comfort flowed,
All: a day of hope and inspiration,
One: a day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory,
All: a day when that glory was given to God's people.
One: The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.
All: We will sing praises to God's holy name!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*** **#280, vv. 1-2**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and merciful God, you invite us to ask for wisdom, promising to give generously without a second thought. Yet we confess that we often ask without faith, doubting your goodness and distrusting your promises. When faced with adversity, we choose to trust ourselves, rather than you. Our hearts are divided and we are tossed like waves by the winds of fear and pride. Forgive us, O Lord, for our spiritual arrogance and worldly-mindedness. Grant us true wisdom that begins with trusting you. Send us your Spirit to teach us to ask in faith, to rejoice in adversity, and to be obedient to you. In Christ, our wisdom and righteousness, we make our prayer and place our hope. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Beloved in Christ, though we often falter, our God is steadfast and full of mercy. In Christ, God has given us not only wisdom from above, but full pardon for all our sins.
All: We rejoice and stand firm in the grace of our Lord, knowing our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

✞RESPONSE ***Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*** **#280, v. 3**

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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 ***We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*** **#817**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
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 Proverbs 4:1-13 p. 587 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Let All the People Sing Praise!*** *Lloyd Larson*

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 1:5-11 p. 228 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 ***Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*** *Michael Praetorius*
✞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 Spirit. 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 ***Be Thou My Vision*** **#450**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Andante in C minor*** *Christian Rinck*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Marty McLean – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Kim Hudgens, Dick Smith, Doug & Leslie Matthews
Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: What does it really mean to live out the faith we hold? The book of James offers one of the most practical and challenging guides in all of Scripture – calling us not just to believe, but to act on our belief. Our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*, explores what authentic, active faith looks like in everyday life.

June 8	James 1:5-11	Faith in Action: *The Challenge of Faith*
June 15	James 1:12-18	Faith in Action: *The Snares of the World*
June 22	TBD	Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff, Executive Presbyter
June 29	James 1:19-27	Faith in Action: *The Word at Work*

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

PASTOR SARAH is on sabbatical through Labor Day. She will return to the office on September 2nd.

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE: The Worship Team asks that everyone sit in the front half of the sanctuary during worship this summer to encourage togetherness and fellowship. We understand this may be difficult for those of you who like to sit in the back, so please think of it this way: you are still sitting in the back, it's just that the back has moved up!

LITURGISTS WANTED! 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. Additionally, Dana Hendrix, who has been serving as a liturgist and scheduling the liturgists is moving to Michigan. If you are interested in creating the liturgist schedule every 3-4 months, please let Pastor Tim know.

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.

PREBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet THIS Tuesday, June 10th, at 11 am for their annual picnic. The meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church's Pavilion.

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!

OUR SUMMER BIBLE STUDY coincides with our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*. Each week we gather with Pastor Tim to discuss the sermon and study the passage from the previous Sunday in more depth. The class meets in the Barbour Room on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. We hope you join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the nursery and preschool! Please contact Holly Grimm at (865) 243-6353 if you are interested.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is this week, June 9-11, from 5:30-7:30 pm. We are excited to be launching a new partnership with First Presbyterian Church to offer Vacation Bible School for all ages. Our Children's program is Live It Out: *Discover How to Love Like Jesus*, and our Adult's program is *Back to Basics*, which will offer an in-depth look at what it means to be Presbyterian and how we live out that identity in daily life. Scan the QR code on the right to sign up!

GO

THE PENTECOST OFFERING will be received today. Pentecost celebrates the renewal of the relationship between God and the community of faith. The offering goes towards a number of PCUSA youth and children's ministries.

FISH MISSION DONATIONS: We are currently asking you to direct your monetary gifts directly to the FISH designated fund rather than donating items. You can contribute via Realm, the church website, or by check. Monthly donations would be most helpful. FISH meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month to pack and/or deliver. If you'd like to help, contact Dick Dodson at rtdodson52@gmail.com.

SUPPORT

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.

FRIDAY E-NEWS: If you are not receiving the Friday E-News and would like to, please email Jack Rosamond (jrosamond@2ndpres.org) and let him know you would like to be added to the list.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, June 8th – Pentecost

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

Monday, June 9th

12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 3rd

10:30 a.m. Faith in Action Bible Study (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Picnic (FUMC Pavilion)
6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
7:00 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Hudson Hall)

Sunday, June 15th

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Jacox, Mark Jenkins, Mancil Milligan, Janet Chadwick, Bill Roach, Jr., Donna Downen, 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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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*.

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WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

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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June 8, 2025

Faith in Action: A Journey Through James

James 1:5-8 – The Challenge of Faith

Challenge #1

Asking for the _____ _____ of help

in the _____ _____.

We're really good at asking for _____

but we seldom ask for _____.

Challenge #2

_____ God enough to _____ _____

_____ _____.

Faith is about _____ and _____,

not _____

Challenge #3

Not to be a _____.

If we're not going to _____,

don't bother to _____.

Questions for Further Study
For the week of June 8, 2025

1. Wisdom is needed to cope with trials and build patience. What does James stress about God that makes us able to ask for wisdom with such hopeful expectation?

What do the following verses have to teach us about how to gain wisdom, along with its benefits?

Proverbs 1:7 Proverbs 11:2 Proverbs 13:10

Proverbs 14:8 Proverbs 19:11

2. Pastor Tim said that James' view of God is different from many of our common cultural understandings (or misunderstandings!) of God is like. What differences did he discuss? Are there other differences you can think of? How can having a view of God that is different from what the Bible teaches lead to doubting (not trusting) God?

Pastor Tim also said that faith is about trust and obedience, not certainty. How is this different from the common cultural understanding of faith? How do we learn to trust people we are in relationships with? What does this teach us about our relationship with God?

Has your faith (trust) in God ever increased as a result of doing what God said to do, even when you doubted? If so, how?

3. James says one challenge of faith is not to be a wave. In what ways has life tossed you about?

Learning who God is and what God is really like is the key to learning to trust God rather than ourselves. What steps do you need to take to grow in the character, faith, and trust that come from knowing God?