2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Christe, der du bist Tag und Licht*** *Michael Praetorius*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* John 20:19-29

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
One: We have not seen the risen Christ.
All: But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.
One: We have not seen Jesus face to face.
All: But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.
One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross.
All: But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*** **#231**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of empty tombs and empty people, when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us and give us a voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us and give us compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us and fill us with your joy.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.
All: Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope.
One: Christ comes, to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the Good News: God has mercy and offers us forgiveness in Christ.
All: Christ has come to us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✞RESPONSE ***There Is a Redeemer*** **#443, v. 1**

✞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 ***Breathe on Me, Breath of God*** **#286**

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 Ezekiel 37:1-14 p. 806 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Pilgrim's Hymn*** *Stephen Paulus*

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20:19-29 p. 115 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Phrygian Prelude*** *Flor Peeters*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

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

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples 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 ***Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*** **#311**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein*** *Johnann Pachelbel*

✞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 J. Warner – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Nancy Smythe, Kay & Terry Weaver, Tim Wright
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Jesus' Kingdom Mission has come to a conclusion. For the next 4 weeks we will be looking at Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances.

Apr 27	John 20:19-29	The Life of Jesus: *Appears to Disciples*
May 4	John 21:1-14	The Life of Jesus: *Appears to Disciples*
May 11	Matthew 28:16-20	The Life of Jesus: *Appears to Disciples*
May 18	Acts 1:3-12	The Life of Jesus: *Ascension*

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

PASTOR TIM IS AWAY THIS MORNING on vacation. He will be back in the office tomorrow.

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.

THE PRESCHOOL is having their musical presentation on Tuesday, April 29th at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

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!

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

GO

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.

FAMILY PROMISE OF KNOXVILLE, through the support of local churches, offers a place of safety and shelter by utilizing spaces available at its members' churches to provide meals and overnight housing. Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church provides meals and overnight housing for families May 11-18. Second Presbyterian has the honor of helping to ready the facility for the week on Sunday afternoon, May 11th, and serving the evening meal on Friday, May 16. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Duggan or Janis Smith via email or text. Kathy: kduggan55@gmail.com (865) 447-8683; Janis: smithjb1@gmail.com (615) 260-7784

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.

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, April 27th
- 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

Tuesday, April 29th
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Music Program (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 1st
- 1:00 p.m. Go Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Sunday, May 4th
- 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

Mancil Milligan, Janet Chadwick, Sue Jacox,
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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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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