2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 18th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Now, My Tongue the Myst'ry Telling*** *Flor Peeters*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* John 1; Psalm 40

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Come and see.
All: The Lord listens to us; he hears our cries.
One: Come and see.
All: He draws us out of desolation.
One: Come and see.
All: He sets our feet on solid ground and steadies our steps.
One: Come and see.
All: He gives us a song to sing – a song of praise.
One: Come and see!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing*** **#267, vv. 1-3**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you invite us to a life of discipleship. We accept your invitation with joy, but then we hide it away and keep it for ourselves. We forget that accepting this invitation is life-altering. It requires us to live with open eyes, open ears, open hearts and asks us not to turn away from the hurt around us. It asks us to speak up when we recognize injustice and to stand with those who are oppressed. It is an invitation to follow Jesus and to be a part of his work in the world, and it is meant to be shared. Forgive us when we ignore these tasks of discipleship and when we fail to invite others along. Remind us what it means to be a follower of Christ and give us the courage it requires. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *based on* Psalm 40

One: God inclines God's ear to us, rescues us and sets us again on solid ground.
All: God has not withheld mercy from us.
One: Trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing*** **#267, 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 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

✞HYMN OF PREPARATION ***Just As I Am, Without One Plea*** **#442**

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 Exodus 12:1-13 p. 58 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Lead Me Lord*** *arr. Leavitt*

GOSPEL READING John 1:35-46 p. 92 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 ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** *Wayne Leupold*
✞Response ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Will You Come and Follow Me*** **#726**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Ach Gott, Von Himmel sieh darein*** *Johann Pachelbel*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Doug and Leslie Matthews, Dick Smith, and Nancy Smythe
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

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

Jan 18	John 1:35-46	Jesus Calls Disciples
Jan 25	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Unity in Diversity
Feb 1	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	God's Foolishness
Feb 8	Matthew 5:13-20	Light of the World

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.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LYNDA MAY will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, January 30th at 3:00 p.m. The family will receive visitors in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

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!

SCOUT SUNDAY is February 15th. For over 100 years Boy Scouts have enjoyed the support of religious organizations. Our own Troop 6 was founded on January 29, 1915, and is the oldest troop in the Great Smoky Mountain Council. Second Presbyterian Church has been the charter organization since 1916.

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 February 8th and all college students and young adults are invited to join us at the Souper Bowl luncheon! If you are interested in hosting Food & Friends, 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 the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

SUPPORT

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY: The church offices will be closed tomorrow, January 19th, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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.

THE DEADLINE FOR 2ND EDITION ARTICLES is January 20th.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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 Meeting (Small Conference Room)
1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Monday, January 19th MLK Day (Office Closed)

5:15 p.m. Soccer Shots (Gym)
6:30 p.m. UKirk Board Meeting (Barbour Room)

Tuesday, January 20th

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

Thursday, January 22nd

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

Sunday, January 25th

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
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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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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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