

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21st, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Ask You What Great Things I Know

Janet Correll

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 131

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

One: Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

All: Let us praise the Lord!

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

We Have Come to Join in Worship

HOLY MANNA

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, receive our confession, as we ask for your forgiveness. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

All: God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: May our lives reflect our gratitude and praise!

✠RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

#581

✠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

Open My Eyes, That I May See

#451

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

Jeremiah 29:4-7

p. 731 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

p. 208 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

God My Father, Loving Me

Flor Peeters

✠Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit give 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.

✠HYMN OF SENDING

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

#468

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr‘

Michael Praetorius

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Deb Lewis – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

Sarah J. Warner – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Barbara & Glenn Lamping, Janis & Jim Giffen

Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary. It provides a structured way to engage with Scripture throughout the liturgical year, encompassing major festivals and seasons, and provides a common set of readings from Scripture that Christians across the world hear together.

Sept 21	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Praying for All People
Sept 28	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The Dangers of Wealth
Oct. 5	2 Timothy 1:1-14	The Journey of Faith
Oct. 12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	The Church’s Gospel

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK

are given to the glory of God.

HONORING NANCY MONTGOMERY:

During our Fellowship Time this morning we will honor Nancy Montgomery’s service to this congregation as Clerk of Session for the last 10 years. We hope you will join us in thanking Nancy for her dedication.

INTERESTED IN PLAYING THE HANDBELLS?

We are re-starting our handbell choir. Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. No prior experience is necessary. You don’t even have to read music! As long as you can count and are willing to be part of a fun group of people making music together, you can be part of the handbell choir. Let us know of your interest by scanning the QR code, calling the church office, or letting Matt Mimbs know.



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).

2ND EDITION ARTICLES

are due, please submit them to Jack (jrosamond@2ndpres.org) by 9 am 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.

FOOD & FRIENDS RETURNS NEXT MONTH: Food & Friends is a ministry to college students and young adults. On the 2nd SUNDAY of the month, all college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church. The next Food & Friends is Sunday, October 12th. If you are interested in being a host, please use the sign-up link in the weekly e-news, the QR code to the right, or contact Jack Rosamond (jrosamond@2ndpres.org).



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 will resume THIS Thursday, September 25th at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. For the fall we are going to be reading and studying *Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe* by Ronald J. Allen & Robert D. Cornwall. The book is available on Amazon, The Thoughtful Christian website, the PCUSA Store, Westminster John Knox Press, Cokesbury, and Barnes & Noble. We will also have a very limited number available at the study on Thursday. You will not need the book for the first class.

GO

FISH MINISTRY: We are no longer asking for specific household and personal items to be purchased and delivered to the church. However, we do need specific funding to continue this long-time mission of the church. To positively impact food insecurity in Knox County, please consider giving directly to our church's Fish designated fund, from which all food, personal, and household item purchases are paid. Recurring donations would be most helpful.

LAST DAY TO ORDER WEST VIEW COUPON BOOKS! They cost \$20 per book, of which West View Elementary receives 75%! You can also donate to West View directly. You can purchase your coupon book before church in the Atrium or after church at Fellowship Time. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, contact Sandra Butler at SandyB446@comcast.net or (865) 659-4416.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Sunday, September 21st**
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
 - 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
 - 11:45 a.m. Grow Team Meeting (Small Conference Room)

- Tuesday, September 23rd**
- 9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)

- Thursday, September 25th**
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor’s Bible Study (Barbour Room)

- Sunday, September 28th**
- 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

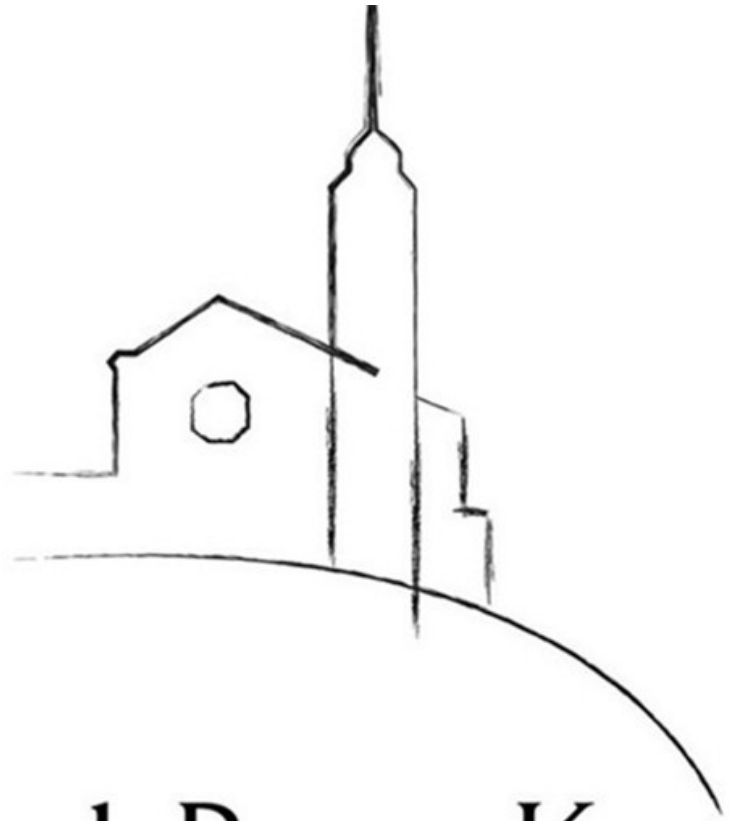
Barbara Fields, Mancil Milligan, Mark Jenkins,
Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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