22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Amazing Grace*** *Wayne Leupold*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 86

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Hear us, O Lord, and answer us, for we are poor and needy!
All: You are our God! We trust in you and are faithful to you. Bring joy to us this morning!
One: There is none like you, O Lord. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you and bring glory to your name;
All: for you are great and do marvelous deeds. You alone are God.
One: Teach us your ways, O Lord, that we may rely on your faithfulness.
All: Great is your love toward us, O Lord. May we praise and glorify your name forever and ever!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***When Morning Gilds the Skies*** **#667**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way or listened to your calling. You call us to love and serve you, yet we have loved and served ourselves. You call us to pray without ceasing, but we allow the busy-ness of life and the lure of our screens to distract us from sitting with you. You call us to worship only you, yet we choose false and empty idols. You call us to new life in Christ, but we turn aside and fall back in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word and Spirit, the wisdom and strength to love and serve you faithfully; through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Ephesians 3

One: Out of God's glorious riches, God strengthens us in our inner being through the Spirit so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.
All: Being rooted and established in God's love, we are able to grasp how wide and long and high and deep Christ's love truly is.
One: To know this love fills us entirely with the fullness of God, who is able to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine.
All: To God be glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Glory Be to the Father*** **#581**

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.

✞HYMN OF PREPARATION ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** **#465**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, your name is hallowed.
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 Isaiah 61:1-11 p. 691 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Light of a Clear Blue Morning*** *Dolly Parton*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 p. 205 NT

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Trio on When Love is Found*** *Randolf Currie*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; that together we know and bear one another's burdens; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness, pray together, and together serve God in this world.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*** **#804**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***I Know that My Redeemer Lives*** *Richard Wienhorst*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: John and Lisa Henley, Kim Hudgens, and Nancy Smythe
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: This week Pastor Sarah will conclude her summer mini-series on *Holy Home Décor*, looking at the texts that find their way onto the décor in our homes and putting them in their Biblical context. We will pick back up with the Revised Common Lectionary beginning in September.

Aug 30	1 Thess. 5:12-28	*Holy Home Décor:* Pray Without Ceasing
Sept 6	Matthew 18:15-20	Reconciliation
Sept 13	Genesis 50:15-21	God's Intentions
Sept 20	Matthew 20:1-16	The Laborers in the Vineyard

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elsie Dodson by the Dodson family.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELSIE DODSON will be held THIS AFTERNOON at 2:30 pm. The service will be at Berry-Highland funeral home, located at 5315 Kingston Pike. Visitation with the family will follow the service.

WAYS TO SERVE IN WORSHIP: There are many ways in which you can serve on Sunday mornings, and we'd love to help you get involved!

Ushers: Our ushers greet folks arriving at worship 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.

Liturgists: We are looking for folks who are interested in serving as liturgists for worship beginning in September. Training is provided. If interested, please email Pastor Tim at treynolds@2ndpres.org.

A/V Tech: Our A/V Techs run the sound, the screens and the streaming. Training is provided. If interested, contact Paul Sexauer at 865.850.7328 or sexauerpaul@gmail.com.

Choir: The choir rehearses each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. We'd love for you to add your voice! For more information, contact Matt Mimbs at mmimbs@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 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. Meet at the baptismal font following worship if you are interested in going! The next Long Table Lunch is NEXT Sunday, September 6th.

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 September 13th. If you are interested in being a host, scan the QR code to sign up or just let Pastor Tim know.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN returns in September! Their next gathering will be Tuesday, September 8, at 10 a.m. in the LIBRARY (note the change in location going forward). The Bible Study this year will concentrate on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and the Fall study is entitled *The Corinth that Paul Chose*.

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 welcome!

FALL GROWTH GROUPS return soon! Registration will take place September 6–20. You may register through our website, Realm, a bulletin insert, or by calling the church office. Fall Growth Groups will meet from the week of September 27 through the week of November 29, with no meeting during Thanksgiving week.

THE PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES NETWORK is hosting its conference, *Rooted in Hope*, September 15-18 at First Presbyterian Church. For more information and registration, scan the QR code here. Online registration ends September 4th.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS OFFERING: A new class is being offered on Sunday mornings beginning September 13th, focusing on the book study, *Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts*. This class will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and is open to all! Books are available in the church office at no charge, and the class will conclude before Thanksgiving. Contact Liz Peebles for more info: enp3613@gmail.com.

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, August 30th

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*)
2:30 p.m. Memorial Service for Elsie Dodson (Berry-Highland)

Monday, August 31sth

9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Break Rm.)
8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, September 1st

4:30 p.m. Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)
5:00 p.m. Facilities Team Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, September 3rd

1:00 p.m. Go Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)

Sunday, September 6th

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*)
September Long Table Lunch (offsite)

PRAYER CONCERNS

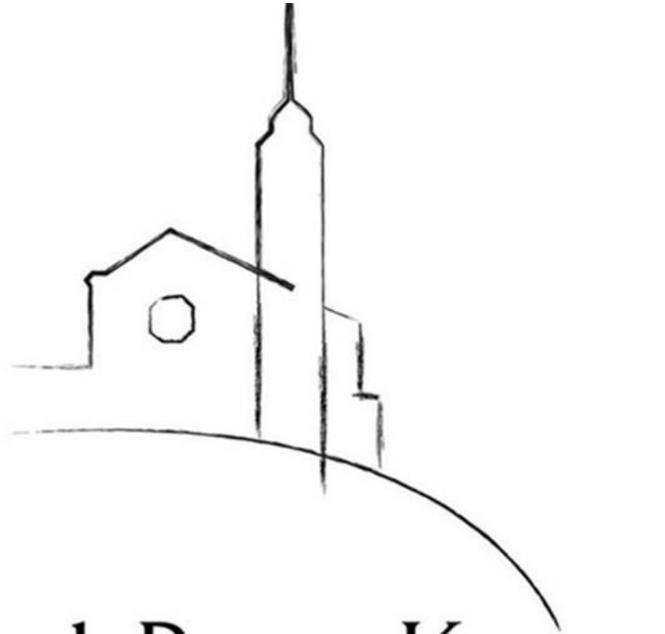
The Matthews Family, Jenny Smith, Mariann Thuesen, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*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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