6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 16th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Be Thou My Vision*** *arr. Brad Jacobsen*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 34

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: O magnify the Lord with me.
All: Let us exalt his name together.
One: I will bless the Lord at all times.
All: We will praise him always.
One: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.
All: Let the humble hear and be glad.

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Gather Us In*** **#401, vv. 1,2,4**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to follow you, to be shaped by your love, and to build a community that reflects your kingdom. Yet we confess that we resist your call. We hesitate to leave behind our comforts, our fears, and our self-interest. We choose the familiar over the faithful and, instead, allow ourselves to be shaped by the world around us. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to trust your invitation. Forgive us when we forget that your kingdom is built not on power or status, but on grace, mercy, and love. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may follow you with open hearts and willing hands, forming a community where all are welcomed and transformed by your presence. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: God's radical forgiveness and transforming love will not let us go.
All: God's love is ever bringing resurrection and new life.
One: Let us rejoice in this promise and trust in God's mercy to restore us as God's own.
All: Thanks be to God!

✞RESPONSE ***Gather Us In*** **#401**

✞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 ***Christ, Be Our Light*** **#314**

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 Deuteronomy 29:1-3, 10-15 p. 184 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ***A Jubilant Song*** *Allen Pote*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 2:13-17; 3:13-19 p. 36 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 ***My Father's World*** *arr. Brad Jacobsen*
✞Response ***We Praise You, O God*** **#612, v. 1**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Heidelberg Confession & Confession of 1967

I believe that the Son of God, through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. The Holy Spirit creates and renews this community, in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. Of this community, I am and always will be a living member. As members of this community, believers one and all share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Each member of this community should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members. In this community we know that God loves us and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** **#306, vv. 1-4**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** *arr. Raluca Bojor*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Dana Hendrix – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, Cleston Jones, Bill Ragsdale, Nancy Smythe
Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are looking at the life of Jesus from now until May. Jesus' primary message was the Kingdom of God. During February we will look at the different ways Jesus proclaimed God's Kingdom.

Feb 16	The Life of Jesus: *Jesus Forms Kingdom Community*
Feb 23	The Life of Jesus: *Jesus Teaches about Life in the Kingdom*
Mar 2	The Life of Jesus: *Transfiguration & Peter's Confession*
Mar 9	The Life of Jesus: *Enters Jerusalem*

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

BETTER TOGETHER: The Presbytery of East Tennessee invites you a Black History Celebration next Sunday, February 23rd at 3:00 p.m. at Fourth United Presbyterian Church. There will be history, fellowship, food, and worship!

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!

GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Tim leads a weekly Bible study on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are studying Paul's letter to the Galatians. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As our nursery and preschool continue to grow, we need more volunteers! If you are interested, please contact Holly Grimm at (865) 243-6353.

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

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 lunch at a local restaurant paid for by the church. If you would like to sign up to 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). **February's Food & Friends is TODAY. All interested young adults meet hosts Dick & Lauren Dodson at the baptismal font following worship.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Join us after worship each week for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship.

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FISH MISSION DONATIONS: Effective immediately, we are no longer asking for specific household and personal items. For anyone who may have purchases in hand or in process, the Fish bin in the hallway to the kitchen will remain in place through January for those donations. We ask you to instead direct your expenditures directly to the Fish designated fund. All food, personal, and household purchases are paid for out of the Fish designated fund. To contribute, you can do so via Realm (click on "Giving," then "Fish" in the drop-down), or the church website (click on "Giving," then Fish in the drop-down), or by check ("Fish fund" in the memo line). 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.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE: For the 5th year, we are joining with other houses of worship in Knoxville to celebrate Love Your Neighbor Knox. One of the ways we are showing our love for our neighbors is by collecting food for 2nd Harvest Food Bank during their slowest season of the year. Help feed our hungry neighbors by bringing dry, non-perishable food goods and leaving them in the barrel in the atrium.

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.

E-MAIL LIST UPDATE: If you are not receiving the weekly Friday E-News and would like to, please send Jack (jrosamond@2ndpres.org) an email letting him know you would like to be added to the email list.

SECOND EDITION ARTICLES are due next Thursday, February 20th, at 4:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 16th
- 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, February 17th
- 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conference Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Ladies Life Group (Youth Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, February 18th
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, February 19th
- 11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)

Thursday, February 20th
- 10:30 a.m. Galatians Bible Study (Barbour Room)
- 4:00 p.m. Deadline for 2nd Edition Articles

Sunday, February 23rd
- 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

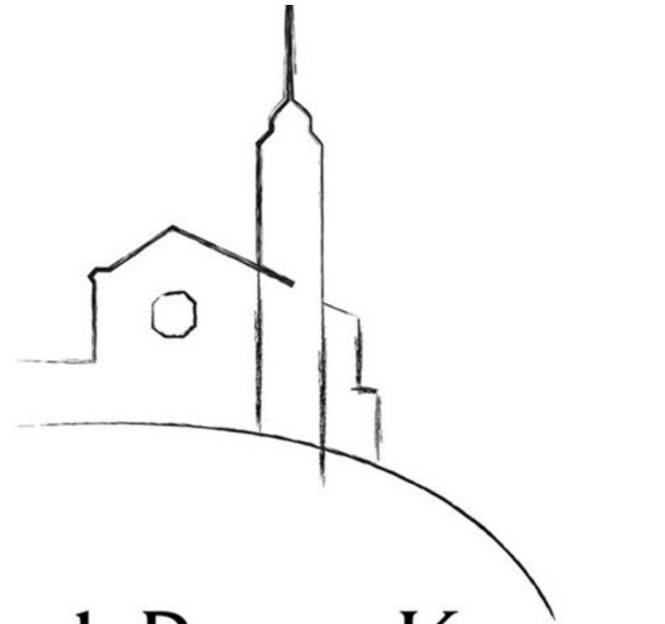
Bruce Foster, Bill Roach, Jr., Drew Wall, Amy Garcia, Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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