11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her*** *Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 116

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: The Lord hears us when we cry out.
All: Praise the Lord!
One: The Lord showers us with blessings.
All: Praise the Lord!
One: Let us lift up the name of the Lord for all to hear!
All: Praise the Lord!
One: Let us sing of God's endless grace and compassion!
All: Let us worship God!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*** **#619, vv. 1-3**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are often confounded by faith. We think of your grace as a reward rather than a gift, thinking that if we do more good deeds, pray more often, judge less, avoid making mistakes, we will have done what it takes to earn it. We want to make faith conditional where you offer only welcome and inclusion. We trust in our own efforts more than we trust in your mercy. Forgive us, Lord, when we make faith more difficult than it needs to be – when we attempt to wall off access and make it exclusive. Teach us to rest in the grace you offer to us in Jesus Christ and help us to live not out of fear or obligation, but out of gratitude for your boundless love. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *based on* Acts 15

One: Friends, hear and believe this good news:
All: We are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus.
One: By faith, our hearts are cleansed.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*** **#619, 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 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church.

✞HYMN OF PREPARATION ***Come, All Christians, Be Committed***

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 1 Samuel 14:24-30 p. 256 OT

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

Pie Jesu

ANTHEM Charleigh Austin, soprano; Tuesday Reynolds, soprano *Andrew Lloyd Webber*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 15:1-11, 19-21, 30-31 p. 134 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* The Heidelberg Catechism

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ am I righteous before God. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*** **#353**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***All Glory Be to God on High*** *Michael Praetorius*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Barb and Glenn Lamping, Nancy Smythe, and Tim Wright
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

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

June 14	Acts 15:1-31	*Religious Mythbusters:* The Mathematics of Religion
June 21	Romans 8:28-30	*Religious Mythbusters:* Everything Happens for a Reason
June 28	1 Cor. 10:6-13	*Religious Mythbusters:* God Won't Give Us More than We Can Handle
July 5	Matthew 6:9-15	*Religious Mythbusters:* Forgiving Means Forgetting

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

RELIGIOUS MYTHBUSTERS: This morning, Pastor Tim begins a 5-part sermon series called *Religious Mythbusters*. Just as the TV show *Mythbusters* used the scientific method to test the validity of rumors, myths, internet videos, and news stories in the early 2000's, Pastor Tim will be using Scripture to test the validity of religious myths and clichés that have a ring of truth to them and which most people think are biblical. Upon closer examination, however, they do not actually hold up as either Scriptural or reflecting the promises of God.

JOIN THE USHERING TEAM! Ushers greet folks arriving at church 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. We would love to talk with you about the simple but gratifying responsibilities of ushering at Second!

BE A LITURGIST! We are currently looking for folks who are interested in serving as a liturgist for worship. Pastor Tim will provide a training this summer and you will be worked into the rotation beginning in September. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please email Pastor Tim at treynolds@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: The Connect Team invites you to go to lunch with friends on the first Sunday of each month. These lunches are for anyone who would like to go out to eat with others following worship on the first Sunday of the month. The group will meet at the baptismal font and disperse from there to a designated restaurant. 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 or emailing Pastor Sarah (smorgan@2ndpres.org) during the week prior. The next Long Table Lunch will be Sunday, July 5th. We hope you can make it!

SECOND READERS Meets this week on Wednesday, June 17th at 11:30 a.m. at Buckingham Clubhouse. We look forward to seeing you there!

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!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: This Thursday at 10:30 we will begin our summer study of the book of Revelation using N.T. Wright's *Revelation for Everyone*. Hope you can join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is next week! All the fun will take place at First Presbyterian Church (620 State St.). *Everyone* is invited to join in on the adventure (yes – grownups have a class they may attend, too!) Registration is available for participants and volunteers by clicking the QR code here. **Registration deadline is TOMORROW for participants.** Contact the church office if you have further questions. See you at VBS!

SPC FALL RETREAT: The Grow Team is in the early stages of planning a church-wide Fall Retreat for the first time in over a decade! We are looking for volunteers to be part of a planning committee that would organize and discuss details of what we want this event to look like. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Patricia Kennedy at patricia.w.kennedy@gmail.com. We are excited to have these conversations and have more to share soon!

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.

JULY 2ND EDITION: Deadline for submissions is June 20th. This deadline is helpful in allowing us enough time to piece everything together in time for a thoughtful newsletter featuring your great work! Please send photos, reports, and any other communication to admin@2ndpres.org. Thank you!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, June 14th
- 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)

Monday, June 15th
- 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Break Rm.)
- 6:30 p.m. UKirk Board Meeting (Barbour Rm.)

Tuesday, June 16th
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
- 8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, June 17th
- 11:30 a.m. Second Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)

Thursday, June 18th
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)

Sunday, June 21st
- 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)
- 11:45 a.m. Grow Team Meeting (Small Conference Rm.)

PRAYER CONCERNS

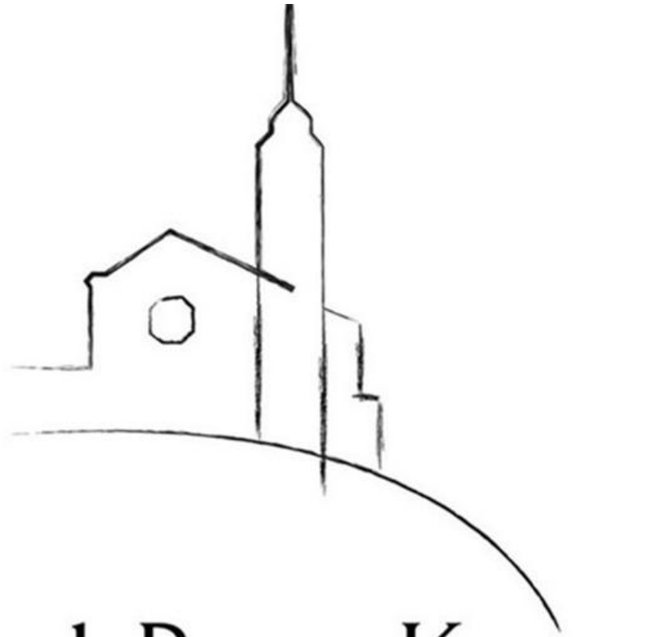
The family of Donald Collins, Christina Young, John Reynolds, Elsie Dodson, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*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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