5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 8th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Komm Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott*** *Georg Philipp Telemann*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✟CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Isaiah 58; Matthew 5

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Let your light shine before others, giving glory to God in heaven.
All: People do not light a lamp and then hide it. Instead, they put it on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.
One: Light shall break forth like the dawn when the world is free from injustice and the oppressed are free.
All: Light shall break forth like the dawn when the hungry are fed and the naked are clothed.
One: Let your light shine before others, giving glory to God in heaven.
All: Let us worship God!

✟HYMN OF PRAISE ***Christ Is the World's Light*** CHRISTE SANCTORUM

✟PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you call us to be salt of the earth and light to the world; but we have lost our saltiness and we hide in darkness. It's easier to close our eyes, to look away, and to not get involved when we see the injustices that plague our world. It's easier to concern ourselves only with the things that affect us directly and not with those that affect our neighbors. Forgive us when we take the easy path, when we fail to recognize that the things that affect one of us, affect all of us. Help us to shine your light in our darkened world by seeking justice and caring for the poor, hungry, and homeless among us, bringing glory to your name. Amen.

✟ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's love and grace.
All: Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we know new life. Thanks be to God!

✟PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✟RESPONSE ***Christ Is the World's Light*** CHRISTE SANCTORUM

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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Amazing Grace*** *Wayne Leupold*
✟Response ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✟Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 58:1-9a p. 688 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20 p. 4 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
✟Preparatory Hymns ***Christ, Be Our Light*** **#314**
Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (p. 35 – *Glory to God*)
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Communion of the People ***Eternal Light*** *Benjamin Harlan*
Prayer after Communion

✟AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church

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.

✟HYMN OF SENDING ***This Little Light of Mine*** *Harry Loes*

✟BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✟POSTLUDE ***Vater unser im Himmelrich*** *Johann Krieger*

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



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. **Communion will be received via intinction this morning.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Linda Cook, Kim Hudgens, Jim Giffen, and Janis Smith
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

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

Feb 8	Matthew 5:13-20	Light of the World
Feb 15	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Love
Feb 22	Romans 5:12-19	The Gift of Grace
Mar 1	Psalm 121	Our Help is in the Lord

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.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE PEWS this morning. We will be using a method known as the "dual cup method" to receive the sacrament. There are two cups in each slot in the tray. The bottom cup holds one piece of communion bread and the top cup holds the juice. When the tray is passed to you, remove both cups together, separate them, and then hold them until everyone has been served. We will take the bread and the juice together, as instructed by the pastors. For those who would like a gluten-free option, cups with gluten-free bread are in the center rings of the tray.

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.

SCOUT SUNDAY is NEXT Sunday, 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18th, and we will be observing the beginning of Lent by having a service of Imposition of Ashes that evening in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. This will be a joint worship service with our friends from Church of the Savior. All are welcome.

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.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON will take place TODAY following worship. The Souper Bowl Luncheon is a fundraiser to support the hungry here in Knoxville. ALL are invited.

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 **TODAY** 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.

PRESBYERIAN WOMEN will meet this week on Tuesday, February 10, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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FAMILY PROMISE: The Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, our neighbor at 3611 Kingston Pike, will provide breakfast, dinner, and overnight housing for four families the week of February 15-21. Volunteers from 2nd Presbyterian will have the opportunity to serve an evening meal on Wednesday February 18th. The time commitment is 5:30 - 7 PM. In addition, help is needed to ready the house for guests on Sunday the 15th from 4-5 PM and close the house on Sunday the 22nd from noon - 1 PM. *For more information,* please contact Janis Smith via email or text: smithjb1@gmail.com / (615) 260-7784.

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, February 8th

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.	Annual Congregation Meeting + Food & Friends Souper Bowl Luncheon (Hudson Hall)
1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
3:00 p.m.	Zeigenfuss Voice Recital (Sanctuary)

Monday, February 9th

5:15 p.m.	Soccer Shots (Gym)
5:30 p.m.	Women's Growth Group (Library)

Tuesday, February 10th

10:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Gym/Scout Room)
8:45 p.m.	UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, February 12th

10:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)
5:30 p.m.	Men's Growth Group (Library)

Sunday, February 15th

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 (Mary Chambers Room)
11:45 a.m.	Grow Team Meeting (Small Conf. Room)
1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dr. James Farris, 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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