3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23rd, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Christe, du Lamm Gottes*** *J.S. Bach*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 63

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Oh God, you are my God.
All: I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.
One: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
All: You have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
One: I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
All: I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Holy God, We Praise Your Name*** **#4, vv. 1-3**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth and justice, we confess that we resist your power in our lives. Like the tenants in the vineyard, we want to claim what is yours as our own. Like those who questioned Jesus, we seek to justify ourselves rather than follow your will. We turn from your wisdom, ignore your call to faithfulness, and put our trust in what cannot save. Forgive us, Lord. Soften our hardened hearts and lead us in your ways, that we may bear the fruits of your kingdom and live as your redeemed people. Through Christ, our cornerstone, we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, hear the good news: Though we turn from God, God does not turn from us.
All: Through Christ, the rejected stone has become the foundation of our salvation.
One: In him, we are forgiven, restored, and set free to live in God's grace.
All: Thanks be to God!

✞RESPONSE ***Holy God, We Praise Your Name*** **#4, v. 4**

✞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 ***Now Thank We All Our God*** **#643**

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 Chronicles 29:10-14 p. 387 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Deep River*** *arr. John Leavitt*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 20:1-8, 20-26 p. 83 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Interlude*** *Flor Peeters*
✞Response ***We Give Thee but Thine Own*** **#708, v. 1**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***All Things Are Yours*** GERMANY

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Ach Gott, von Himmel sieh darein*** *Johann Pachelbel*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Helen Grant – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah Warner – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton & Henry Naff, Bill Ragsdale, Mary Kay Sullivan
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We continue our sermon series on The Life of Jesus as we move into Lent. Jesus' Kingdom Mission is coming to a conclusion and from now through Easter we will be focusing on the last week of Jesus' life, as recorded in Luke's Gospel.

Mar 23	Luke 20:20-26	The Life of Jesus: *Argues with the Authorities*
Mar 30	Luke 22:47-53	The Life of Jesus: *Arrest*
Apr 6	Luke 22:63-23:12	The Life of Jesus: *Trial*
Apr 13	Luke 23:13-47	The Life of Jesus: *Crucifixion*

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in memory of Nick McNutt by the Canada family.

A REMINDER: Our friends from Church of the Savior are worshiping in our Fellowship Hall for the next several months. Their worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. Please be respectful in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall as you pass by following our worship service.

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). **Our next Food and Friends is April 13th.**

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

GRADUATION LUNCHEON: The Graduation Luncheon celebrating our 2025 graduates will be on March 30th in the Gym after worship. There will be a Barbecue lunch available for $10. Our 2025 graduates are Neal Henley, Sydney Jones, Seth Reynolds, and Annie Liu.

EASTER EGGS: We are collecting Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Egg hunt! If you would like to donate, please place your filled, plastic easter eggs in the donation box in the atrium. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Grimm.

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.

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.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Our Lenten book this year is *Hope Is Here!: Spiritual Practices for Pursuing Justice and Beloved Community* by Luther E. Smith, Jr. We will be reading the book together with Church of the Savior and gathering weekly, on Thursdays at 5:30 pm, to discuss the readings. The book is available at all major online book sellers. A very limited supply of books are available in the church office for $16.50 each.

GO

FISH MISSION DONATIONS: Rather than household or personal items, we are currently asking you to direct your gifts directly to the Fish designated fund. You can contribute via Realm (click on "Giving," then "Fish" in the drop-down), 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.

SUPPORT

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.

NEW MATERIAL IN THE LIBRARY: The church library has recently been stocked with new DVD's, books, and scam awareness materials. Please visit or contact Liz Peebles for more information.

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, March 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)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Tuesday, March 25th
- 9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, March 27th
- 10:30 a.m. Galatians Bible Study (Barbour Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Book Study (Barbour Room)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

The Casey Family, Sue Jacox, The family of Bruce Foster, Bill Roach, Jr., The family of 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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