17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*** *Rowland H. Prichard*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 19; Genesis 1

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: The heavens tell of the glory of God; the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
All: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, there was complete chaos, and a wind from God swept over the face of the deep.
One: Day to day pours forth speech, and night declares knowledge.
All: God separated the light from the darkness; God called the light Day and the darkness Night.
One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard, and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.
All: God saw everything that God had made and called it very good.
One: God's creation now proclaims the glory of God.
All: Let us worship God!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God*** **#32**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our Rock and our Redeemer, we confess that we often struggle to know what we believe. We live in a constant state of tension, where truth seems to be subjective and trust is in short supply. When faced with tough questions, we only allow space for concrete, clear cut answers when the truth lies somewhere in the middle. We are easily persuaded by the loudest opinions and lose the capacity to think for ourselves. Forgive us, God, when we lean too heavily on our preconceived ideas and fail to listen. Ground us in your truth, that we may be guided by our faith as we navigate the complexities of our world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *based on* Psalm 139

One: Where can we go from God's spirit, or where can we flee from God's presence? Even if we take the wings of the morning or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, God's hand will find us and hold us fast. Let us proclaim this good news together:
All: God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home. Thanks be to God.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*** **#197, v. 3**

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 ***Let All Creation Bless the Lord***

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18 p. 162 NT

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

ANTHEM ***The Earth Is the Lord's*** *Hallquist and Harlan*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 19 p. 498 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

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

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Presbyterian Study Catechism

Our confession of God as Creator does not contradict the findings of modern science. It affirms that the triune God, who is self-sufficient, called the world into being out of nothing by the creative power of God's Word for the sake of sharing love and freedom. Natural science has much to teach us about the particular mechanisms and processes of nature, but it is not in a position to answer the questions about ultimate reality, which point to mysteries that science as such is not equipped to explore. Nothing basic to the Christian faith contradicts the findings of modern science, nor does anything essential to modern science contradict the Christian faith.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Let the Whole Creation Cry*** **#679**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Allen Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr'*** *Michael Praetorius*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Barb and Glenn Lamping, Bill Ragsdale, and Mary Kay Sullivan
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our current sermon series is *Religious Mythbusters.* We are using Scripture to test the validity of religious myths and clichés which sound biblical but are not.

July 26	Psalm 19	*Religious Mythbusters:* Being Christian Means Being Anti-Science
Aug 2	Mark 2:1-12	*Religious Mythbusters:* God Helps Those Who Help Themselves
Aug 9	Revelation 21:1-5	*Religious Mythbusters:* Our Souls Go to Heaven and We Become Angels
Aug 16	Acts 10:1-36	*Religious Mythbusters:* All Religions are Basically the Same

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

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELSIE DODSON will be held Sunday, August 30th at 2:30 pm. The service will be at Berry-Highland funeral home. 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 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.

Additionally, we are 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: Come and be part of our monthly Long Table Lunch! These 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. The next Long Table Lunch is August 2nd. Meet at the baptismal font following worship if you are interested in going!

SAVE THE DATE, AUGUST 9th: The Connect Team invites all to attend a reception in the gym after worship on Sunday, August 9th to celebrate Pastor Tim's 10 years of ministry here at Second Presbyterian! We are so thankful for his leadership and love, and it is worth celebrating! Lunch will be provided at this reception, and we hope you'll make plans to celebrate this wonderful decade with Tim and his amazing family!

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!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays at 10:30 in the Barbour Room. This summer we are studying the book of Revelation using N.T. Wright's *Revelation for Everyone.* Copies are available in the church office at no charge.

GO

WEST VIEW WORK DAY: Save the date for THIS Saturday, August 1, and join us for our annual "Sweating with the Oldies" work day at West View Elementary School! Volunteers are needed for both outdoor *and* indoor projects from 8:30-12:00, so we invite you to sign up using this QR code to help make WVES look amazing for the 2026-27 year! This is something 2nd Pres has been doing for 18 years as a cooperative effort alongside Westminster Presbyterian and Clear Defense Pest Control; let's keep the tradition going! If you have further questions at this time, call/text Lauren Dodson, 865-738-4257 or Glenn Lamping, 715-302-2468.

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, July 26th
- 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*)

Tuesday, July 28th
- 9:00 a.m.: FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

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

Sunday, August 2nd
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Rm.)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
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PRAYER CONCERNS

Kathryn Freeman, The family of Elsie Dodson,
John Reynolds, 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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