12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31st, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Now, My Tongue, the Myst'ry Telling*** *Flor Peeters*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 146

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord, the God of Jacob!
All: God – the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all therein.
One: God – who is faithful forever, who gives justice to the oppressed and bread to those who are starving!
All: The Lord – who frees prisoners and makes the blind to see.
One: The Lord – who straightens up those who are bent low and loves the righteous.
All: The Lord – who protects immigrants and helps orphans and widows.
One: Praise the Lord, the God of Jacob!
All: Let us sing praises to our God as long as we live!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** **#14, vv. 1-4**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. You call us to love kindness, yet our rhetoric is mean-spirited. Forgive us, God of grace. Send us your Spirit to give us the wisdom, courage, and persistence to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: God hears the cries of the brokenhearted and renews the strength of those who trust in his mercy.
All: In Jesus Christ, God takes us by the hand, forgives our sins, and lifts us up to new life.
One: Friends, our sins are forgiven. We can be at peace.
All: Praise and thanksgiving be to God. Amen!

✞RESPONSE ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** **#14, v. 5**

✞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 ***What Does the Lord Require of You?*** **#70**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
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

HEBREW BIBLE READING Micah 6:6-8 p. 866 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Look at the World*** *John Rutter*

NEW TESTAMENT READING James - selections p. 228 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Trio on "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"*** *Janet Correll*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The United Church of Canada (1968)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***O Word of God Incarnate*** **#459**
Sung to the tune: We Come As Guests Invited

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Andante in C moll*** *Christian Heinrich Rinck*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Lisa Henley – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah J. Warner – Organist
Gary Sperl – Clarinet
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Margaret Sullivan, Linda & Gerald Cook, Kim Hudgens
Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*, explores what authentic, active faith looks like in everyday life.

Aug 31	James – selections	Faith in Action: *Reflections on James*
Sept 7	TBD	Sarah Morgan preaching – TBD
Sept 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	The Main Thing
Sept 21	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Praying for Our Enemies

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Joan Riedl.

PASTOR SARAH will return to the office from sabbatical this Tuesday.

WORSHIP NEWS: At its most recent meeting, the Worship Team discussed our summer sanctuary seating arrangement and determined that it has been so successful at creating a sense of community and togetherness that we are going to continue it for the foreseeable future. The Worship Team will continue to monitor the utilization of the sanctuary space going forward and make any adjustments necessary.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ED MAY will be held on Saturday, September 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

DR. RYAN FOGG, professor of music at Carson-Newman University, will be giving a piano recital in the sanctuary on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Fogg has toured the country giving solo recitals, including one at Carnegie Hall last year. This program will feature selections from Bach, Haydn, Grieg, Ravel, and Muczynski.

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.

2ND PRES FAMILY GAME DAY will be on September 6th, from 10:30-12:00 pm in the Gym. Lunch will be provided, and children are welcome to bring bikes and scooters (helmets required), frisbees, or other fun games. There will also be family "relay-style" games. Please RSVP to Holly at (865)243-6353.

GROW

GROWTH GROUPS: This fall we are starting a new small group ministry. THIS Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00 p.m. there will be an informational meeting in the Fellowship Hall designed to give you detailed information about our Growth Group Ministry and an opportunity to ask questions about how they will work. We will offer a light dinner prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m., as well as childcare for those who need it. Please use the QR code or the home page of our website to RSVP if you plan on eating dinner or need childcare. Deadline to RSVP is TODAY.

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the nursery and preschool! Please contact Holly Grimm at (865) 243-6353 if you are interested.

GO

FAMILY PROMISE: The Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, our neighbor at 3611 Kingston Pike, will again provide breakfast, dinner, and overnight housing for 3-4 families the week of August 24th. On Sunday, August 31st, when guests have departed, volunteers help close the house Noon-1PM. If you can help, please contact Kathy: kduggan55@gmail.com / (865) 441-8683 or Doug: dhbar1@gmail.com / (865) 307-4545.

SUPPORT

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.

FRIDAY E-NEWS: If you are not receiving the Friday E-News and would like to, please email Jack Rosamond (jrosamond@2ndpres.org).

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 31st
- 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. Facilitator/Host Interest Meeting (Library)

Monday, September 1st
- Church Closed – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2nd
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Lunch (Mary Chambers Room)
- 4:30 p.m. Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Team Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 3rd
- 10:00 a.m. PET Meeting (Small Conference Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Growth Groups Informational Meeting (FH)

Monday, September 4th
- 1:00 p.m. Go Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Saturday, September 6th
- 10:00 a.m. Ed May Celebration of Life (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. 2nd Pres Family Game Day (Gym)
- 11:00 a.m. Ed May Reception (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 7th
- 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

Barbara Fields, family of Ed May, family of Joan Riedl, Mancil Milligan, Jim Robertson, Mark Jenkins, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., 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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