

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*A Ring of Bells*

*John G. Barr*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

*based on Psalm 103*

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**All: The Lord who forgives us, heals us, redeems us – we bless his holy name.**

One: The Lord who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies us with good things – we bless his holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

One: Let us worship the Lord!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #12, vv. 1-3

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*based on 1 Timothy 1*

**Immortal, invisible, holy God, our hearts are filled with gratitude for your unending mercy, but still we have been guilty of blasphemy, of persecution, of violence in our own ways. Our words stand in opposition to your truth. Our interactions with others do not reflect your love. We tear down rather than build up. We have acted ignorantly in our unbelief, letting our selfishness be our guide rather than faith. And yet, your grace overflows for us. Help us to recognize and receive your grace, that we may pour it out on those around us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the good news: with patience, Christ offers mercy so that we may thrive in eternal life.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

✠ RESPONSE

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #12, 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* #620

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

Exodus 32:7-14

p. 78 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Almighty Father*

*Benjamin Harlan*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

p. 208 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

*Interlude*

*Flor Peeters*

✠ 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

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

#649

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

*Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein*

*Johann Pachelbel*

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

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Rick Popp – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

Sarah J. Warner – Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Tracy Horton, Henry Naff, Bill Ragsdale, Mary Kay Sullivan

**Technicians:** Matt Casey (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

## WORSHIP

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary. It provides a structured way to engage with Scripture throughout the liturgical year, encompassing major festivals and seasons, and provides a common set of readings from Scripture that Christians across the world hear together.

Sept 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	The Main Thing
Sept 21	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Praying for Our Enemies
Sept 28	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The Dangers of Wealth
Oct. 5	2 Timothy 1:1-14	The Journey of Faith

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Myers and Montgomery families.

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING THE HANDBELLS?** We are re-starting our handbell choir. Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. No prior experience is necessary. You don't even have to read music! As long as you can count and are willing to be part of a fun group of people making music together, you can be part of the handbell choir. Let us know of your interest by scanning the QR code, calling the church office, or letting Matt Mimbs know.



## SUPPORT

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**FRIDAY E-NEWS:** If you are not receiving the Friday E-News and would like to, please email Jack Rosamond ([jrosamond@2ndpres.org](mailto:jrosamond@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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READERS BOOK CLUB** will meet at Buckingham Clubhouse on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. They will be discussing *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Sullivan at (865) 363-3967.

### GROW

**GROWTH GROUPS:** TODAY is the LAST DAY to register for our fall Growth Groups. See the bulletin insert or the home page of the website for more information. You can sign up by clicking the link on the website, scanning the QR code, filling out the paper form and placing it in the offering plate, or through Realm.



**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 will resume on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. PLEASE NOTE!!!: This is a change of day from what was previously announced. We will be meeting on Thursdays, not Tuesdays.

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

### GO

**FISH MINISTRY:** We are no longer asking for specific household and personal items to be purchased and delivered to the church. However, we do need specific funding to continue this long-time mission of the church. To positively impact food insecurity in Knox County, please consider giving directly to our church's Fish designated fund, from which all food, personal, and household item purchases are paid. Recurring donations would be most helpful.

**WEST VIEW COUPON BOOKS** are now on sale! The cost is \$20 per book, of which West View Elementary receives 75%! You can also donate to West View directly. You can purchase your coupon book before church in the Atrium or after church at Fellowship Time. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, contact Sandra Butler at [SandyB446@comcast.net](mailto:SandyB446@comcast.net) or (865) 659-4416.

### THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

#### Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conference Room)

#### Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)

#### Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

11:30 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)

#### Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts (Room 227)

#### Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Articles

#### Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

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

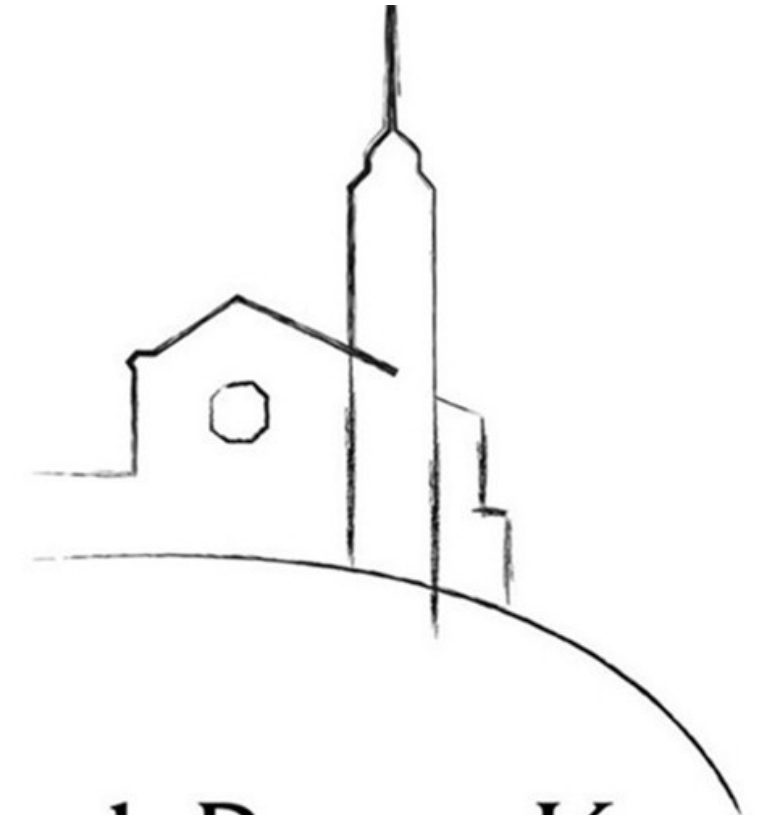
Barbara Fields, family of Ed May, family of Joan Riedl, Mancil Milligan, Jim Robertson, Mark Jenkins, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

\*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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following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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## September 14, 2025

**Paul's Concern for the Church in Ephesus:**

1 Timothy 1:3-7

The \_\_\_\_\_ is no longer  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

**How to Tell if a Teaching is False or Genuine:**

Does it promote \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

Does it help us be \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_?

**What Is The Main Thing?:**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

We are not Christian because of \_\_\_\_\_,  
but because of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions for Further Study  
For the week of September 14, 2025**

1. Why do you think Paul places such emphasis on warning against paying attention to “wrong teachings,” “myths” and “endless genealogies”? How does Paul’s focus on love as the goal of instruction contrast with the false teachers’ focus?

What teachings, myths, and speculations distract Christians in our world today from staying focused on the main thing? How can we keep our teaching and learning in the church centered on the main thing?

2. Paul says the goal of instruction is love from a “pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith”. What do these things look like in practice? Which of the three is strongest in you right now? Which do you feel God is calling you to grow in right now?

3. What did Pastor Tim say about why Paul emphasizes his past as a violent persecutor of those who followed The Way of Jesus? In what ways can remembering our past help us to appreciate God’s grace, love, and mercy more deeply?

Many people say it’s easy to find grace in the New Testament but not so much in the Hebrew Scriptures. Read the following passages and note where and how God’s grace is at work.

Genesis 3:8-13, 16-21

Genesis 6:5-8, 13-20

Exodus 32:7-14

2 Samuel 12:1-15

4. What is the significance of Paul bursting into praise in 1 Timothy 1:17 after recalling God’s mercy to him? When was the last time reflecting on God’s grace moved you to worship like Paul does? How can we practice gratitude like Paul, giving thanks daily for God’s grace, strength, patience, and mercy?