18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Komm', heiliger Geist, Herr Gott*** *George Philipp Telemann*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 66

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
All: We will sing the glory of God's name and give to God our glorious praise!
One: Bless our God, O people, and let the sound of God's praise be heard.
All: Let all the earth worship the Lord and sing praises to God's holy name.
One: Great are the deeds of the Lord! Let all the earth worship the Lord, our God!
All: Let us sing praise to the Lord and bless God's holy name!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***The Church's One Foundation*** **#321, v.1-4**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful Lord, you have chosen us to experience the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory, but we have chosen to argue over words and ideas, which does us no good and harms those who are listening. You have chosen to remain faithful to us, even when we are disloyal to you. You have chosen love, but we have chosen fear. Forgive us, Gracious God. By your Spirit, give us a spirit of courage, that we may present ourselves to you as ones approved by you; workers, who have no need to be ashamed. We make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: In the name of the One who restores the lost, raises the dead, and reigns on high, I declare to you that our sins are forgiven. Believe the Good News of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

✞RESPONSE ***Glory Be to the Father*** **#581**

✞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 ***How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*** **#432**

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 Isaiah 11:1-9 p. 640 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ***One Song*** *Pepper Choplin*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15 p. 212 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

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 Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgement on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Go to the World!*** **#295**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***I Know that My Redeemer Lives*** *Richard Wienhorst*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Nolan Ragland – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah J. Warner – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Kim Hudgens, Doug Barbour, Geoff Duggan, and Mary Kay Sullivan
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary, a common set of readings from Scripture that Christians across the world hear together each week in worship.

Oct 12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	The Church's Gospel
Oct 19	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Scripture & Authority
Oct 26	Joel 2:23-32	The Sovereignty of God
Nov 2	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	When the Wicked are Winning

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

KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS: NEXT Sunday, October 19th, we will celebrate our Presbyterian Scottish heritage with a Kirkin' of the Tartans Service during worship. "Kirkin'" comes from "kirk," the Scottish word for church, so the phrase literally means the "Churching of the Tartan." Most people, however, take it to mean "blessing" of the tartans and the families, regions, and regiments they represent.

REFORMATION SUNDAY: On Sunday, October 26th, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday, the Sunday closest to Reformation Day (Oct. 31st). This is the date Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517. This public expression of his "protestations" against the Catholic Church initiated the Protestant Reformation.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is November 2nd. If you have a friend or loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like their name to be read in worship, please email Pastor Sarah (smorgan@2ndpres.org).

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 Tuesday Reynolds (jrosamond@2ndpres.org).

WHAT DOES THIS CHURCH MEAN TO YOU? The Stewardship team is asking for your short response – one or two sentences-- to this question. Answers will be shown on the sanctuary screen during November. Please send your one- or two-sentence response and your name to marykay.sullivan@maryvillecollege.edu.

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.

FOOD & FRIENDS IS TODAY: Food & Friends is a ministry to college students and young adults. All college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church. **We will meet at the baptismal font following worship.** If you are interested in being a host, please use the sign-up link in the weekly e-news, the QR code to the right, or contact the church office (jrosamond@2ndpres.org).

2ND READERS meet this Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Mary Chambers Room. Our book is *A Death in Diamonds* by Sophia Bennett. Liz Peebles will lead the discussion. If you have questions, call Margaret Sullivan at 865.363.3967. We hope you'll bring a lunch and join us!

PREBYTERIAN WOMEN: All in the church are welcome to the Presbyterian Women's monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14th from 10:15 to 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Tim will lead the Hymn Sing and Helen Grant will lead the bible study. Join us in fellowship as we sing, pray, and study together!

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 *Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe* by Ronald J. Allen & Robert D. Cornwall.

GO

THE PCUSA'S PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be collected today. This special offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice in the world. Through the Peace and Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout our world. For more information, see the bulletin insert.

MENTORS NEEDED AT WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY: West View Elementary has over 20 students whose families have requested school-based mentors for them. A mentor would be someone who comes and meets one-on-one with their mentee once a week at the school (usually during lunch/recess time). Savannah will be happy to help you get started with that process. West View would love to get to a point where all the children on the list are getting the extra support, care, and stability that comes from having a mentor. If you are interested in becoming a school-based mentor at West View, please contact Savannah Smith, the Community Schools Coordinator for West View. 865-306-2494 or smiths@unitedwayknox.org.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 12th
- 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 (Courtyard)

Monday, October 13th
- 12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 14th
- 10:15 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 15th
- 11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Mary Chambers Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Thursday, October 16th
- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Room)

Sunday, October 19th
- 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 (Courtyard)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family of Donna Downen, Mancil Milligan, 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.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

Ministers:	**Members & Friends of the Congregation**	
Teaching Elder:	Tim Reynolds	treynolds@2ndpres.org
Teaching Elder:	Sarah Morgan	smorgan@2ndpres.org
Director of Music & Arts:	Matthew Mimbs	mmimbs@2ndpres.org
Organist:	Sarah J. Warner	sartherrgurl2@outlook.com
Student Ministries Director:	Holly Grimm	hgrimm@2ndpres.org
Preschool Director:	Linda Sue Byrd	lsbyrd@2ndpres.org
Interim Church Admin:	Tuesday Reynolds	admin@2ndpres.org
Sexton:	Nichole Duran	nichole_duran05@yahoo.com

2ndpres.org SecondPresbyterianChurchKnoxville/ 2ndpresknox/ @2ndPresKnox/

2nd Pres Knox

WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

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.

Second Presbyterian Church

Organized 1818

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

2829 Kingston Pike + Knoxville, TN 37919
Church Office: 865.523.2189
Preschool: 865.523.9997
Church Office Email: jrosamond@2ndpres.org
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October 12, 2025