23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Gymnopedie I*** *arr. Alan Ridout*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Isaiah 12

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.
All: Make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.
One: Sing praise to the Lord, for he has done gloriously!
All: Let this be known in all the earth.
One: Shout aloud and sing for joy!
All: Great is the Holy One!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***New Songs of Celebration Render*** **#371, vv. 1-2**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you made us for delight. You want us to rejoice. But when we look around at the world you have created for joy, we weep. We weep because this is not what you wanted for us. You desire more for us than hungry people, hateful words, and intolerance; but that seems to be all we can manage. Forgive us for the ways we live into this reality instead of seeking to make your kingdom a reality here on earth. Forgive us when we turn a blind eye to our neighbor in need and fail to love those you created in your image. Have mercy on us and remind us once more of the hope we have in you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Psalm 103

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him.
All: As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.
One: Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***New Songs of Celebration Render*** **#371, v. 3**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

MOMENT FOR MISSION **Geoffrey Kennedy**

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 ***O Day of Peace*** **#373**

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 17:20-21 p. 80 NT

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

ANTHEM ***Simple Praise*** *Craig Courtney*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 65:17-25 p. 696 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** *Wayne Leupold*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* The Confession of 1967

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old*** **#77**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

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

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Leslie Matthews, Nancy Smythe, and Tim Wright
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Neal Henley (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.

Nov 16	Isaiah 65:17-25	God's Kingdom Come, God's Will Be Done
Nov 23	Luke 23:33-43	What if…Jesus Hadn't Been Crucified?
Nov 30	Isaiah 2:1-5	Wake Up & Get Ready!
Dec 7	Isaiah 11:1-10	The Peaceful Kingdom

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given by Caroline Buckner in honor of the birthdays of Arlys and Mancil Milligan.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS NEEDED: If your family, Growth Group, ministry team, or group of friends would like to light the candle on the Advent Wreath during worship this year, please contact Pastor Tim. Advent begins November 30th.

LET'S DECORATE TOGETHER! Everyone is invited to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Join us Sunday, November 23rd at 2:00 pm following the Thanksgiving luncheon.

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.

SUPPORT

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURE: Our stewardship pledge period continues over the next week. Please consider how you can help support the work of 2nd Presbyterian Church with your financial pledge. You are invited to bring your pledge card and place it in the offering plate on Dedication Sunday, November 23rd, or you may make a pledge at any time through the "pledge" link on the home page of the church's website. Thank you for your commitment to the mission of 2nd Pres.

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

THE DEADLINE FOR 2ND EDITION ARTICLES is Thursday, November 20th.

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.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: It's that time of year again! Please join us for "Friendsgiving" - a Thanksgiving celebration, in the Gym after church on November 23rd. Turkey and gravy will be provided - we look forward to your favorite Thanksgiving side dishes or desserts. With everyone contributing we should have a great meal and lots of good fellowship. See you there!

FOOD & FRIENDS is a ministry to college students and young adults. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, all college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church. Our NEXT Food & Friends is December 14th.

SECOND READERS will be meeting at 11:30 on November 19th, at the Buckingham Clubhouse. The book they will be discussing is *Waiting for Christmas* by Lynn Austin. Bring a lunch and join in the fun!

SPRING GRADUATES: The Connect Team is looking to identify high school and College students who will graduate this spring. Email information to Liz Peebles at enp3613@gmail.com or the church office.

2nd PRES FAMILIES: On December 14th, join us in the Fellowship Hall for ornament decorating at 4:30 followed by dinner and story time! Kids are welcome to wear pajamas. Bring a blanket for your family to sit on during story time. RSVP by 11/30 to Holly at hgrimm@2ndpres.org or (865) 243-6353.

GO

STUFFED ANIMALS NEEDED: Second Readers is collecting new, soft, stuffed animals for the Juvenile Court. Animals should be no more than 12 inches high, new, and snuggly. Look for a box in the atrium to place your cuddly critters. If you are unable to shop, you may make a donation and we will shop for you. Thank you in advance for your participation!

FAMILY PROMISE: Family Promise believes that every family's future begins with a home. While awaiting an affordable option, area churches provide housing and a warm dinner on a rotating basis. The Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church, will host families the week of December 7-14. **Volunteers are needed** to help ready the home for guests in the early afternoon on Sunday the 7th, and to close the home on the 14th. Both are done with prayer for each family hosted. We will also provide one kid-friendly evening meal on either Wednesday, December 10th or Thursday December 11th. It is a wonderful experience to sit with families while they dine, watch them interact with their children, and share stories of their days. If you are interested and able to help with the meal and/or opening and closing the home, please let Janis Smith know via phone or text at (615) 260-7784.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 16th
- 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)
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Monday, November 17th
- 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conference Room)

Tuesday, November 18th
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, November 19th
- 11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)

Thursday, November 20th
- 10:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts (Room 227)
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Room)

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- 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. "Friendsgiving" Luncheon (Gym)
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Terry Weaver, 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.

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