7th Sunday of Easter

May 17th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Holy, Holy, Holy*** *arr. Chadburn*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 68

One: Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed!
One: Let the righteous be joyful.
All: Let them exult before God.
One: Let them be jubilant with joy!
All: We'll sing to God; sing praises to his name!
One: Lift up a song to the Lord.
All: Let us lift up our voices with joy!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*** **#234**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have loved us from generation to generation and still you call us beloved. You have shown your faithfulness in ways that we recognize and in ways that are beyond our comprehension. Your steadfast mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. You know us, you comfort us, you pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray and make us again as you would have us be. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, hear this good news:
All: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.
One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

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 ***Come Like Driving Wind, O God*** **#55**

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

EPISTLE READING Luke 4:16-21 p. 61 NT

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

ANTHEM ***The Road Home*** *Stephen Paulus*

PSALM READING Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 p. 529 OT

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 ***Elegy – Op. 85, No. 4*** *Mendelssohn*
✞Response ***Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*** **#248, v. 3**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Westminster Confession of Faith

There is only one living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a completely pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or emotions, unchangeable, immensely vast, eternal, limitless, almighty, completely wise, completely holy, completely free, and completely absolute. He works everything according to the purpose of his own unchangeable and completely righteous will for his own glory. He is completely loving, gracious, merciful, and long-suffering. He overflows with goodness and truth. He forgives wickedness, transgression, and sin, and rewards those who diligently seek him. His judgments are completely just and awesome and he is completely holy in all his purposes, works, and commands. To him is due whatever worship, service, or obedience he is pleased to require from angels, human beings, and all other creatures.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*** **#1**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Sonata No. 20 in G Major – Op. 49, No. 2 – Allegro*** *Beethoven*

✞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
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Kim Hudgens, Tracy Horton, and Henry Naff
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary.

May 17	John 14:1-14	The Way, The Truth, The Life
May 24	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit
May 31	Psalm 8	God's Handiwork
June 7	TBD	*Holy Home Decor*

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

PASTOR SARAH IS AWAY THIS MORNING preaching at the Kirkin' o' the Tartans service at the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games in Townsend, TN.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE for Mark Jenkins will be held at 1:00 p.m. this Saturday, May 23rd, in the Ruthie Carey Memorial Outdoor Pavilion. All are invited.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY! Everyone is invited to wear red in celebration!

5th SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL: On Sunday, May 31st, we will return to our tradition of worshiping in the Fellowship Hall instead of the sanctuary on the 5th Sunday of the month. Worship on the 5th Sunday is a little less formal and gives us an opportunity to be together in a different way than usual. Also, bring a brunch item to share – fruit, breakfast casserole, bread, pastry, or anything else you want!

CONNECT

LONG TABLE LUNCHES: The Connect Team invites you to go to lunch with friends on the first Sunday of each month. These lunches are for anyone who would like to go out to eat with others following worship on the first Sunday of the month. The group will meet at the baptismal font and disperse from there to a designated restaurant. We hope you'll join us for our next Long Table Lunch on Sunday, June 7.

2nd READERS Book Club will hold their next gathering this Wednesday, May 20, at 11:30 a.m. at Buckingham Clubhouse. We look forward to seeing you there!

FOOD & FRIENDS is on hiatus until September. Thank you for supporting this monthly gathering with our college students and young adults!

GIVE A RIDE/GET A RIDE: We've come to realize that several folks in our congregation need rides to worship on Sunday mornings, and we want to find a way to help! If you need a ride to worship, whether on an ongoing or temporary basis, please call the church office and let us know. Alternately, if you are willing to give a ride to worship on Sunday morning, please call the church office or let Pastor Sarah know.

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.

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!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: The Pastor's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the date for June 22-24 as we combine forces with First Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School 2026! This year's theme is "Kingdom Quest," and VBS will take place at FPC (620 State St. behind the Tennessee Theatre). All children are invited to join in on the fun! Registration will be available this week for kids AND adults to participate!

SPC FALL RETREAT: The Grow Team is in the early stages of planning a church-wide Fall Retreat for the first time in over a decade! We are looking for volunteers to be part of a planning committee that would organize and discuss details on what we want this event to look like. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Patricia Kennedy at patricia.w.kennedy@gmail.com. We are excited to have these conversations and have more to share soon!

GO

THANK YOU! From jazzy jars and auction items to cakes and your time, thank you to all who gave donations toward West View Elementary's annual carnival on May 1. The Go Team especially appreciates those who came out to run the popcorn machine as well as attend the event and spend money to support West View!

SUPPORT

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed next Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, May 26th.

JUNE 2ND EDITION: As always, the deadline for articles, announcements, photos, etc. in the next *2nd Edition* is the 20th of the month, which is this Wednesday! This deadline allows us plenty of time to compile all the information and piece together all your great work in the church and our community! If you have anything you'd like to submit for the June issue, please call the office or email your information to Kathryn, admin@2ndpres.org. Thank you!

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 May 17th
- 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)

Monday May 18th
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Growth Group (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. UKirk Board Meeting (Barbour Rm.)

Tuesday, May 19th
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
- 7:00 p.m. Scouts (Scout Room/Gym)
- 8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, May 20th
- 11:30 a.m. Second Readers (Buckingham Clubhouse)
- 1:00 p.m. Mixed Growth Group (Library)

Thursday, May 21st
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)

Sunday, May 24th
- 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)

PRAYER CONCERNS

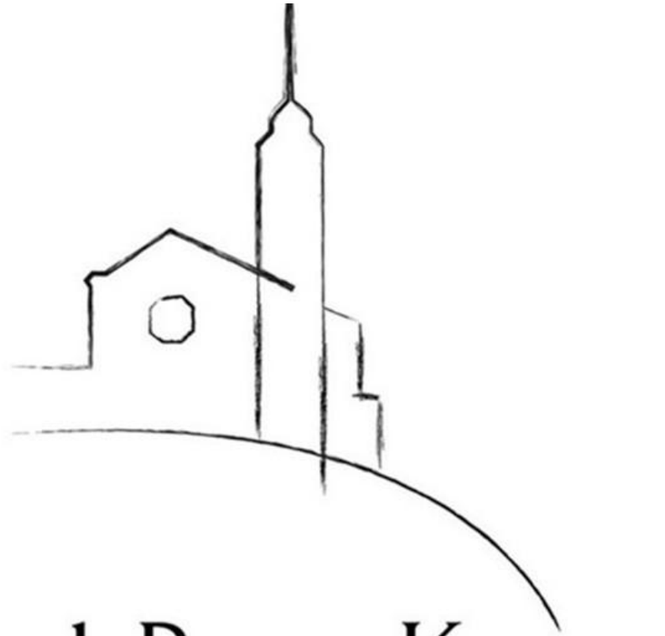
John Reynolds, The family of Mark Jenkins, The family of Jim White, Scott Farris, Tammy Akers, Elsie Dodson, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*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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