8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3rd, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Joel 2, Hosea 14, Psalm 145, Zechariah 1

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Return to the Lord our God,
All: for God is gracious.
One: Confess to the Lord our God,
All: for God is merciful.
One: Repent to the Lord our God,
All: for God is slow to anger.
One: Praise the Lord our God,
All: for God abounds in steadfast love.
One: Worship the Lord our God.
All: Together, we will worship God!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***God of Great and God of Small*** **#19, vv. 1-3**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Holy God, you have shown us through your Word how easily our hearts become divided, how often our desires give birth to conflict, how our pride breeds quarrels, and how we seek our own pleasure above your will. Lord, we confess that we have loved the world more than you. We have allowed selfish ambition to guide our choices, spoken ill of our brothers and sisters, and judged others harshly, forgetting that you alone are the Lawgiver and the Judge. Have mercy on us, O God. Send us your Spirit that we may humble ourselves before you and submit to your wisdom for our lives. Restore in us a spirit of gentleness, peace, sincerity, and a love of your holy name. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: When we resist the devil, he will flee from us.
All: When we draw near to God and submit ourselves to God's ways, God will draw near to us in mercy.
One: Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven. We can be at peace.
All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

✞RESPONSE ***God of Great and God of Small*** **#19, 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 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Proverbs 3:1-12 p. 585 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 4:1-12 p. 230 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
✞Preparatory Hymn ***Near to the Heart of God*** **#824**
Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Communion of the People ***He Is Here in the Breaking of Bread*** *Larson*
Prayer after Communion

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church

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.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Near to Thee*** UNSER HERRSCHER

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE

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



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. **Communion will be received in the pews this morning.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Kay and Terry Weaver, and Linda Cook
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 3	James 4:1-12	Faith in Action: *Faith and Humility*
Aug 10	James 4:13-5:6	Faith in Action: *Warning Against Arrogance*
Aug 17	James 5:7-12	Faith in Action: *Patience in Suffering*
Aug 24	James 5:13-20	Faith in Action: *Prayers of the Faithful*

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

PASTOR SARAH is on sabbatical through Labor Day. She will return to the office on September 2nd.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE PEWS this morning. We will be using a method known as the "dual cup method" to receive the sacrament. There are two cups in each slot in the tray. The bottom cup holds one piece of communion bread and the top cup holds the juice. When the tray is passed to you, remove both cups together, separate them, and then hold them until everyone has been served. We will take the bread and the juice together, as instructed by the pastors. For those who would like a gluten-free option, cups with gluten-free bread are in the center rings of the tray.

LITURGIST TRAINING CLASS: There will be a training class for liturgists tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. in the Barbour Room. Anyone interested in joining the liturgist rotation is welcome to attend!

OUR FRIENDS FROM CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR are changing their worship time to 11:00 a.m. beginning August 10th. Originally, our request was that they worship at 11:30 instead of their normal 11:00 so that there was no crossover or overlap between the two services. There really haven't been any issues with us sharing space, however, so they are going to return to their 11:00 worship time. This shouldn't change anything we are doing on Sundays, we just wanted you to be aware. Also, please remember – if you are able to park a little further away from the building and leave the close spots for the older members of both congregations, it is greatly appreciated!

SUMMER WORSHIP: The Worship Team asks that everyone sit in the front half of the sanctuary during worship this summer to encourage togetherness and fellowship. Thanks so much!

HEAD DECORATOR NEEDED: Ileen Cheek has been doing a splendid job decorating our church for the holidays. She has professed that she needs a break and thus we are looking for someone who would love to work with Ileen and eventually take over her position as Head Decorator. The responsibilities are to lead the decoration of the church for Christmas and Easter. For more questions on the position, please contact Ileen Cheek (352-281-2811) or Betsy Foster (865-406-4800).

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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The "Welcome Back" Ice Cream Social will be on Sunday, August 17th at 5:00 pm in the Gym. The church will provide Ice Cream, toppings, and drinks. An inflated "bounce house" will be available for kids, as well as other fun games too! Visitors and guests are always welcome!

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!

OUR SUMMER BIBLE STUDY coincides with our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*. Each week we gather with Pastor Tim to discuss the sermon and study the passage from the previous Sunday in more depth. The class meets in the Barbour Room on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. We hope you join us!

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

GO

FISH MISSION DONATIONS: We are currently asking you to direct your monetary gifts directly to the FISH designated fund rather than donating items. You can contribute via Realm, the church website, or by check. Monthly donations would be most helpful.

PASTA AND BLUEGRASS FUNDRAISER: The annual fundraiser for Family Promise of Knoxville is on August 23rd from 6-8 pm. Tickets are $15 for adults, and $10 for children. All tickets sold benefit Family Promise, a local charity dedicated to fighting family homelessness. Click the link in the E-News, or email Jack for the ticket link.

FAMILY PROMISE: The Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, our neighbor at 3611 Kingston Pike, will again provide breakfast, dinner, and overnight housing for three - five families the week of August 24th. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, August 24, to prepare the home for incoming families. On Sunday, August 31st, when guests have departed, volunteers are needed to help close the house. Adults are needed to stay at night, should there be an urgent need. Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Duggan via email or text: kduggan55@gmail.com / (865) 441-8683

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 3rd
- 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

Monday, August 4th
- 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conference Room)
- 3:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 5th
- 10:30 a.m. Faith in Action Bible Study (Barbour Room)
- 4:30 p.m. Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Team Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, August 7th
- 1:00 p.m. Go Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Sunday, August 10th
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 a.m. Growth Group Facilitator/Host Interest meeting (Library)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mancil Milligan, Jim Robertson, Geoff Duggan, Joan Riedl, Mark Jenkins, Janet Chadwick (Liz Peebles' sister), 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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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).

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August 3, 2025

SERMON NOTES

Faith in Action: A Journey Through James

Faith and Humility

The Problem

The problem is _____ and _____

in faith communities.

The Source

The source of our _____ is _____.

The Result

The result of our _____ is _____

from God.

The Solution

The solution is to _____ ourselves to God.

Pursuing _____ _____, not _____.

_____ the _____ of God.

Exhibiting _____.

Questions for Further Study
For the week of August 3, 2025

1. Think of a recent fight or argument you had. What did you want that you were not receiving? Was what you wanted a bad thing? How did the argument end, with you or the other party getting their way? Or with each of you letting go of something and compromising?

Name some things you have arguments over in the church. What selfish desires were the parties focused on? Was the argument ever resolved? If so, how? If not, why not?

2. What are some patterns or values of the world that are easy to accept as "just the way things are" and go along with or adopt that might actually be in conflict with the biblical perspective?

3. James says the solution to our conflicts is to submit to God. What does it practically mean to submit to God in our everyday life?

Pastor Tim offered a few of ways to think about how we draw near to God. What are some ways you have found that help you grow closer to God?

4. Read Matthew 5:21-26. Jesus equates anger with murder in this part of the Sermon on the Mount. What does this tell us about God's concern for our inner spiritual life and not just our actions?

Jesus mentions different stages: anger, insult (*idiot)*, and calling someone a fool. How do these escalate in our conflicts with others? Why do you think Jesus places such serious consequences on anger and contemptuous speech?

Why is reconciliation with others so important before offering a gift at the altar? What does this tell us about how God values having right relationships with others? Why do you think Jesus urges us to settle matters quickly? How does unresolved conflict escalate if left unattended?