20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Kyrie*** *Girolamo Frescobaldi*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 67

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: May God be gracious to us and bless us
All: and make God's face to shine upon us,
One: that God's way may be known on earth,
All: God's saving power among all nations.
One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
All: Guide the nations upon the earth, O God;
One: and let the peoples praise you.
All: Let all the peoples praise you!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Praise God for This Holy Ground*** **#405, vv. 1-4**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, we confess that we are often overconfident, sure that we have the answers and certain that our answers are the right ones. But that certainty leads to closed-mindedness. We discount our neighbors and ignore the lived experience of others. We forget that we are all your children, made in your image. Forgive us, we pray. Open our hearts and give us ears to hear stories that are different from our own. Grant us the humility to admit that we don't have all the answers and remind us that your ways are sure and not our own. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Isaiah 43

One: The Lord says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

✞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 ***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*** **#435**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, your name is hallowed.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 67 p. 529 OT

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

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 22:34-40 p. 25 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***A Ring of Bells*** *John G. Barr*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

Christians find parallels between other religions and their own and must approach all religions with openness and respect. Repeatedly God has used the insight of non-Christians to challenge the church to renewal. But the reconciling word of the Gospel is God's judgment upon all forms of religion, including the Christian. The gift of God in Christ is for all. The church, therefore, is commissioned to carry the gospel to all whatever their religion may be and even when they profess none.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***All Are Welcome*** **#301, vv. 1,4,5**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Praised Be Thou Jesus Christ*** *Johann Pachelbel*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Barb and Glenn Lamping, Kay and Terry Weaver
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our current sermon series is *Religious Mythbusters*. We are using Scripture to test the validity of religious myths and clichés which sound biblical but are not.

Aug 16	Matthew 22:34-40	*Religious Mythbusters:* All Religions are Basically the Same
Aug 23	Luke 1:26-38	*Holy Home Décor:* Faith Makes It Possible
Aug 30	Luke 1:26-38	*Holy Home Décor:* Pray Without Ceasing
Sept 6	Matthew 18:15-20	Reconciliation

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

PASTOR TIM WILL BE out of the office this week. He will be back in the office on August 24th.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELSIE DODSON will be held Sunday, August 30th at 2:30 pm. The service will be at Berry-Highland funeral home. Visitation with the family will follow the service.

WAYS TO SERVE IN WORSHIP: There are many ways in which you can serve on Sunday mornings, and we'd love to help you get involved!

Ushers: Our ushers greet folks arriving at worship and are often the first contact a visitor makes in our congregation. If you are interested in joining the usher rotation, please text either Kim Hudgens 865.567.6477 or Janis Smith 615.260.7784.

Liturgists: We are looking for folks who are interested in serving as liturgists for worship beginning in September. Training is provided. If interested, please email Pastor Tim at treynolds@2ndpres.org.

A/V Tech: Our A/V Techs run the sound, the screens and the streaming. Training is provided. If interested, contact Paul Sexauer at 865.850.7328 or sexauerpaul@gmail.com.

Choir: The choir rehearses each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. We'd love for you to add your voice! For more information, contact Matt Mimbs at mmimbs@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 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.

CONNECT

LONG TABLE LUNCHES are for anyone who would like to go out to eat with others following worship on the first Sunday of the month. A reservation is not required, but if you know you're going to attend, we'd love for you to let us know by calling the church office during the week prior. Meet at the baptismal font following worship if you are interested in going! The next Long Table Lunch is September 6th.

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 September 13th. If you are interested in being a host, scan the QR code to sign up or just let Pastor Tim know.

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 welcome!

GO

FAMILY PROMISE: Our neighbors at the Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church will host unhoused families through Family Promise the week of August 23-30, and we have an opportunity to assist them. Volunteers are needed on the afternoon of Sunday, August 23rd, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. to help finalize the setup needs, with dinner and fellowship with the families from 5:30-7:30 p.m. After worship on August 30th, we assist with teardown from 12:00-1:00. We'd love as many hands involved as possible; if you are able to help with any of these opportunities to share God's love and serve our neighbors, please contact Doug Barbour, dhbar1@gmail.com or 865.307.4545. Thank you!

SUPPORT

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, August 16th

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*)
11:45 a.m. Grow Team Meeting (Small Conf. Rm.)

Monday, August 17th

5:30 p.m. Pre-K Graduation Ceremony (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. UKirk Board Meeting (Barbour Room)

Tuesday, August 18th

8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, August 19th

11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Library)

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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

Jenny Smith, Mariann Thuesen, 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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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.

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