

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20th, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Now, My Tongue, the Myst'ry Telling* Flor Peeters

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalms 19 & 63

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: We lift up our hands, O Lord, and call upon your holy name, for you are our Rock and our Redeemer

All: **We will bless you as long as we live. Because of your steadfast love our lips will forever praise you.**

One: The speech of the heavens proclaims your handiwork and tells of your glory day by day.

All: **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts do the same, not just this morning, but every day of our lives!**

✠HYMN OF PRAISE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #667, vv. 1-3

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, of all the creatures you have created, you have given us, alone, the ability to speak. However, we do not always use this gift in a way that makes you proud. We do not speak to others in ways that reflect your goodness, mercy and love. In our relationships with others we say hurtful things, arrogant things, spiteful things, false things. We damage others with our insensitive words. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to speak with love and honor and respect. Send us your Spirit that we may speak to everyone we meet as if they were you, for we are all created in your image. Let the words of our mouths bring you praise and may the things we speak be seasoned with your love and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

✠RESPONSE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #667, 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.

✠HYMN OF PREPARATION *Though I May Speak* #693

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
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 141:1-4 p. 579 OT

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

ANTHEM *Simple Praise* Craig Courtney

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 3:1-12 p. 230 NT

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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 *from* A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the god of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

✠HYMN OF SENDING *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* #722

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE *Andante in C moll* Christian Heinrich Rinck

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Kim Hudgens, Doug & Leslie Matthews, Liz Peebles
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: What does it really mean to live out the faith we hold? The book of James offers one of the most practical and challenging guides in all of Scripture – calling us not just to believe, but to act on our belief. Our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*, explores what authentic, active faith looks like in everyday life.

July 20	James 3:1-12	Faith in Action: <i>Taming the Tongue</i>
July 27	James 3:13-18	Faith in Action: <i>Wisdom from Above</i>
Aug 3	James 4:1-10	Faith in Action: <i>Faith and Humility</i>
Aug 10	James 4:11-17	Faith in Action: <i>Warning Against Arrogance</i>

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.

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!

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: All are invited to stay for coffee, cookies, and a time of fellowship following worship each week.

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.

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.

WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY WORKDAY: Our annual workday at West View Elementary is Saturday, August 2nd. We plan to start work at 8:30 and finish by 12:00. Scan the QR code to the right to sign up to help! Please indicate on your sign up if you intend to help indoors or outdoors. If you have any questions, please call or text Leonard Bailey at (865)207-4947.



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 Jack Rosamond (jrosamond@2ndpres.org) and let him know you would like to be added to the list.

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*.

2ND EDITION ARTICLES are due today, July 20th at 4 pm.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, July 20th

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Deadline for 2nd Edition Articles

Monday, July 21st

- 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conference Room)

Tuesday, July 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Faith in Action Bible Study (Barbour Room)

Sunday, July 27th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

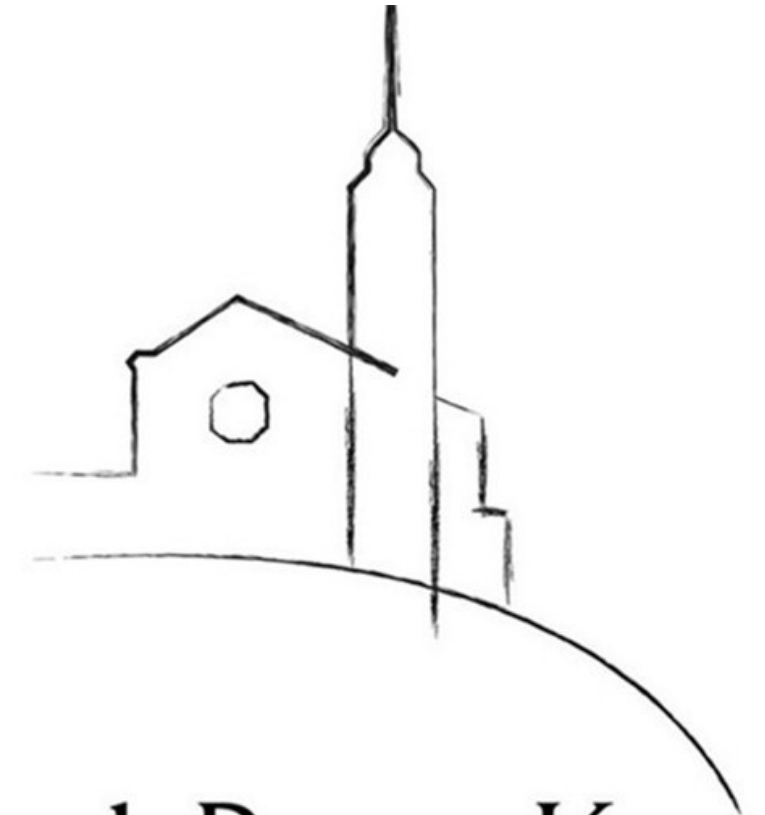
The family of Pam Kite, Jim Robertson, Geoff Duggan, Joan Riedl, Mark Jenkins, Mancil Milligan, Janet Chadwick (Liz Peebles' sister), Bill Roach, Jr., Donna Downen, and Arlys Milligan

*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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 following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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Faith in Action: A Journey Through James
Taming the Tongue

Words have _____.

They can _____ or _____.

Seven Powerful Metaphors

Bit: Our words control the _____ of our life.

Rudder: Our words _____ our whole being.

Fire: Our words can be _____.

Wild Animal: The tongue is impossible to _____.

Poison: Words have the power to _____ others.

Water: Our words should be _____ - _____.

Plants: Our words reveal _____.

Some Things to Remember...

Only God can _____ the _____.

We are all created in _____.

Our words are a _____ of our _____.

Questions for Further Study
For the week of July 20, 2025

1. This week we heard about the power and influence our words have for good or for bad and talked about the responsibility that comes along with the power our words have. God has provided many references throughout the bible to help us understand how to use our words for building up, rather than tearing down. Read each of the following passages from Proverbs and jot down what each says about the power of our words.

Proverbs 10:19

Proverbs 11:12

Proverbs 12:6

Proverbs 12:18

Proverbs 12:19

Proverbs 12:25

Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 15:2

Proverbs 15:23

Proverbs 15:26

Proverbs 16:24

Proverbs 17:4

Proverbs 17:5

Proverbs 18:4

Proverbs 18:21

Proverbs 21:6

Proverbs 22:10

Proverbs 23:9

Proverbs 26:20

Proverbs 26:28

2. Pick out seven verses above that are important for *you* to remember. Assign one of your verses to each day of the coming week. Read it at least once that day and ask God to help you put it into practice for that day.