3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Hyfrydol, Alleluia Sing to Jesus!*** *Rowland H. Prichard*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed!
One: In the breaking of the bread,
All: The Lord is made known to us.
One: In reading of the scriptures,
All: The Lord is made known to us.
One: The Lord is made known to us in our worship together.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Alleluia! Christ is Arisen*** **#253**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We are preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your call to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, one that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts, we pray, so that where they are hardened, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Acts 2

One: Hear the good news!
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
One: Peter reminds us, "This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."
All: Thanks be to God.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Alleluia! Christ is Arisen*** **#253**

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 ***Day of Arising*** **#252**

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

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 18:1-8 p. 14 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Break Forth Into Song*** *Allen Pote*

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35 p. 90 NT

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 ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** *Wayne Leupold*
✞Response ***Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*** **#248, v. 3**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***When the Poor Ones*** **#762**

✞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

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

Ushers: Kim Hudgens, Leslie and Doug Matthews, and Bill Ragsdale
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Dale Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

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

Apr 19	Luke 24:13-35	Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus
Apr 26	John 10:1-10	The Good Shepherd
May 3	John 14:1-14	The Way, The Truth, The Life
May 10	1 Peter 3:13-22	Baptism

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

UPCOMING CONCERT: The Paramount Chamber Players will be performing here at Second Presbyterian this Friday, April 24th in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. for their Spring Concert, FACES & MASQUES, which will feature the debut of the ensemble's first commercial CD. The violinist in this ensemble is Will Shaub, who many of you may recognize as the concertmaster of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. We are delighted to be the Knoxville location for this part of their East Tennessee concert series; tickets are available for purchase at the door: $15 for adults, $12 for seniors, and free for students. More information can be found on their website, www.paramountchamberplayers.com.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Join us after worship each week for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship.

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. If you are interested in hosting Food & Friends, scan the QR code to sign up or let Pastor Tim know. **The next Food and Friends is May 10th.**

CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES after worship next Sunday, April 26th, in the gym. Our lunch will be catered by Take Out Thyme - BBQ pulled pork, hash brown casserole, green beans, and cake for dessert! The cost for lunch is $10.00 for adults, children are free. We hope you'll stick around next Sunday for this special celebration! If you would like to bring cards or gift cards for the graduates, we invite you to do so. Congratulations to the following students: Henry Casey, Dale Henley, and Jessie Wilson. We are so proud of you!

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!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: The Pastor's Bible Study will NOT meet this Thursday. We will resume on Thursday, April 30th.

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UKIRK EXTRA GIVING OPPORTUNITY: If you are interested supporting a special project that will increase awareness of UKirk's ministry on campus through a one-time gift of $250, please contact Pastor Tim for details. Thanks to a generous donor, all gifts will be matched, up to $2,500. Please take advantage of this opportunity to double your gift!

WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL: Mark your calendars for West View's annual carnival on Friday, May 1st, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We can help make their carnival a success by attending but also donating items such as cakes for the cake walk, silent auction gift baskets, and "jazzy jars" (jars filled with fun little treasures for kids). For more information, check your Friday e-news or contact Leonard Bailey.

FAMILY PROMISE: Our neighbors at the Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church will host unhoused families through Family Promise the week of May 3-10. Churches in Knoxville work with Family Promise to provide shelter and warm hospitality on a rotating basis every week of the year, and volunteers are needed on the afternoon of Sunday, May 3rd, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. to put the finishing touches on the home for its guests. On Wednesday evening, May 6th, we provide the dinner meal from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and sit with families to hear about their days. After church on May 10th, we help with teardown from 12:00-1:00 p.m.
If you are able to help with any (or all!) of these opportunities to share God's love and serve our neighbors, please contact Janis Smith @ (615) 260-7784 or smithjb1@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

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 April 19th
- 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)
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (Choir Rm.)

Monday, April 20th
- 12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Growth Group (Library)

Tuesday, April 21st
- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym/Scout Rm.)
- 8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, April 22nd
- 1:00 p.m. Mixed Growth Group (Library)

Thursday, April 23rd
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Growth Group (Small Conference Rm.)

Friday, April 24th
- 7:30 p.m. Paramount Chamber Players Concert (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 26th
- 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. Graduation Celebration (Gym)
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)
- 3:00 p.m. Ziegenfuss Studio Voice Recital (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Matthews Family, The family of Geoff Duggan,
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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