5th Sunday of Easter

May 18th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ*** *Johann Pachelbel*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Acts 1

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!
One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours –
All: a world in which justice comes for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing comes for the sick.
One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed –
All: a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find belonging.
One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun –
All: all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.
One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
All: God's new world has begun.

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*** **#240**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all time and space, we confess our failure to use well our time and our space. We give our hearts to trivial matters. We struggle to separate truth from clutter. We neglect the needs of the neighbors you direct us to love. We exploit the world you have made and have failed to care for your creation. Forgive us. Reshape our priorities and guide our efforts that we may live our days to your glory. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Our risen Lord abounds in love. God's mercy resounds through the heavens. This is good news!
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

✞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 ***A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*** **#258**

Sung to tune: *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

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 Psalm 113 p. 563 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Hymn of Mercy*** *Dan Forrest*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:3-12 p. 118 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

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

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of the Father, became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***O Christ, the Great Foundation*** **#361**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***I Know that My Redeemer Lives*** *Richard Wienhorst*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Kirsty Bleyl – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah J. Warner – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, Geoff Duggan, Doug & Leslie Matthews
Technicians: Dale Henley (video); Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Today we conclude our 9-month sermon series on the Narrative Arc of Scripture, as well as our 5-month sub-series on The Life of Jesus. In two weeks, we will begin our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*.

May 18	Acts 1:3-12	The Life of Jesus: *Ascension*
May 25	Psalm 67	Called to Praise God
June 1	James 1:1-4	Faith in Action: *Real Faith for Real Life*
June 8	James 1:5-11	Faith in Action: *The Challenge of Faith*

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Marjorie Reynolds by John Reynolds.

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

PASTOR SARAH will be on sabbatical beginning May 26th. She will return to the office on September 2nd.

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE: Beginning June 1st and continuing through Labor Day, the Worship Team is asking everyone to sit in the front half of the sanctuary during worship. Since worship attendance is usually slightly lower during the summer months, we feel this is a good way to encourage togetherness and fellowship. We will be placing a sign in the sanctuary from June-August, and we request everyone sit forward of that sign for our summer worship services. We understand this may be difficult at first for those of you who like to sit in the back, so please think of it as you are still sitting in the back, it's just that the back has moved up!

CONNECT

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

SECOND READERS BOOK CLUB is meeting in the MARY CHAMBERS ROOM on May 21st at 11:30 am. The book for this month is *The Housemaid is Watching* by Freida McFadden. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Sullivan at *865-363-3967.*

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!

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

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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. FISH meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month to pack and/or deliver. If you'd like to help, contact Dick Dodson at rtdodson52@gmail.com.

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.

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.

LOST & FOUND items will be donated on May 26th. If you are missing anything, please claim it or email Jack Rosamond to collect the item. Our lost and found is in the hallway between the kitchen and atrium.

2ND EDITION ARTICLES are due Tuesday, May 20th at 4 pm.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, May 18th
- 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, May 19th
- 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conference Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 20th
- 4:00 p.m. 2nd Edition Articles Due
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, May 21st
- 11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Mary Chambers Room)

Sunday, May 25th
- 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

Sue Jacox, Mark Jenkins, Mancil Milligan, Janet Chadwick, 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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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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