28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Matthew 22

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Come, all who hunger for good news.
All: We thirst for words of hope and healing.
One: Come, from rural roads and city streets.
All: We gather at the King's invitation.
One: Come, join the celebration.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***All People That on Earth Do Dwell*** **#385 v. 1-3**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION *based on* Philippians 4:1-9

God of grace and peace, you call us to stand firm in you, yet we are too easily shaken by fear and divided from one another. You command us to rejoice, but we allow worry and complaint to silence our praise. You ask us to be gentle, but we speak sharply, judge quickly, and hold tightly to resentment. You invite us to bring everything to you in prayer, yet we continue to rely on ourselves. You direct our minds to what is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and worthy of praise, but we dwell on that which feeds suspicion, fear, anger, and despair. Forgive us, merciful God. Reconcile us in Christ, renew our minds in your Spirit, and teach us to live according to your ways, that we may know peace and your grace may be made known through us. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; his love endures forever. Let the people of God say:
All: God's love endures forever.
One: With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, God wipes away our sin.
All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, God's love endures forever. Thanks be to God!

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***All People That on Earth Do Dwell*** **#385 v. 4**

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 ***Now Thank We All Our God*** **#643**

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 Isaiah 25:1-9 p. 652 OT

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

ANTHEM ***His Eye is On the Sparrow*** *arr. Maria Corley*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4:1-9 p. 198 NT

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Sarah Morgan**

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* The Confession of 1967

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in human beings and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*** **#755**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Christ, Who Art Day and Light*** *Michael Praetorius*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Gerald and Linda Cook, Tracy Horton, and Henry Naff
Technicians: Matthew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are following the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings used all over the world that provide a structured way to engage with Scripture throughout the liturgical year. We are currently in Year A, which focuses on the Gospel of Matthew.

Oct 11	Philippians 4:1-9	Rejoice in the Lord
Oct 18	Matthew 22:15-22	The Question about Paying Taxes
Oct 25	Matthew 22:34-46	The Greatest Commandment
Nov 1	Psalm 43	Light and Truth

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

PASTOR TIM IS AWAY THIS MORNING for a short vacation. He will be back in the office on Wednesday.

THERE WILL BE NO HANDBELL REHEARSAL this afternoon. Handbells will resume next Sunday at 1:00pm in the choir room. Newcomers welcome!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is on November 1st. If you have a friend or loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like their name to be read in worship that day, please email Pastor Sarah (smorgan@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

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 TODAY. Meet Pastor Sarah at the baptismal font following worship.** If you are interested in being a host, let Pastor Tim know.

PRESCHOOL 30 YEAR CELEBRATION! Your SPC Preschool has a big anniversary this year! All are invited to an Anniversary Celebration next Monday, October 19th, at 5:30 p.m. – join us in the fellowship hall for pizza at 5:00 and then go enjoy the festivities in the gym! If you would like to donate (nut-free) candy /prizes for the activities, a donation box is located outside the church office!

SECOND READERS will meet at Buckingham Clubhouse next Wednesday, October 21st, at 11:30 a.m. This month's book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Bring your lunch and share some time with fellow readers. All are welcome! For questions, call Margaret Sullivan, 865-363-3967

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!

A SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS focusing on studying the book, *Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts* takes place Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library. The class will conclude before Thanksgiving. Contact: Liz Peebles, enp3613@gmail.com.

THE PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. We are discussing Walter Brueggemann's book, *Chosen? Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* and considering how to understand God's promises to the biblical people called Israel in light of the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine today.

SEE YOU AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH! We are excited to see those who signed up to go to the Pumpkin Patch at Oakes Farm (8240 Corryton Rd.) this Saturday at 10 a.m.! If you would like us to share your photos in future publications, please send those directly to admin@2ndpres.org. For further questions about Saturday, contact Holly at hgrimm@2ndpres.org or 865-243-6353.

GO

CARRY THE TORCH LUNCHEON: The Go Team has reserved 2 tables for the *Carry the Torch* luncheon on November 10th to benefit Volunteer Ministry Center, and there are still a few spots left! Contact Lauren Dodson at 0april392002@yahoo.com by this Friday, October 16th if you would like to attend or have further questions!

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, October 11th
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes (various locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (outside, *weather permitting*)
  Food and Friends (offsite)

Monday, October 12th
- 12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 1:30 p.m. Mixed Growth Group (Library)
- 3:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting (Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Growth Group (Library)

Tuesday, October 13th
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
- 8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, October 15th
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)

Saturday, October 17th
- 10:00 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Trip (Oakes Farm)

Sunday, October 18th
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes (various locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (outside, *weather permitting*)

PRAYER CONCERNS

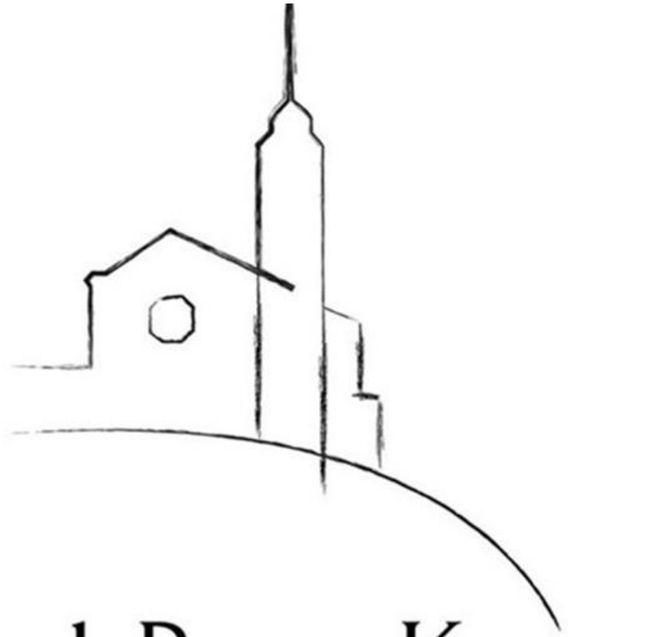
Clara Hardin, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*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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