# *World Communion Sunday*

**October 4th, 2026** **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Our Father Who Art In Heaven*** *Johann Krieger*

## *GATHERING AROUND THE WORD*

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 118

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
**All: And also with you.**
One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
One: Save us, O Lord, and give us success!
**All: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**
One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
**All: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever!**

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*** **#394, vv. 1-3**
Sung to the tune of REGENT SQUARE

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the Covenant, long ago you gave us the law to guide us in the ways of righteousness. When we wandered, you called prophets to beckon us toward faithfulness. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son to heal our brokenness and draw us close to you. But time and again, we have rejected your gift of grace. We build our lives upon the promises of the false gods of our world and forget your command to serve the least of these. Forgive us, Lord. Come to us again, we pray, and set us on right paths. Root out habits that separate us from you and sow within us seeds of mercy and love so that we might produce the fruits of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Praise be to God! Through God's Son our sins are forgiven!
**All: God's steadfast love endures forever. Praise be to God!**

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*** **#394, 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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory ***When Love Is Found*** *Randolph Currie*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

## *PROCLAIMING THE WORD*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 5:1-7 p. 634 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33-46 p. 24 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

## *RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
✞Preparatory Hymn ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*** **#353**
Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (p. 35 – *Glory to God*)
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Communion of the People ***God So Loved the World*** *Benjamin Harlan*
Prayer after Communion

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church
**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.**

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Come, Great God of All the Ages*** **#309, vv. 1-3**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Christ the Lamb of God*** *J.S. Bach*

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



**Communion:** We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord's Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. **Communion will be received in the pews this morning.**

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

**Ushers:** Jim Giffen, Janis Smith, Nancy Smythe, and Tim Wright
**Technicians:** Matthew Lowe (video); Dale Henley (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.

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| Oct 4 | Matthew 21:33-46 | The Wicked Tenants |
| 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 |

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Geoff Duggan, given by his family.

**COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE PEWS** this morning. We will be using the "dual cup method" to receive the sacrament. There are two cups in each slot in the tray. The bottom cup holds one piece of communion bread and the top cup holds the juice. When the tray is passed to you, remove both cups together, separate them, and then hold them until everyone has been served. We will take the bread and the juice together, as instructed by the pastors. For those who would like a gluten-free option, cups with gluten-free bread are in the center rings of the tray.

**THE FAMILY OF GEOFF DUGGAN** will be gathering in the courtyard following worship this morning to spread some of Geoff's ashes. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome to do so.

**HANDBELL REHEARSALS** resume TODAY at 1:00pm in the choir room. We look forward to ringing together again in the year ahead!

**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 October 11th. If you are interested in being a host, scan the QR code to sign up or just let Pastor Tim know.

**3 CHEERS FOR 30 YEARS!** Your SPC Preschool has a big anniversary this year! All are invited to an Anniversary Celebration on Monday, October 19th, at 5:30 p.m.. Candy (nut-free)/prize donations are being collected at this time for the activities – a donation box is located outside the church office! If you have further questions, contact Linda Sue Byrd (865-310-0355) or Holly Grimm (865-243-6353).

## *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.

**LET'S GO TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH!** All are welcome to join us for a trip to the pumpkin patch at Oakes Farm on Saturday, October 17th, at 10:00 a.m. Adults are $10 and children are free! Let Holly Grimm know by this Friday, October 9th, if you would like to go (hgrimm@2ndpres.org or call/text 865-243-6353). See you there!

## *GO*

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** is today. See the inserts in your bulletin to see how your gift to the World Communion offering can makes a difference!

**CARRY THE TORCH LUNCHEON**: The Go Team has reserved 2 tables of 8 for the Carry the Torch luncheon to benefit Volunteer Ministry Center, and we'd love to have you at our table! Contact Lauren Dodson at april392002@yahoo.com by October 16th if you would like to attend! More information: www.vmcinc.org

## *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 4th**

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*)

**Monday, October 5th**

9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conf. Rm.)
1:30 p.m. Mixed Growth Group (Library)
5:30 p.m. Women's Growth Group (Library)

**Tuesday, October 6th**

4:30 p.m. Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
5:00 p.m. Facilities Team Meeting (Zoom)
8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

**Thursday, October 8th**

10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)

**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)

**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.*

## *SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF*

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