12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21st, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Amazing Grace*** *Wayne Leupold*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 86

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: The Lord is gracious,
All: and hears our prayers.
One: The Lord is good and forgiving,
All: abounding in steadfast love.
One: The Lord is great,
All: and does wondrous things.
One: The name of the Lord shall be glorified in our worship and our praise.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***All Things Bright and Beautiful*** **#20**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, who is above all and through all and in all, we confess that we have fair-weather faith. We fall victim to the belief that following you means that everything will turn out the way we want. When we are caught off guard by bumps in the road, trials, or tragedy, we cry out in search of an answer. We wonder where you were, but you've been there all along. Forgive us, God, when we doubt your presence – when our faith in contingent on things going our way. Give us faith beyond our understanding. Give us a hope that brings you glory. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

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 ***This Is My Father's World*** **#370**

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 50:15-21 p. 47 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ***A Jubilant Song*** *Allen Pote*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:18-30 p. 158 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 ***A Ring of Bells*** *John G. Barr*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***Give to the Winds Thy Fears*** **#815**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Andante*** *Ch. H. Rinck*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Linda Cook, Betsy Foster, Jim Giffen, and Janis Smith
Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently in a 5-part sermon series called *Religious Mythbusters*. Just as the TV show *Mythbusters* used the scientific method to test the validity of rumors, myths, internet videos, and news stories in the early 2000's, Pastor Tim will be using Scripture to test the validity of religious myths and clichés that have a ring of truth to them and which most people think are biblical. Upon closer examination, however, they do not actually hold up as either Scriptural or reflecting the promises of God.

June 21	Romans 8:18-30	*Religious Mythbusters:* Everything Happens for a Reason
June 28	1 Cor. 10:6-13	*Religious Mythbusters:* God Won't Give Us More than We Can Handle
July 5	Matthew 6:9-15	*Religious Mythbusters:* Forgiving Means Forgetting
July 12	Luke 18:9-14	*Religious Mythbusters:* God Loves Christians More

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

PASTOR SARAH HAS BEEN SELECTED to represent our Presbytery at this year's PCUSA General Assembly in Milwaukee, WI, June 22nd – July 2nd. This week she will be attending virtual committee meetings on Zoom. She may be doing some of these from the office, but will not be available for meetings or appointments. She leaves Friday for Milwaukee and will be there until July 2nd. She will then be on vacation July 3rd – 11th, returning to worship on July 12th and returning to the office on July 13th. Please keep her in your prayers over the next several weeks.

JOIN THE USHERING TEAM! Ushers greet folks arriving at church and are often the first contact a visitor makes in our congregation. If you are interested in joining the usher rotation, please text either Kim Hudgens 865-567-6477 or Janis Smith 615-260-7784. We would love to talk with you about the simple but gratifying responsibilities of ushering at Second!

BE A LITURGIST! We are currently looking for folks who are interested in serving as a liturgist for worship. Pastor Tim will provide a training this summer and you will be worked into the rotation beginning in September. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please email Pastor Tim at treynolds@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

LONG TABLE LUNCHES: The Connect Team invites you to go to lunch with friends on the first Sunday of each month. These lunches are for anyone who would like to go out to eat with others following worship on the first Sunday of the month. The group will meet at the baptismal font and disperse from there to a designated restaurant. A reservation is not required, but if you know you're going to attend, we'd love for you to let us know by calling the church office or emailing Pastor Sarah (smorgan@2ndpres.org) during the week prior. The next Long Table Lunch will be Sunday, July 5th. We hope you can make it!

ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP is meeting this week on Wednesday, June 24th, at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in Room 227. All are welcome to come for fellowship and a time of creativity!

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!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: We meet on Thursdays at 10:30 in the Barbour Room. This summer we are studying the book of Revelation using N.T. Wright's *Revelation for Everyone.* Copies are available in the church office at no charge. Hope you can join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins tomorrow! All the fun will take place at First Presbyterian Church (620 State St.) this Monday through Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone there this week; special thanks go to Holly Grimm and our VBS volunteers who will give so much to our children this week, as well as to our neighbors at First Presbyterian for hosting us! See you at VBS!

SPC FALL RETREAT: The Grow Team continues to discuss the possibility of a church-wide Fall Retreat for the first time in over a decade! We are looking for volunteers to be part of a planning committee that would organize and discuss details of what we want this event to look like. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Patricia Kennedy at patricia.w.kennedy@gmail.com. We are excited to have these conversations and have more to share soon!

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, June 21st
- 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)
- 11:45 a.m. Grow Team Meeting (Small Conf. Room)

Monday, June 22nd
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School (First Presbyterian Church)

Tuesday, June 23rd
- 9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School (First Presbyterian Church)
- 8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, June 24th
- 10:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts (Room 227)
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School (First Presbyterian Church)

Thursday, June 25th
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)

Sunday, June 28th
- 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)

PRAYER CONCERNS

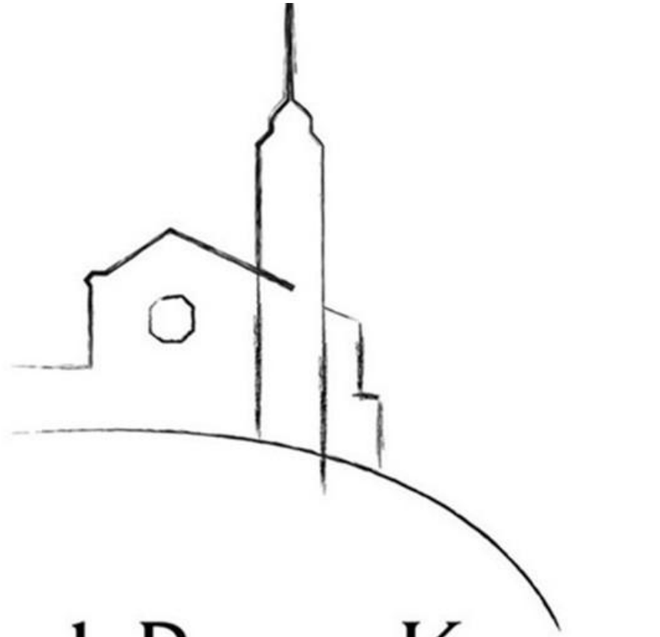
Christina Young, John Reynolds, Elsie Dodson,
Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*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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