16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Trio on "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"*** *Janet Correll*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 146

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Praise the Lord, O my soul! Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
All: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
One: who keeps faith forever;
All: who executes justice for the oppressed;
One: who gives food to the hungry.
All: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***Rejoice, the Lord is King!*** **#363, vv. 1-3**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, who gives life to all things, we confess that we have not always lived this life according to your will. You call us to the pursuit of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness; but that pursuit requires more from us than we are willing to give. Instead, we chase after things that we will never catch – a bigger payday, greater acclaim, more things. We seek contentment in our stuff rather than seeking contentment in you. Have mercy on us, O God. Redirect our thinking toward doing good and being generous rather than having more. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The Lord welcomes all who seek forgiveness. Be at peace, for in Jesus Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.
All: In Jesus Christ, we find forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

✞RESPONSE ***Rejoice, the Lord is King!*** **#363, v. 4**

✞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 ***All Things Are Yours*** GERMANY

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 Haggai 1:1-7 p. 878 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ***Seek First the Kingdom*** *Mary McDonald*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19 p. 210 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 ***Phrygian Prelude*** *Flor Peeters*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

God has created us to live in relationship so that we may respond to the love of the Creator. God…gives us a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed us with capacities to make the world serve our needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

✞HYMN OF SENDING ***As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*** **#712**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Do Minore, Andante*** *Ch. H. Rinck.*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Lisa Henley – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Sarah J. Warner – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lisa & John Henley, Kay & Terry Weaver
Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary. It provides a structured way to engage with Scripture throughout the liturgical year, encompassing major festivals and seasons, and provides a common set of readings from Scripture that Christians across the world hear together.

Sept 28	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The Dangers of Wealth
Oct. 5	2 Timothy 1:1-14	The Journey of Faith
Oct. 12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	The Church's Gospel
Oct. 19	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Scripture & Authority

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles Wu by the family.

INTERESTED IN PLAYING THE HANDBELLS? We are re-starting our handbell choir. Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. No prior experience is necessary. You don't even have to read music! As long as you can count and are willing to be part of a fun group of people making music together, you can be part of the handbell choir. Let us know of your interest by scanning the QR code, calling the church office, or letting Matt Mimbs know.

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.

CONNECT

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

FOOD & FRIENDS RETURNS NEXT MONTH: Food & Friends is a ministry to college students and young adults. On the 2nd SUNDAY of the month, all college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church. The next Food & Friends is Sunday, October 12th. If you are interested in being a host, please use the sign-up link in the weekly e-news, the QR code to the right, or contact the church office (jrosamond@2ndpres.org).

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 meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are reading and studying *Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe* by Ronald J. Allen & Robert D. Cornwall.

GO

FISH MINISTRY: We are no longer asking for specific household and personal items to be purchased and delivered to the church. However, we do need specific funding to continue this long-time mission of the church. To positively impact food insecurity in Knox County, please consider giving directly to our church's Fish designated fund, from which all food, personal, and household item purchases are paid. Recurring donations would be most helpful.

SUPPORT

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 Tuesday Reynolds (jrosamond@2ndpres.org).

STAFF UPDATE: Tuesday Reynolds will be serving as the Interim Church Administrator until the end of the year. She will continue to use the same email address as Jack had, so please continue to submit all check requests, news items, bulletin announcements, etc. to jrosamond@2ndpres.org.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 28th

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 2nd

10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Room)
1:00 p.m. Go Team Meeting (Barbour Room)

Sunday, October 5th

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

Nick Blankenship, Mancil Milligan, Mark Jenkins, Fran McLean, 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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