# *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**August 2nd, 2026** **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Amazing Grace*** *Wayne Leopold*

## *GATHERING AROUND THE WORD*

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 145

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
**All: And also with you.**
One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
**All: God's greatness is unsearchable.**
One: Let us proclaim the might of God's awesome deeds.
**All: Let us celebrate God's abundant goodness!**
One: Let us sing aloud of God's righteousness.
**All: Let us praise God's glory. Let us worship God.**

✞HYMN OF PRAISE ***God Is Here!*** **#409, vv. 1-3**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Healing God, we admit that we are weighed down by the burdens that are placed upon us. We take pride in our busyness because we think it points to success, and we are reluctant to share the load because it might hint at weakness. Forgive us, Lord, when we rely too heavily on our own strength and sense of independence. Remind us that your grace is sufficient and teach us to receive it with open hands. Through Christ, who forgives, restores, and calls us to new life. Amen.**

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Friends, hear this good news: Christ meets us here with grace.
**All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are made new. Thanks be to God!**

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

✞RESPONSE ***God Is Here!*** **#409, 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 ***Phrygian Prelude*** *Flor Peeters*
✞Response ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

## *PROCLAIMING THE WORD*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 15:7-11 p. 171 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Mark 2:1-12 p. 36 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 ***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*** **#526**
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 ***A Communion Invitation*** *Courtney*
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 ***The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*** **#766**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

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

✞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, John and Lisa Henley, and Janis Smith
**Technicians:** Matt Casey (video); Matthew Lowe (audio)

## *WORSHIP*

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** Our current sermon series is *Religious Mythbusters*. We are using Scripture to test the validity of religious myths and clichés which sound biblical but are not.

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| Aug 2 | Mark 2:1-12 | *Religious Mythbusters:* God Helps Those Who Help Themselves |
| Aug 9 | Revelation 21:1-5 | *Religious Mythbusters:* Our Souls Go to Heaven and We Become Angels |
| Aug 16 | Acts 10:1-36 | *Religious Mythbusters:* All Religions are Basically the Same |
| Aug 23 | Luke 1:26-38 | *Holy Home Décor:* Faith Makes It Possible |

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

**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.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELSIE DODSON** will be held Sunday, August 30th at 2:30 pm. The service will be at Berry-Highland funeral home. Visitation with the family will follow the service.

**WAYS TO SERVE IN WORSHIP:** There are many ways in which you can serve on Sunday mornings, and we'd love to help you get involved!

*Ushers:* Our ushers greet folks arriving at worship 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.

*Liturgists:* We are looking for folks who are interested in serving as liturgists for worship beginning in September. Training is provided. If interested, please email Pastor Tim at treynolds@2ndpres.org.

*A/V Tech:* Our A/V Techs run the sound, the screens and the streaming. Training is provided. If interested, contact Paul Sexauer at 865.850.7328 or sexauerpaul@gmail.com.

*Choir:* The choir rehearses each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. We'd love for you to add your voice! For more information, contact Matt Mimbs at mmimbs@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 next Long Table Lunch is TODAY. These lunches are for anyone who would like to go out to eat with others following worship on the first Sunday of the month. 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 during the week prior. Meet at the baptismal font following worship if you are interested in going!

**SAVE THE DATE, AUGUST 9th:** The Connect Team invites all to attend a reception in the gym after worship on Sunday, August 9th to celebrate Pastor Tim's 10 years of ministry here at Second Presbyterian! We are so thankful for his leadership and love, and it is worth celebrating! Lunch will be provided at this reception, and we hope you'll make plans to celebrate this wonderful decade with Tim and his amazing family!

## *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!

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join us 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.

## *GO*

**WEST VIEW WORK DAY:** Thanks to all who came out and volunteered yesterday. We are grateful for your time and your support of our ministry with Westview Elementary School!

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Our neighbors at the Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church will host unhoused families through Family Promise the week of August 23-30, and we have an opportunity to assist them. Volunteers are needed on the afternoon of Sunday, August 23rd, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. to help finalize the setup needs, with dinner and fellowship with the families from 5:30-7:30 p.m. After worship on August 30th, we assist with teardown from 12:00-1:00. We'd love as many hands involved as possible; if you are able to help with any of these opportunities to share God's love and serve our neighbors, please contact Doug Barbour, dhbar1@gmail.com or 865.307.4545. Thank you!

## *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, August 2nd**

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*)
Long Table Lunch (offsite)

**Monday, August 3rd**

9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Break Rm.)
5:30 p.m. Vision Task Force Meeting (Barbour Rm.)

**Tuesday, August 4th**

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, August 6th**

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

**Sunday, August 9th**

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9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Rm.)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. 10 Year Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Tim (Gym)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Mariann Thuesen, 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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**August 2, 2026**