10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Komm, Heiliger Geist*** *Georg Philipp Telemann*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 119

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: In your steadfast love, O Lord, hear our voices.
All: We cry to you with our hearts!
One: We put our hope in your words, in the promise that you will listen.
All: Be near to us, O Lord!

✞HYMN ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*** **#688, vv. 1,2,4**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you call us to patience and diligence in the painstaking work of your Kingdom, but we get discouraged and give up too easily and too soon. You call us to collaborate in community as we exhibit your Kingdom to the world, but we neither honor nor trust the gifts of others. You call us to be full of joyful confidence as we live out the reality of your Kingdom, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Forgive us, O God, and send us your Spirit to lead us in the ways of patience, community, and joy. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Hear the Good News: God loves the world so much he offers us grace so that we may be people of faith.
All: Like a refreshing cup of cold water, God's grace revives us, restores us, and gives us new life. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

✞RESPONSE ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*** **#688, vv. 3,5**

✞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 ***Be Still My Soul*** **#819**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Job 1:1-3, 13-22 p. 453 OT

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

ANTHEM ***Pilgrim's Hymn*** *Stephen Paulus*

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 5:7-12 p. 231 NT

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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* The Confession of 1967

The kingdom [of God] represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will and disrupts creation. God's reign is already present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in humankind and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgement 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 identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it 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 ***He Leadeth Me*** BRADBURY

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE ***Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ*** *Johann Pachelbel*

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

Ushers: Janis Smith, Betsy Foster, Kay & Terry Weaver
Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Matthew Lowe (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our summer sermon series, *Faith in Action: A Journey through James*, explores what authentic, active faith looks like in everyday life.

Aug 17	James 5:7-12	Faith in Action: *Patience in Suffering*
Aug 24	James 5:13-20	Faith in Action: *Prayers of the Faithful*
Aug 31	James – selections	Faith in Action: *Reflections on James*
Sept 7	Lectionary – TBD	Revised Common Lectionary – TBD

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

PASTOR SARAH is on sabbatical through Labor Day. She will return to the office on September 2nd.

SUMMER WORSHIP: The Worship Team asks everyone to sit in the front half of the sanctuary during worship this summer to encourage togetherness and fellowship. Thanks so much!

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOAN RIEDL will be held on Saturday, August 30th at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

CONNECT

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The "Welcome Back" Ice Cream Social will be THIS AFTERNOON at 5:00 pm in the Gym. The church will provide Ice Cream, toppings, and drinks. An inflated "bounce house" will be available for kids, as well as other fun games too! Visitors and guests are always welcome!

8 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help serve at the Ice Cream Social, this afternoon. Call or text Leslie Matthews at 865-765-0549 in interested.

2ND READERS BOOK CLUB will meet at the Buckingham Clubhouse on Wednesday, August 20, so bring your thoughts on the book *The Forest of Vanishing Stars*, your lunch, and plan to join us for a discussion led by Leslie.

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.

GROW

GROWTH GROUPS: This fall we are starting a new small group ministry. On Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00 p.m. there will be an informational meeting in the Fellowship Hall designed to give you detailed information about our Growth Group Ministry and an opportunity to ask questions about how they will work. We will offer a light dinner prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m., as well as childcare for those who need it. In order to know how many to plan for, please use the QR code or the home page of our website to RSVP if you plan on eating dinner or need childcare.

GROWTH GROUP FACILITATORS/HOSTS NEEDED: If you are interested in being either a Facilitator or Host for one of our Growth Groups this fall, you are invited to attend a brief interest meeting in the Library following worship NEXT **Sunday, August 24th.** Facilitators organize the group and facilitate the weekly meetings. The Host hosts the meeting in their home (or organizes the locations of the meeting if a group decides to rotate where it meets) and ensures the presence of a welcoming and comfortable environment.

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!

OUR SUMMER BIBLE STUDY meets in the Barbour Room on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. We hope you join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the nursery and preschool! Please contact Holly Grimm at (865) 243-6353 if you are interested.

GO

PASTA AND BLUEGRASS FUNDRAISER: The annual fundraiser for Family Promise of Knoxville is on August 23rd from 6-8 pm. Tickets are $15 for adults, and $10 for children. All tickets sold benefit Family Promise, a local charity dedicated to fighting family homelessness. Click the link in the E-News, or email Jack for the ticket link.

FAMILY PROMISE: The Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, our neighbor at 3611 Kingston Pike, will again provide breakfast, dinner, and overnight housing for 3-4 families the week of August 24th. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, August 24, 4-5 PM, to prepare the home for incoming families. Doug Barbour and Kathy Duggan will coordinate preparing, serving, and hosting dinner on Friday, August 29. from 5:15-7 PM. Doug will also stay at the house that night, should there be an urgent need for a family member. Training is provided, if others are interested in staying at night. On Sunday, August 31st, when guests have departed, volunteers help close the house Noon-1PM. If you can help, please contact Kathy: kduggan55@gmail.com / (865) 441-8683 or Doug: dhbar1@gmail.com / (865) 307-4545

2ND EDITION ARTICLES are due Wednesday, August 20th.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 17th
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social (Gym)

Monday, August 18th
- 9:45 a.m. Staff Meeting (Small Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 19th
- 10:30 a.m. Faith in Action Bible Study (Barbour Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, August 20th
- 11:30 p.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)
- 4:00 p.m. Deadline for 2nd Edition

Sunday, August 24th
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Facilitator/Host Interest Meeting (Library)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Fields, Ed May, family of Joan Riedl, Mancil Milligan, Jim Robertson, 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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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 Jack Rosamond (jrosamond@2ndpres.org).

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Faith in Action: A Journey Through James

Patience & Endurance

Three Aspects of Patience:

1) **Patience is _____ _____.**

2) **Patience is _____ & _____.**

3) **It's okay to get _____ & _____,**

as long as we don't _____ _____.

Questions for Further Study
For the week of August 10, 2025

1. Think of a time when you were forced to be patient and "wait for the Lord" in your life. Looking back on that time, was the wait as long as it seemed at the time? Has time given you perspective on the wait? What would you tell your younger self if you were given 5 minutes to go back and time and speak with them? What did you learn from the experience of waiting?

Which is harder for you: being patient with God's timing, or being patient with other people? Why?

2. In our culture of instant gratification, what do you think real, biblical patience looks like in practice?

3. Pastor Tim said that being discouraged or angry doesn't necessarily mean we're not being patient. In fact, all too often we think that being faithful means remaining positive and upbeat all the time. Psalm 77 shows how we can be real about what's going on and what we think in the midst of a tough situation and still remain faithful and patient. Read Psalm 77 and then jot down a few thoughts and/or emotions about a tough season in your life or a test you've encountered. What did God do for you during this season?

4. Read the following passages. What do they teach us about patience?

Psalm 27 Isaiah 40:27-31 Lamentations 3:25-33

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Romans 5:1-5 2 Peter 3:8-13