

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



October 13, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Centering Music

To you they cried and were saved...

Psalm 22:5a

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lina Robinson Hart

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church, we are glad that you are here! If you are a visitor, please fill out the red visitor card in the pew and place it in an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to listen for the Spirit, in word, in song, in this space. You are safe here, settle in with expectation.

Choral Introit

I Will Worship the Lord

Rutter

Prelude

Choral Prelude on "St. Peter"

Young

Call to Worship

Hear the Good News. God is with us, today and every day.

Because God is with us, we can face each day with courage.

Though it's hard to understand much of life, we can trust God. We are never completely alone.

We worship you, O God, fully revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Confession

Holy and loving God, we humble ourselves before you, fully aware of our humanity, our frailty, our need for your forgiveness. We have ignored your promptings to pray for those who have offended us. We focus on our own creature comforts, forgetting that there are so many who lack the basics, who are going to bed hungry, who fear for their lives. Forgive our self-centeredness. Make us receptive to how you are interceding on behalf of the forgotten, the down-trodden and those in despair. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (hymnal, back cover)

Time with Young Disciples

Suzanne Rushworth

After the time for young disciples, children through Kindergarten may be dismissed for childcare upstairs.

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

Martin

Hebrews 4:12-16

Suzanne Rushworth

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Psalm 22:1-11

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My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'
Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me
you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

Hymn 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

Sermon

Yet - It Happens

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Confession of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayer of Thanksgiving/The Lord's Prayer

Generous and abiding God, we offer our thanks and praise. You give us breath, having breathed your Spirit into us, giving us abundant life and strength for each day. You grant us peace, yet we are so aware that countless yearn not just for the absence of war but also the presence of well-being and joy. You provide for our every need, yet we are so aware that thousands are displaced from disasters or wars; fear for their lives, yearn for a good job or need the pain to stop. May we be your hands, your feet, your voice of hope and healing in this broken world. We pray in Jesus' name even as he taught us how to pray, saying...

Hymn 44

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Clarke

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of George Davenport.

Offering plates, hearing assistance devices, and large print Bibles are located at the back of the sanctuary.

Sunday Worship

October 13 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Lina Hart, preaching
Deacons meet

October 20 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Moccasin Bend Worship Companions
Final Confession: A Brief Statement of Faith
Stewardship Kickoff
Pris Shartle, preaching
Lunch
Session meets

October 27 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday: A Celebration
Stewardship moment
Mark 10:46-52
Mission Committee meets

Weekly Calendar

Pastor Cathy is on study leave today

October 13

PW bag packing 12:15 p.m.
Deacons meet

October 15

Faith Community Nurse 10:00 a.m.
Bible study 2:00 p.m.
Dining Out 6:00 p.m.

October 16

Tai Chi 9:30 a.m.

October 17

2nd Hands Ministry 10:00 a.m.

October 19

Silent Meditation 9:30 a.m.
Mini Tennis 10:00 a.m.

Please have all articles for the November newsletter to the office by October 15.

Prayer Requests

Sandy Smith	Debbie Petticord	Linda Waitsman
Irena Coffman	Amira Richards	Janet Bean
Robby Carney	Nicholas Rodgers	Dorothy Jump
Bonnie Bryant	Debbie Grohman	Laura Bennett
Dot Loeffler	Kendall Southerland	Barbara Bye



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Announcements

PW Bag Packing today

All Presbyterian Women are invited to pack AAAD bags today after worship from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Please meet in the Session Room.

Dining Out | October 15

Join us on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. at Riverport Grill on Broad Street. This new restaurant has a fantastic menu, check it out at riverportgrille.com. Call or text Martin at 937-609-4681 by noon that day if you want to meet at the church for a ride.

Moccasin Bend Worship Companions | October 20

All are welcome to be a part of worship at Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute on Sunday, October 20 at 9:00 a.m. For more information on this meaningful ministry, please contact Ken Waddell at kounselor08@gmail.com.

Second Acts Spooky Stories | October 23

Are you getting in the spirit for pumpkins, friendly ghosts, and All Hallows' Eve?! Then join the Second Acts readers group for some spooky stories shared on Wednesday evening, October 23! Dress up if you'd like, we'll be sipping some type of scary brew and munching on favorite scary snacks. This frightful time begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Helwig Fellowship Hall.

Choral Arts Concert | October 24

Choral Arts opens its 2024-25 season on October 24 at 7:30 p.m. with *The Lord is My Shepherd*, featuring John Rutter's stunning *Requiem*. Tickets are available at choralartsofchattanooga.org.

PW Crafting at John Calvin Apartments | October 28

All Presbyterian Women are invited to gather at John Calvin Apartments in Hixson on October 28 from 1:00 - 3:00 to create silk flower arrangements and enjoy refreshments with the residents.

Polka Party! | October 30

Swing your way over to the Helwig Fellowship Hall on October 30 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for a fun and lively evening! Brian Klapman and his polka band will entertain us with great music and polka lessons. We'll enjoy brats, hot dogs, and other themed foods as well.

Hurricane Helene Assistance

The Presbytery of East TN continues to work with the Holston Presbytery and PDA to provide assistance to those affected by Hurricane Helene. In addition to water, they are presently requesting the following food items: protein bars, breakfast bars, peanut butter, dried fruit in bags/easy open containers, canned meats (chicken, ham) with pull tabs, tuna in pouches or cans with pull tabs. You may drop these donations off at church or directly to Rivermont Presbyterian. You may also make a direct monetary contribution at pma.pcusa.org/donate (reference DR000148). Thank you for your generosity!

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