



SECOND Thoughts

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COME CELEBRATE WITH SECOND
MARCH 23 @ 6 P.M.



Tickets are \$50 and reservations will be accepted between and after worship services February 3 through March 17, or by calling Denise Scinta at 895-3483.
Credit Card, Cash or Check

If you would like to donate to the Second Party, please do so on the Giving page at www.2ndpreslou.org

*Please save your empty French wine bottles with labels, and please bring in gift cards (\$25 or more) to restaurants/stores to use in baskets. You may leave them with Denise at the church office.



Sunday School Classes 9:45 a.m.

Adults:

- **Biblical Studies, Room 252**
Acton Ostling, Jr.
- **Pathways, Fellowship Hall A**
Elizabeth Clay
- **Christianity Today, Room 170**
Rev. Nathan Sautter and Rev. Steve Jester
- **Reading the Bible, Chapel**
Dr. Marty Soards
- **2nd Sunday, Room 251**
Lee and Vic Baltzell

Youth:

- **6th and 7th Grades, Room 171**
Jill Shiflet, Chris Parks and Patrick Farnan
- **8th Grade Confirmation, Room 166**
Scott Carothers and Kathleen Mayfield
- **9th—12th Grades, Room 168**
John McCarthy, Todd Smith and Tricia Wainscott
- **Confirmation Parents, Room 240**
Sallie Cunningham

Children (10:50—12 p.m.)

Begin in worship, pick up in classroom.

- **3 through 5 years, Room 151**
Donna Church, John and Bonnie Stone
- **K through 1st Grade, Room 152**
Maggie Faurest and Whitney Watt
- **2nd and 3rd Grades, Room 153**
Patti Ogden
- **4th and 5th Grades, Room 180**
Susan Irving and Jean Groskreutz

Childcare:

- **Infant to Two Years Old, Room 117**
(8:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.)
- **3 years through 5th grade, Room 179**
(9:45—10:45 a.m.)

Reflections

Dear Friends,

While scrolling through the Sunday New York Times online, a headline caught my eye: “Internet Church Isn’t Church.” The author’s argument in the opinion piece was nothing radical. She simply stated that while live-streaming and other electronic options can be positive and helpful tools, the full and rich Christian life requires face-to-face contact, being with others in a real, not virtual, community. Or, to use the language of an early Christian writer, the Christian alone is not a Christian.

Then I made the mistake of reading some of the more than 150 comments to the piece. A handful were complimentary and in agreement. The bulk of the comments was pure vitriol, a collection of angry, belittling, dismissive attacks on the very idea of church, the characterization of faith in God as immature and delusional, the assumption that all pastors and church leaders are simply out to fleece the flock and to gain power.

I realize that many of those who read the Times are not your down home, Bible-believing types. I’m aware of the bias against all things institutional in our society right now. I know that compared to the west and east coasts of this country, we live in a kind of religion “bubble” where a fairly significant number of people value their faith, seek to follow God’s way, love and support their church, and are convinced that one can be a person of intellect and learning and still believe and trust in God. I know all of that, but something about these comments was troubling.

I wasn’t angered or offended by the stereotypical atheistic arguments made by some of the writers or by the stale arguments that say we don’t have to be in a faith community to be “spiritual,” but that we can find “God” anywhere. Mostly, what I felt was sadness. Sadness that so many people today, according to dozens of major studies, are not finding community any place. So many have not had the experience of growing up in a real community of flawed, loving people who accept, shape, encourage and support each other. Sadness that so many confuse the Christian faith with TV preachers and angry, judgmental, unthinking, self-righteous bigots. So many have never been exposed to a thinking, open, inviting faith.

But, finally, what I felt most strongly was gratitude. Gratitude for the gift of community as a child and throughout my life, for loving and caring mentors who have shown me the shape of the truly good life, for learning early on that worshipping God doesn’t mean checking your brain at the door, for being part of churches, including this one, where people wrestle with what it means to follow Jesus and take that following seriously, while not taking themselves overly seriously.

As a pastor friend has said, we Presbyterians do an excellent job of keeping our way of being Christian a secret from most people! In gratitude for the gift we have been given, let us in this new year resolve to offer that gift to someone who doesn’t want to sit alone in front of a screen and longs to find true, lasting community in a place like this.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Steve Jester



Our November Concert Was a Huge Success!!

A crowd of nearly 200 showed up on Friday, November 16 to enjoy the vibrant music of **THE STEPHEN LYNERD GROUP**. Hymns, original tunes, and incredible versions of Advent and Christmas favorites filled the Sanctuary, along with our wonderful guests from THE HEALING PLACE. Thanks to Doug Scott for sharing about our partner ministry, and his story. Our generous audience collected \$2,000 as an offering for the good folks at Healing Place. Additional thanks to our Concert Series Committee for putting on an innovative coffee-house-style reception. Glory to God!



GRATITUDE FOR THESE ADDITIONAL PATRONS FOR THE SERIES:

Walt Baker Jr.
Martha Dupps
Tom and Judy Hettmansperger

Emily Willingham
The Golden Bells in honor of Bonnie Boram

BRAHMS A GERMAN REQUIEM

The Choirs of
Second Presbyterian Church
Saint Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church
& Orchestra

James Rightmyer
Conductor

Jim Rittenhouse
Conductor, Baritone

Christina Bouras Recktenwald
Soprano

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019 * 3 P.M.

Free Admission. Childcare Available.



Offering Benefits

Kilgore Samaritan
COUNSELING CENTER

Soli Deo Gloria!

To God alone be the glory for all the musicians - children and adult alike - who helped Second Presbyterian worship in Advent and Christmas. Here are some shots from our Advent Service on December 2 and our Musical Celebration Service on December 16.



Thanks to Amy Heckmann for the photos above, and John Ellis for the photos below – we appreciate your service!!



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS ARE BACK IN SESSION!

Each Wednesday Evening
Fellowship Supper Available 5:00 p.m.

STUDIO 2: Brittany Franks / Drumming & Rhythm!
All Choirs meet at 5:30 p.m.

*Cherub and Carol Choirs release at 6:15 p.m.
after Studio2



Second
Presbyterian
Church

Trivia
Night

WHEN

- Friday, February 1
- 7:00-9:00 p.m.

WHO

- Teams of 8
- \$5 per person

HOW

- Childcare provided

BRING

- 1 dessert per table to share
- Snacks for your own table

PRIZES

- Best Team Costume
- Best Centerpiece
- Highest Points

RSVP

- by Friday, January 25
- to Ally Condra (502) 895-3483
or acondra@2ndpreslou.org

#1
Friday, March 9
6-9:30 p.m.
\$15 per adult (includes tax)
Must be paid in advance
Limited seating available

#1a
5:45-9:30 p.m.
Free childcare at church building
Advance registration required
NO dinner provided for children

#2
6-8:40 p.m.
Dinner at Host Homes

• Carsten-Kane	• Harris
• Clay	• Houghlin
• Dickman	• Hubbard
	• Lyles

#3
9-9:30 p.m.
Desserts at Church
*Childcare pick up at 9:30 p.m.

Join us for a
Dine Aound!

- RSVP and payments due by Sunday, March 3 (no reservations after this point and payment must be received)
- Register online or with Ally at 895-3483 or acondra@2ndpreslou.org
- Dinner assignments will be sent to participants prior to March 7



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 Walkers—Sandy Bailey sdb1205@bellsouth.net



On February 5, at 10 a.m. in the church parlor, we will discuss the latest book by acclaimed author Doris Kearns Goodwin, entitled "Leadership-In Turbulent Times".

She has researched the backgrounds, abilities and temperaments of four presidents - Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson - four very different men and how they each were able to effectively lead our country during difficult times. Susanne Wright and Ellie Moore will review this interesting study of complex leaders.

March 5 will be "Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver.

We faithfully support UCHM food closet.

There is a SPOT for you!
Second Presbyterian Options Together



Sisters in Spirit is a warm, supportive group of ladies who enjoy a special time of fellowship and book discussion around topics that help them grow in their everyday faith. The SPOT group is open to adult women of all ages and stages of life. This year our book of study is "Love Does" by Bob Goff.

Please contact Jeanne Curtis—Jeannecurtis@bellsouth.net—if you have questions. We hope to see you on February 12 at the home of Joy Sautter, 7819 Oxted Lane, at 7 p.m.



Men's Bible Study Will Focus on Psalms

On February 22, the Men's Bible Study will begin a several month study of Psalms. Their study guide is "Great Psalms of the Bible" by J. Clinton McCann (WJK Press). The group meets on Fridays at 7 a.m. in Room 251. Coffee and rolls are served. If you would like to participate and have a book,

please contact John Mulder at 693-5262 or johnmulder1111@gmail.com. Our class focuses on discussion, and it is virtually never dull!



Busy Needles members model some of the pocket scarves

The Busy Needle members knitted and crocheted pocket scarves as Christmas gifts for Second members who are currently in nursing homes or home bound. We wanted these folks to know we are thinking of them and wanted to show our love by sharing our items with them.



Members look forward to delivering our gifts to these special friends.

Missions at Second



FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

One of Second's longest and most appreciated mission partners is UCHM. This ministry has been an important part of community life since 1974. It is located at 150 S. State Street and provides emergency assistance, senior services, youth programs, and a community activity room. Families in Crescent Hill, Clifton, Clifton Heights, and Butchertown receive food assistance, utility assistance, meals delivered to seniors, and youth learning programs (including a summer camp).

Second Presbyterian provides strong financial assistance and volunteers. We also provide a weekly food delivery of donated

items to UCHM from Fresh Market. You can help enormously by contacting us for volunteer opportunities and by filling our bags during the month of February with requested housekeeping and personal items. Bags will be available at church after Sunday services. Please return the filled bags to the Mission Room.

Needed items are:

Size 4, 5, 6 diapers, baby formula, baby powder, men's and women's toiletries (deodorant, body wash, lotion), denture care items, toothbrushes, floss, shelf stable milk, toilet paper, and cleaning items.

Please plan to help if you can. If you would like to help with Fresh Market delivery, contact chris.ellis215@gmail.com. We look forward to working with you. You can make a big difference in a lot of lives!

Mission Committee



Addiction to drugs and alcohol is a blight on our country. Addiction is a disease. Addicts are great con artists and survive for long periods with their disease. Then they hit the wall with

no family, friends, or money to go on. It is either death or jail unless they are lucky enough to find The Healing Place. They are welcomed to stay for the 6-9 months it takes to recover from their disease, at no cost to them. Since it is well known it is hard for an addict to con another addict, their teachers are addicts who have been through the recovery at The Healing Place and elected to stay as teachers and counselors (appropriately named "peer mentors"). The clients learn self-respect and responsibility. They study the 12-step Big Book and go to class. Three times a week they go to Community where they admit their own short-comings and speak out about a client they fear is not taking the recovery process seriously enough. Everyone works. From day one they have a job in security, laundry, housekeeping, kitchen (preparing the one million meals they served last year), bookkeeping, etc. The cost to care for one client is approximately \$25 a day. The women's center can house 250 clients and the new men's center is up to 426 clients. Because of this unique approach, the results obtained by the Recovery Center Outcomes at the University of Kentucky show that 75% of Healing Place clients have not had a relapse in one year. Because of the "world leading" statistic, The Healing Place has been replicated in 14 other sites in Kentucky as well as in Raleigh, NC, Richmond, VA, and Wilmington, NC.

Our church has been involved since the beginning. Several of our members served on the original Board of Directors and subsequent boards. Many members have done pro bono professional work and volunteering. Clothes, supplies, and money have been donated generously. Because of our help, 2nd was awarded the Celebrate Freedom Award last year, which is their highest annual award.

In a recent sermon, Steve talked about joy. Just raising your hands toward the sky and shouting because you're happy. It can happen. It would happen to all of us if we went to school for 6-7 months and came out with a new life where family, friends, a job you could keep, self-respect, and responsibility were all part of the new you.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

JUNE 26 - JULY 3 • \$1500

\$250 DEPOSIT
DUE MARCH 10



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A Word of Hope
Monthly Meditation
"I Hear Music in the Air"
 Rev. Dr. Maxine L. Thomas, Director

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and filled all the house where they were sitting." Acts 2:2

Woman and Man of grace and knowledge, there is a wind in the air. Can't you hear it? Somebody penned the words, "Over my head I hear music in the air... and there must be a God somewhere."

What do you hear? Perhaps you hear the words of sons and daughters of former slaves to the tune of, "Nobody knows the trouble I've seen." I know you've seen some trouble in your day. It wasn't a master with a whip, or flying white sheets in the night brightened by the glare of angry flames surrounding a cross that liberates. But you've seen trouble in your day.

Every one of us has had some hills to climb and some valleys to walk through. The Bible says, "Man that is born of a woman is of a few days, and full of trouble." (Job 14:1) If you live long enough trouble will sure enough knock at your door. It rains on the just and the unjust. (Matthew 5:45) I beg your pardon, who has promised you that life would be a rose garden?

But hush... I hear something in the air. There were some folk in the upper room and the Bible says that they were all in one place and they were in one accord. If you want God to move in your midst, I dare you to grab another believer by the hand. The Bible says, "... if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 18:19) I dare you to touch and agree with your brother and sister in the Lord. Sis, there is a moving and a shaking in the spiritual realm.

The Bible says that suddenly there came a sound as a rushing wind from heaven. The Holy Spirit filled the house! Bless the wonderful name of Jesus! The permeating presence of God's Spirit, of the overflow of God's power into the life and being of a believer is like music in the air. It's a melody of love divine; for when God's power fills the temple—you are aware that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost? (Corinthians 6:19) You can love those who despitefully use you. When the Wind of God... the Aruah... the Pneuma... the Holy Ghost fills the temple, there is a melody of strength and might. It's a strong sound; for "... He is the saving strength of His anointed." (Psalm 28:8) It's a sound in the air that causes demons to tremble. It's a sound in the air that drowns out oppression, depression, and obsession. It's a sound that will bring peace, power and prosperity. It's a sound that will fill your lonely nights and make everything all right. It's a sound that will out-roar the sound of the winds of despair and the waves of tribulation. It's a sound that shatters unbelief and mends broken hearts. And I hear music in the air!

Crossroads Ministry Presents
A Legacy of Faith Brunch
Celebrating the Life and Achievements of
The Late Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon
 1st African-American Woman Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA)
THEME: " A Biblical Approach to Seeing God Through The Eyes of African-American Women"
Saturday | February 2, 2019 | 10 AM
Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry Brown
Bandy Professor of Preaching, Candler School of Theology at Emory University - Atlanta, GA
Musical Guest: Committed Choir
 Second Presbyterian Church
 3701 Old Brownsboro Road, Louisville KY
 Rev. Steve Jester, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Maxine L. Thomas, Director

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2019

At the January 17, 2019, stated session meeting, the Session:

Examined and approved for ordination and installation into active service as deacons on the Diaconate: Linda Rudloff, Terry Wells-Anderson, and Beth Williamson;

Examined and approved for ordination and installation as ruling elders into active service on the Session: Will Duncan, Patrick Farnan, Sara Gilford, Martha Nichols Pecceu, John Stone, Abby Davis and William Edwards;

Examined and approved for installation into active service on the Session, previously ordained ruling elders: Bonnie Boram, Bill Donan and Melinda Mast;

Approved an administration commission to examine previously ordained ruling elder Karen Hadley for installation into active service on the Session;

Received the Clerk's Report, the Minister's Report, staff updates, the December 2018 Financial Report, and Committee Reports;

Approved the 2018 Annual Church Statistics for submission to the Office of the General Assembly;

Approved the revisions to the church committees' purpose and responsibilities as submitted by each committee for the Session Manual;

Approved a motion regarding the number of ruling elders in active service on the Session;

Approved a motion regarding the method of paying tribute to the long-time work of the House and Gardens Committee;

Received an update regarding the church directory;

Approved a motion regarding the sale of tickets for and the fundraising activities of the Second Party;

Recognized the members of the retiring Ruling Elder Class of 2019, and extended gratitude for their faithful service to the congregation; and

Received a report of the annual review by the Personnel Committee of compensation for pastors and all other staff.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION

A monthly discussion group sponsored by Second Presbyterian and Highland Presbyterian churches

Speaker: Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III

Title: "Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the Struggle for Our Humanity in Common"

Where: Vincenzo's, The Courtyard, 105 South 5th Street

When: Tuesday, February 5, at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: Buffet salad and entree, dessert, iced tea

Cost: \$16 including gratuity; please pay at the door by cash or check

RSVP: Please contact Ann or Ivan Schell at adschell@bellsouth.net or 894-8440 by 4 p.m. Monday, February 4.





Authentic Parents Retreat Montreat Conference Center February 8-10, 2019

Because every family is a work in progress and God is in the mess.

For more information go to Montreat.org
or contact Lorie Williamson at
lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org

February 23, 2019
5:00-9:00p

Parent's
NIGHT OUT

Birth—5th grade
\$15 per child

Need a break?

Pack a dinner and have the kiddos join us for a fun-filled night of crafts, gym time, story telling and more!

Spaces are limited. Reservations are a must.

Contact Lorie Williamson at lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org
for questions and to reserve your spot!

Lenten Workshop and Ash Wednesday Service



March 6, 2019

5:30 p.m. Dinner and Workshop
6:30 p.m. Service

summertime!!

Smiley Camp

June 3-7, 10-14

VBS/Project Serve

July 8-12

Registration begins **March 6**

See website for more information:



www.2ndpreslou.org

Student Sightings



HS Ski Trip

God's Plan

“For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11

As the snow came down on Western New York over MLK weekend, 22 high school youth and eight adults enjoyed the fresh powder during our annual ski trip. We spent our time in worship and discussion thinking about this verse. How do we know God's plan for our lives? How do we discern where God is leading us? To help guide us, we looked at the story of Jonah and Jeremiah and they way each of them responds to God's call on their lives. Jonah chooses to run away from God's call while Jeremiah chooses to do what God asks of him. In both cases it was a difficult decision.

If we're honest, following God's way is a difficult task so we must not do it alone. This is the good news of both of these stories from Scripture, that we never walk alone and we never make our decisions alone. Who do you ask for advice when you need to make a decision? Do you invite God into that decision making? God does have a plan for you and for all of our young people and as the snow came down we listened once again for God's voice to speak. May we listen and respond.

February

Feb. 2 Basketball Games
(Every Saturday)

Feb. 3 Café 917

Feb 5 Open Gym
(Every Tuesday)

Feb 7 Basketball Practice
(Every Thursday)

Feb 8-10 Confirmation
Retreat

Feb 10 Café 917

Feb 17 Café 917

Feb 24 Café 917



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passages

We remember in prayer ...

Bodley and Bill Stites and families on the death of their sister, Ellen Stites Thurber, 1/14

Keltie Ferris and family on the death of her husband, Fred Ferris, 1/15.

The family of Patsy Henlein on her death, 12/20.

Pat Olthuis and family on the death of her daughter-in-law, Elaine Olthuis 12/10.

Sarah Hughes and family on the death of her daughter, Julie Hughes, 12/8

The family of Betty P. Guelich on her death, 12/6

The family of Don Hazlett on his death, 12/4.

Mike Dickman and family on the death of his brother-in-law, 12/2.