

Annual
Congregational
Meeting
Sunday, January 26
9:45 a.m. in the
Great Hall

Second Presbyterian Church www.2ndpreslou.org

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"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth...

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."

(John 1.14, 16).



Dear Friends,

Christmas may be in the rearview mirror and all that remains from the celebration are new memories and, perhaps, credit card bills. But gift-giving is still going strong in this new year for those with eyes to see and ears to hear.

Recently I was going through a pile of documents, sorting and throwing away. I came across an envelope addressed to me, sent from my home church. Written on the envelope in my own hand was the note, "Prayer from June 17, 1980, Presbytery." It was a copy of a prayer offered by my pastor, David, on the occasion of my being approved as a candidate for ordained ministry, one of the major steps in the ordination process.

It was an unsolicited, unexpected gift from nearly forty years ago. David's voice rang in my ears through those words on the page. The eloquence and thoughtfulness, the passion and commitment that inspired my call to ministry came through clearly once more. From the perspective of four decades, knowing now the darkness with which he wrestled then, I was particularly struck by one line of the prayer: "You have built the church and the Kingdom, and brought light and understanding and new birth in spite of all we could do to obscure your voice and your influence."

"Grace" is a ubiquitous word in church circles. Its basic meaning is "gift" or "favor." The Greek word, charis, is the root of "charisma" and of "charismatics," those Christians who focus their attention on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is something more to grace, however, than simply the giving of gifts or the showing of favor. It's captured in the phrase, "in spite of." Grace is God's choice to offer us perfect love in Jesus Christ – a love that pardons, accepts, and renews – and to stubbornly commit to our present and ultimate well-being not because of who we are and what we've done.

Grace is the unexpected, undeserved, unearned favor of God offered freely to us. You're going to hear a lot about grace in coming weeks as we roll out new mission and purpose statements for Second Presbyterian Church. In the meantime, watch and listen for the "grace upon grace" that touches and transforms your life.

Grace and peace,

Steve

Steve Jester is Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church





Mark your calendars for our next concert:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020, 3 P.M.



The Chenaults Organ Duo

Exclusively performing works written for four hands-four feet-one pipe organ console, duo organists Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault have commissioned, premiered, and recorded over sixty organ duets. For their renowned artistry they have indisputably earned "The World's Premiere Duo-Organ Team" title given by the Atlanta Journal & Constitution.

"Virtuosic, non-stop attention ... the Chenaults showed mastery of the various idioms." (The Los Angeles Times)

"No one can contest the spectacular facility, musicianship, and ensemble that these two offer in every musical style represented. Amazing artistry and technique, creative and diverse programming, and an accurate sense of what the public - from casual listeners to highly trained church musicians - will enjoy and appreciate." (The Journal of the Association of Anglican Musicians)

A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL SUPPORT:



THANK YOU TO OUR GATHERING LIST OF PATRONS FOR 2019/20!

Martha Dupps

Madge and Gorman Roberts

Kaaren Westlund

If you are interested in donating to the Concert Series please make check payable to Second Presbyterian Church and mark it "Concert Series" and indicate if it is in honor or memory of someone. You may place it in the offering plate, or send to the attention of Jim Rittenhouse at the church. You are welcome to give online at www.2ndpreslou.org/giving

music

Special Thanks To all Our Music Ministry ...

"those who wish to come to his manger find that something is happening within them..." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

all of our choirs and ensembles this advent and Christmas said 'yes' to something that was so much greater than any one of them. For the many hours of rehearsing, and for your spirit of grace through it all, thank you. For your wanting to create something extraordinary, thank you. Most of all - for gracing the life of our church with your gifts, thank you ... and to God be the glory alone.



Dear Second Presbyterian Families,

As we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season, we look back on the Advent Season with the sounds of our Children's Choirs. There is a feeling of joy when children sing, and the joy that comes from awaiting the birth of a King is just as joyful.

The Children's Choirs of Second Presbyterian Church have learned and offered beautiful hymns, anthems, and prayers to our annual Advent Service, our Inaugural Outreach Concert to

The Episcopal Church Home, and worship on December 15.

These opportunities have given our future musicians the awareness of how important it is to spread God's word through music. Communicating the word of God in a way that is both pleasing to sing and pleasing to hear. As we continue into 2020, we hope all of our congregation will find our young worship leaders and thank them for the special music they offer through commitment, discipline, and faith.

Thank you to all of our directors, pianists, parents, grandparents, and anyone else who has had a hand in shaping our young musicians this year.

Peace be with all for today and for all of our days to come.

Merry Christmas!
Christina Recktenwald, Ricky Case, Krista Heckmann, Paula Roberts, and Laura Atkinson

2PK
Summer
Programming

Registration Opens April 1, 2020

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School & Project Serve

July 13-17

Smiley Camp
June 15-19
&
June 22-26





children



A retreat for becoming more connected, relaxed, and faithful parents

Parenting workshops on self care, the "good enough" parenting philosophy and faith practices at home.

Go to Montreat.org for more information.

Deadline to register: January 19!

To make this a family oriented retreat, programming for children will be provided by Second Pres. during parenting workshops.

Contact Lorie Williamson at lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org or 502/895-3483 ext. 219



Upcoming Dates

January 8 Wednesdays Together 5:30 p.m.

January 12 4th-7th grades parent meeting 10:00 a.m.

January 15 Weekday School Chapel 11:15 a.m.

4th-7th grades parent meeting 5:30 p.m.

January 19
Authentic Parent's Retreat
deadline

January 21 Children's Ministry Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.

January 25 Parent's Night Out 5:00-8:30 p.m. On December 1 we celebrated the start of Advent with a Family Workshop, Dinner, and Service. We enjoyed fellowship, making advent wreaths, ornaments, and coming together for worship. Thank you to the Children's Ministry Committee for their hard work in making this a wonderful event year after year. Thank you to the choir directors who teach the faith through song. Thank you to the families who are comitted to this church community.



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Student Sightings





Confirmands participating in the Cabbage Patch wrapping





2PY Christmas Party at the Duane Residence

Upcoming Events

January 5

Café 917 and Sunday School resumes

January 7

Open Gym resumes

January 12

-Café 917

-Winter Retreat Meeting @ noon in Fellowship Hall A

-4th-7th Parent Meeting in Parlor at 10 a.m.

January 15

4th-7th grade Parent Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.

January 17-20

2PY Winter Retreat at Peek 'n Peak

January 19

Café 917

January 26

Café 917

February 2

Confirmand Mentor Faith Breakfast

February 7-9

Confirmand Retreat at PYOCA

*Open Gym is every Tuesday at 7p.m.

adult education

Biblical Studies

The Biblical Studies class deals with historical critical scholarship related to the Bible and is of particular interest to Christians who want to understand the Bible more thoroughly in terms of its long history. No prior biblical knowledge is necessary, simply a curiosity for historical details related to the Bible and its Christian origins.

The class meets in Room 252, adjacent to the church parlor, and is led by Acton Ostling, retired Professor of Music at the University of Louisville.



Adult Sunday School

January 5, 2019 – May 17, 2020 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Encountering the Enneagram

Interested in growing in your self-awareness, learning more about how you operate in the world, and discerning who God has created us to be? Join us each Sunday for an exploration of the Enneagram, an ancient spirituality tool for self discovery and personal growth. This class will unpack each of the nine Enneagram types as we discover together how we have been uniquely created for relationship with ourselves, with one another, and with God.

This class will meet in Room 219 and is led by Teresa Larson, current student at Louisville Presbyterian
Seminary.

2nd Sunday

The 2nd Sunday class is for parents of children from birth through early teens. The class meets on the second Sunday of each month. The curriculum deals with issues facing young parents trying to raise faithful children in this tumultuous and ever-changing world. Class members share experiences and ideas, with the goal of helping each other find ways to make God the center of our families.

The class meets in Fellowship Hall B with facilitators Lee and Vic Baltzell.

Reformed and Always Being Reformed

What does it mean to be "Reformed"? As Presbyterians we are a part of the *Reformed Tradition* but what does that mean and how do we understand that today? We will look at the confessions of our church to discover together what we mean by reformed theology and how that applies in today's world.

The class meets in Room 251 and is led by Pastors Nathan Sautter and Steve Jester.

Pathways

Members of the Pathways Class are united in their pursuit of knowledge of biblical, historical and social issues, and all other facets that lead to a balanced Christian life. The class is also a community that has a yearly seminar, a Derby party, and a Christmas get-together along with other social events. As one example, class members make sandwiches for the Wayside Christian Mission.

The class meets in Fellowship Hall A with moderator Elizabeth Clay.

Reading The Bible

The Reading The Bible class doesn't require knowledge of Greek or Hebrew. But understanding what a biblical phrase or verse means in today's language calls for knowledge of the historical setting and what it meant when it was written in another language, with concern for its theological meaning today.

The class meets in the Chapel and is led by Dr. Marty Soards, Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Jim Haynes is class coordinator.

formation



Presbyterian Women of Second Presbyterian Church

All women are invited to join our Circle of friendship and Horizon's Bible study which meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September - May, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Presbyterian Women We will meet on mTuesday, January 14 for a study of Lesson 5 in Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments entitled "Words

of Love: Don't Kill Each Other" found in Exodus 20:13. We will consider behaviors, habits, and cultures, and the choices we, as humans, face that destroy or diminish life. In Matthew 5:21-26, Jesus expands the Law to include being angry or offensive toward others.

For guestions/information about Presbyterian Women, please contact Amy Parker at 897-5076 (home) or amyparker158@hotmail.com.

Transit

All young adults are invited to join Transit! Our group gathers at least twice each month for fellowship, study, and service. Join us!

Brunch will take place immediately following the 10:50 service on January 5. We'll gather in the Narthex and decide where we would like to go.

Small Group will take place on Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. Further details will be coming soon. Please bring a side dish or a beverage to share. Location will be sent in a separate email to group members.

Please email Seminary Intern Teresa Larson (talarson91@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to our email list.

Thursdays ~ **Morning Joy**

Coffee in Fellowship Hall A & B from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Discussion begins at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Joy will begin again on January 16, and we will be studying the book of John.

For those who wish to participate, a discussion group will meet each week, following the lecture, at 11 a.m.







EMBERSHIP

February 3, March 1, 8 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor & March 15

9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall B

Are you interested in learning more about 2nd Presbyterian Church? Would you like to meet more members? Come to the New Member Inquiry Class!

RSVP to Beth at 895-3483 or bethh@2ndpreslou.org



Grief Group MeetingFor more information or to RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Clay,

eclay@2ndpreslou.org.

We will meet in the parlor at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates:

January 13

February 17

March 9

April 13

May 11







mission

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Healing Place truly is where hope is found. Every day, they provide food, shelter, clothing, and a nationally-recognized recovery program to 600 men and women at no cost to the client.



UNISEX ITEMS NEEDED

- Winter coats
- Hygiene products
- Body towels
- Hand towels
- Washcloths
- Socks
- Men's undershirts
- Scrubs

The Cabbage Patch Christmas Basket Project Results

For our November Mission of the Month, thank you to everyone who gave, shopped, wrapped and delivered for the 2019 Second Presbyterian Cabbage Patch Christmas Basket Project. The amount of \$20,000 was raised to purchase gifts and food for 20 families/61 individuals, and we even have extra funds available for families throughout the year when they need utility or rent assistance, or more food.

We met our participation goals as well with approximately 279 volunteers giving 692 hours of volunteer service! This project is a Christmas miracle, don't you agree?

Mission Contribution Report

Beginning in January 2020, the Mission Committee will be compiling a contribution report to better track the value of the generosity of our congregation regarding the Mission of the Month. We ask that each individual/family that participates in the mission please complete a contribution report found on the bag list of items needed. The completed report will be returned inside the bag you filled to the mission room. Thank you for your support in this endeavor!



Kilgore House & Garden Tour

OUR 20TH IN 2020

Exciting times are in store in 2020 as we celebrate the 20th year of the Kilgore House and Garden Tour, May 16 and 17. Six gardens are in the line-up with one being a fabulous artist's home open for touring.

Some changes have been made. The new hours will be 10:00 to 4:00 on Saturday and Sunday. This will mean shorter working hours for our volunteers. The ticket price will be \$35, cash, check or credit card.

The Garden Tour is the major fundraiser for the Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center, founded by our member Betty Kilgore Gibbs, and named in honor of her father.

A ministry of Second Presbyterian Church and St. Francis Episcopal Church, the Center is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY. Funds from the Garden Tour provide scholarships for those unable to pay the full fee.

UNLIKE OTHER MISSIONS THE CHURCH SUPPORTS, THE CENTER IS NOT SUPPORTED BY ANY OTHER OUTSIDE AGENCIES.

The Kilgore Counseling Center is solely supported by our members and Sponsors. Sponsor letters have been sent out. Sponsor levels start at \$250 and up. Our goal for the 2020 Tour is \$50,000. For sponsor information contact Ann Fleming 502-553-4371 or annr leming@gmail.com. Of course, all contributions are tax deductible and greatly appreciated!

Please consider being a part of this worthwhile mission, and certainly mark your calendar for this celebratory event that should not be missed! Gardens may be viewed on our website in early March: www.kilgoregardentour.org.

Joan Gaston jgaston813@gmail.com

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As one of the tenets of progressive education, we intentionally create classroom environments of openness and acceptance, where children feel safe to take risks, try new things and see themselves as capable of just about anything without the fear of judgment. We take time to share about ourselves

and establish a sense of belonging and knowing. We share about our families, celebrate birthdays, learn about favorites, wishes and delights, and many other areas of our lives. These small moments develop into trust, belonging and community. Classrooms are microcosms of our beautiful world, a small representation of the similarities and

differences found among people. If you think about it, the health of an ecosystem depends upon the biodiversity of its species (and the level of pollution and destruction). When children practice respecting similar and different opinions and thoughts, being curious of others' cultures and traditions, honoring their own identities, and learning from and about people different than them, whether that be by age, race, ability, or gender, they experience a richness and depth to their classroom communities that have no ending.

When in a classroom, the idea of identity is very important, as it not only encompasses the "I" of the child but also the "we" of the community, very much like each of our existences as citizens in the world. In a classroom, students learn to actively listen and share, resolve conflict, engage in inquiry and discussion, and many other interpersonal skills that help us thrive in a diverse world. Another very big

weekday school

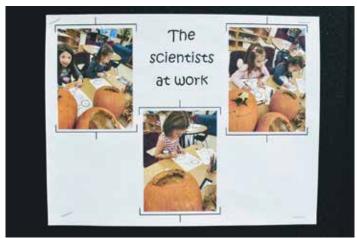
part of healthy identity development, for both the individual and the community, are the beliefs we have about ourselves and others, what we THINK we or others can or cannot do. (Remember the health of an ecosystem? This is where some of the pollution comes into our psychological environments through bias or limiting beliefs.) Our teachers strive to hold space for children's identities, viewing them as powerful, capable people full of all the connections they need to be readers, writers, scientists, musicians, dancers, problem-solvers, friends, engineers, mathematicians, speakers, listeners, artists and more, independent of age, race, gender or natural strength.

So, as you walk through the atrium, down the hallways, into the classrooms and even into the office, what sense of community continues to develop? How are children demonstrating they feel they belong? What beliefs are the children creating about themselves and each other? What kinds of healthy

risks do you see them taking, trying out new skills? What qualities and beliefs are the teachers supporting and encouraging? How are we all empowering our young citizens? These are some of the questions we will also be asking ourselves as educators as we head into our professional development in January. Our study with Highland

Presbyterian, Deb Curtis and Rukia Rogers will be devoted to looking into the messages we send children in our environment, as well as those they receive out in the world about themselves and others.

by Hayley Abell, Director of Second Presbyterian Weekday School

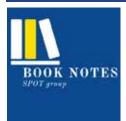


fellowship

SPOT Second Presbyterian Options Together

A small group ministry of Second Presbyterian Church

SPOT serves to unite people who share a common interest and deepen their faith in Christ through building relationships and reaching out to others.



Book Notes

Our book group meets on the first Tuesday of every month, at 10:00, in the church parlor. Please feel free to stop in anytime.



We have a great schedule for the coming year, beginning January 7, when Sharon Stern will lead our discussion on the biography of Sandra Day O'Connor, entitled *First*, written by Evan Thomas.



The February 4th meeting will feature Lynne Olson's latest book, *Last Hope Island*. It is a fascinating account of exiled leaders of European countries, escaping to Britain to organize and continue the struggle against Hitler.

Join us anytime. We faithfully support UCHM food closet. Jean O'Brien (502) 897-0950

jeanobrien502@gmail.com



Pilates

Classes are held Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the church Narthex. All you need to bring is your own Pilates mat and \$10. 9 reasons to join us for Pilates!

- 1. Improved posture
- 2. Better balance
- 3. Reduced injury risk
- 4. Increased strength
- 5. Enhanced core stability
- 6. Improved flexibility
- 7. Healthier blood
- 8. Increased mental fitness
- 9. Greater stamina

Susan Schmidt 502) 523-5934 puremovementlvl@gmail.com



Prayer Group

Everyone is invited to pray for those on our weekly prayer list on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Parlor.

Beth Haendiges (502) 895-3483 bethh@2ndpreslou.org



2nd Act

Join us for practice in the choir room on January 8 at 10 a.m.

The group will perform at the following locations in January:

- Little Sisters of the Poor on January 15, at 10 a.m.,
- The Grand Senior Living, January 22 at 10:30 a.m.
- Mercy Housing on January 29 at 11 a.m.

For more information, contact Susan Langford (502) 897-3789 toursplus@aol.com



Busy Needles

We meet three times a month; see the church calendar online for dates!
Mary Ayers (502) 429-3415 marywayers@
aol.com; Bev Wahl (502) 423-9271
bevwahl41@gmail.com



Paint SPOT

We gather on Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Youth Suite. For more information, contact Linda Wood (502) 893-3330 el.wood@twc.com



Sisters in Spirit

Sisters in Spirit will meet on January 14 at the home of Becky Lyles, 434 Blankenbaker Lane. Come join us as we discuss Chapters 5 and 6 of Liz Curtis Higgs' Bad Girls of the Bible and the stories of Delilah and Sapphira!

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m.; reply to annrfleming@gmail.com if you can attend. Bring a snack to share.



Walkers

The SPOT Walkers meet twice a month. See online calendar for dates!

Sandy Bailey (502) 429-6840 sdb1205@bellsouth.net



Dinner Groups

Dinner groups continue!

Jennifer Scott (502) 326-3145 jscott@ cabbagepatch.org



Session Highlights for December 2019

By Jennifer Ferguson, Clerk of Session

At the December 12, 2019 stated session meeting, the Session:

- Received the Clerk's Report, the Minister's Report, the Deacon's Report, the November 2019 Financial Report and various other monthly Committee Reports.
- Reviewed and approved the 2020 Ministry Action Plan (MAP), the church's budget. Income and expense estimates were discussed in detail.
- Received a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). Session then called a congregational meeting for January

- 5 after the 10:50 service for the purpose of acting on a recommendation from the APNC and to disband the APNC.
- Was informed that Sonitrol has installed the new security system and staff training on the system is being done.
- Was updated on the search to fill the Pastoral Assistant position.
- Approved January 26, 2020 as the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

A copy of the approved Minutes of Session is available in the church office.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Ferguson, Clerk of Session

Presbyterian Union A Monthly Discussion Group sponsored by Second Presbyterian & Highland Presbyterian churches



Tuesday, January 7, at 11:30 a.m.

J. Chris Bohnert
Outlook and Strategies for Investing in 2020

Mr. Bohnert consults with financial professionals on all Janus Henderson-related products and the Knowledge Labs curriculum, which offers high-impact business and life-enhancing programs. Prior to 2015, he was a wealth consultant and provided financial planning for high-net-worth families. He holds FINRA Series 7, and 66 licenses, with 23 years of experience in the Financial services industry

Where: Vincenzo's, The Courtyard Room

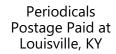
105 South 5th Street

Lunch: Buffet salad and entree, dessert, iced tea

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

Ann or Ivan Schell by 4 p.m. Monday, January 6

at adschell@bellsouth.net or (502) 894-8440





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passages

We remember in prayer...

Mark Shiflet and family on the death of Mark's father, Claude Shiflet, 12/7.

Nancy Hubbard on the death of her sister, Janice Anderson Herbert, 11/15.

Ernie Dreher on the death of his brother, Fred Dreher, 11/12.

Joe Grimes on the death of his wife, Jody Grimes, 11/10.

Kristin Leggett on the death of her father, Dr. James Harrold, 11/8.

David Seay on the death of his father, Horace Hansbourgh "Doc" Seay, Jr., 11/4.