

SECOND THOUGHTS

Sharing the
grace of God with
one another and the
world around us.

Second Presbyterian Church
Mission Statement

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"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

(1 Peter 4:10).



Dear Friends,

As I'm sure is true for many of you, I have memories of sitting down with a group of people to hammer out something called a "mission statement." The best ones are succinct, capturing the essence of an organization's purpose in a way that is easy to remember. One I often refer to is an old Domino's Pizza statement: "Fresh, hot pizza in twenty minutes or less." That says what they are about in a sentence. Often, though, mission statements are carefully crafted, then stuck on a shelf and mostly forgotten.

A couple of years ago one of our elders suggested it was time for strategic planning, thinking prayerfully about who we are as a church and where we're going. The process began with a series of meetings with the pastoral staff. Perceptions and observations were gathered and sent to session for extended discussion over a three-month period. The results were summarized and sent back to the pastoral staff. It became obvious that a broader group of conversation partners was needed, so a diverse task group was established, meeting several times. The result was a Vision Statement, a Mission Statement, and a Tag Line, approved by session.

Several clear emphases emerged from the conversations. Second makes establishing and nurturing relationships a priority. Second understands itself as a church that expresses its faith through significant connections with the wider community, working for the well-being of others. Second identifies itself as a welcoming place for people of diverse perspectives, experiences, and commitments while maintaining a unity that isn't uniformity. A summary word for all of this is "grace" – God's freely-given, unearned, and undeserved favor offered to us in Jesus that we, in gratitude and with God's help, offer to others.

We are rolling out the following statements in the coming months, including a sermon series in February exploring key aspects of the statements.

Vision Statement: We are a community of faith who, by the Holy Spirit, seeks to form, nurture, and strengthen relationships in order to share the grace of God in Jesus with the world around us.

Mission Statement: Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.

Tag Line: Sharing grace.

I look forward to upcoming conversations and the ongoing journey of living into the encompassing reality of grace.

Steve

Steve Jester is Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church



Welcome Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth

Jordan Akin was born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she grew up as a member of Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. She was a very active member of the youth group throughout school and served as a youth deacon.

After graduating from Hendrix College in 2014 with a B.A. in Religious Studies, Jordan became a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV), which is a year of service program through the PC(USA).

Her first year as a YAV was in Hollywood, California, working for People Assisting the Homeless (PATH). She then completed a second YAV year in Asheville, North Carolina, working at a YMCA conference center in Black Mountain. During the second half of her YAV year in Asheville, Jordan also served as an intern at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, working with their youth group.

Jordan was the summer Seminary Intern at Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville, in 2017. She graduated from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where she received a Masters of Divinity in May 2019. From May to August of 2019, Jordan worked as the Youth Intern at Second, and from August until January, 2020, she worked as the Interim Youth Director.

We are now happy to introduce her as Associate Pastor for Youth, following our membership's acceptance of her for that role at the January Congregational meeting.

Jordan was chosen by the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Hear what they have to say:

"She brings a desire for stronger relationships with the youth which seem to be needed as well as the ability to organize and work with all

groups within the church to be able to help us move forward with the next generation of church leaders."

- Lindsay Martin

"She is wonderful one on one with the youth. I have observed her in the confirmation class, seen her interacting with other youth. Plus I have read a number of papers she has written which show her to be well versed in our Presbyterian traditions, and know her commitment to our Savior."

- Wayne Rudloff

"Jordan's gentle spirit will be a welcome addition to our church leadership team. She's smart, thoughtful, and an excellent listener, all attributes that will serve her well in her new role."

-Kitty DeVoogd

"As Interim Youth Director, Jordan has already shown her ability to connect with the youth, think outside of the box with new ideas, and she works well with other staff members. She will be a great addition to the Second Presbyterian Youth Ministry!"

- Laura Davis

"Jordan is committed to nurturing relationships with the youth of Second Pres. She is ready to meet them where they are and to be creative in her programming to get the youth excited about their lives in the church."

- Justina Powers

"Jordan knows how to make meaningful connections. She reaches out to the youth and really makes an effort to get to know them. I can have deep and meaningful conversations with her and I really feel how much she cares. She radiates passion for ministry and all of the youth here at Second Presbyterian."

- Beatrice Roussell



"Jordan demonstrates a passion for youth ministry. She appears to make strong connections with the youth, meeting each individual where they are. Her references were impeccable and she stood out head and shoulders above other candidates."

-Jim Seiler

"The APNC searched for about 10 months before discerning to offer a terms of call to Jordan. We reviewed many candidates, both through the Presbytery database and self referrals. Further, we conducted ten phone interviews and three on-site interviews, including Jordan. Jordan has deep Presbyterian connections through which she has networked and developed strong relationships over many years. This was evident in her interviews and especially enlightening in speaking with references. All of the references that we gathered were very positive. She wanted an opportunity to lead a youth program. Jordan currently serving as the interim youth director gave us additional insight into her as the ideal candidate."

- Darren Parks



The Chenaults

World's Premiere Duo Organists

Sun., February 16

3 p.m., Sanctuary

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

Concert is free.
An offering will be taken for:



SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020, 3 P.M.

Splendor of the Baroque

Sanctuary Choir, Octet & Musicians of Second Presbyterian Church
Guest Soloists & Chamber Orchestra – Jim Rittenhouse, conductor

An afternoon highlighting the brilliance of Baroque composers, including Bach's "Komm, Jesus, Komm," Buxtehude's "Membra Jesu Nostri," and smaller works for voice and period instrumentation.



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Kentuckiana Chapter of Choristers Guild

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN MUSIC is proud to host the 2020 CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Our Chapel Choir singers join singers from all over Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee for a morning of music and worship. Everyone is invited to our Sanctuary at 12:30 p.m. to participate in the Festival Worship Service.

If you are interested in assisting our Music Committee with hosting, please contact Jodie Goldberg at 303jodie@aol.com.



Children's Choirs Schedule

Wednesday Choir Times **(Wednesdays Together)**

February 5, 12, 19 * March 4, 11, 18, 25 * April 15
(No Choir on Ash Wednesday, February 26;
Spring Break, April 1; Holy Week, April 8)

Leading Worship

Sunday, February 9, 10:50 a.m.: CAROL CHOIR
Sunday, February 23, 10:50 a.m.: CHAPEL CHOIR
Sunday, March 8, 10:50 a.m.: CHERUB CHOIR
Sunday, March 22, 10:50 a.m.: CAROL & CHAPEL
Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday), 10:50 a.m.: ALL CHOIRS

Children's Choir Celebration

Sunday, April 19

Dinner at 5 p.m. – Concert at 6 p.m.

All singers, families, and our church family are invited.

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Retelling the Christmas Story – *Storytelling rotation of Deep Blue Rotation Sunday School*



LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

MARCH 1-APRIL 5

Learning to Pray

DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON,
YOUR CHILD WILL BE LEARNING
THE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS WE
CAN TALK TO GOD

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN LENT
FOR HANDS ON LEARNING AND
SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER
PRACTICES WITHIN YOUR HOME.



Upcoming Dates

February 10

WDS Chapel at 11:15 a.m.

February 18

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

February 22

Chorister's Guild Festival (3-6th grades)
9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

February 26

Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service

March 1

Lenten Sunday School Begins

2PK
Summer
Programming

Registration
Opens
April 1, 2020



SAVE THE
DATE

Vacation Bible School
& Project Serve
9a-12p
July 13-17

Smiley Camp
9a-2p
June 15-19 & June 22-26

Encourage One Another

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Our theme for this year's youth winter retreat was "Encourage One Another." This theme comes from Hebrews, which tells us to "encourage one another to love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

This seems like a very good theme for a ski trip. Encouraging one another comes naturally out on the slopes. Being on the slopes while it snows is such a peaceful experience. People are spending time with other people. We all have multiple layers and gloves, which makes it difficult to pull out our phones. No one has their phones to interrupt the quality time. This means that our youth and adults spent a lot of quality time with one another Saturday and Sunday.

Almost half our youth who went on the trip were beginner skiers. As we were skiing around the slopes at Peek'n Peak, people were encouraging other people and helping others to be better skiers.

In our world today where there are so many expectations of us coming from so many different places, I hope our youth will remember this weekend of encouragement and continue to feel encouraged and to encourage those around them in their everyday life. Who do you need to encourage in your life? And who encourages you? May we surround ourselves with people who supports us in our everyday lives.

~ Jordan

Jordan Akin is Associate Pastor for Youth at Second Presbyterian Church.

Youth Calendar

- February 2** Café 917/ Confirmand Mentor Faith Breakfast at 9:17 a.m.
- February 4** Open Gym at 7 p.m.
- February 7-9** PYOCA Confirmation Retreat
- February 9** Café 917
- February 10** High School Girl's Bible Study 8 p.m.
- February 11** Open Gym at 7 p.m.
- February 16** Café 917
- February 18** Open Gym at 7 p.m.
- February 21** Confirmand Alternative Worship, Shabbat Service at 7 p.m.
- February 23** Café 917, Bellewood 4:30-6 p.m.
- February 25** Open Gym at 7 p.m.
- February 26** Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.



A Journey of Prayer

Lent at Second Presbyterian

*Join us
beginning
February 26*

Ash Wednesday February 26

Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Reservations by Feb. 24: CBeasley@2ndpreslou.org

Ash Wednesday Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Our service will include scriptures of lament and devotion, instrumental and congregational music, and the imposition of ashes.

formation



Presbyterian Women

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.

We will meet on Tuesday, February 11 for a study of Lesson 6 in *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* entitled "Words of Love: Hold Your Marriage Sacred" found in Exodus 20:14.

We will consider God's desires for deep and faithful family relationships. In Matthew 5:27-30, Jesus expands the Law to include impure thoughts. How do thoughts and actions impact the important relationships in our lives?

For questions/information about Presbyterian Women, please contact Amy Parker at 897-5076 (home) or amyarker158@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAYS Together



Wednesday Nights beginning at 5 p.m.



JOIN US FOR THE WORD ON WEDNESDAYS

**AT 5:45 P.M.
IN THE LIBRARY**

**WATER AND THE SPIRIT:
A STUDY OF JOHN'S
GOSPEL**

BY PASTOR STEVE

- Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall starting at 5 p.m.
- Growing Together adult class is 5:45-6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Children's Choir or Childcare is from 5:30-7 p.m.

Growing Together

February Schedule

- February 5 -Boundaries with Time Management by Janet Rittenhouse, MSSW, LMFT
- February 12 -Discussion on Boundaries
- February 19 -Family Mission Night
- February 26 -No class, Ash Wednesday Service

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MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS

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

9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall B

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

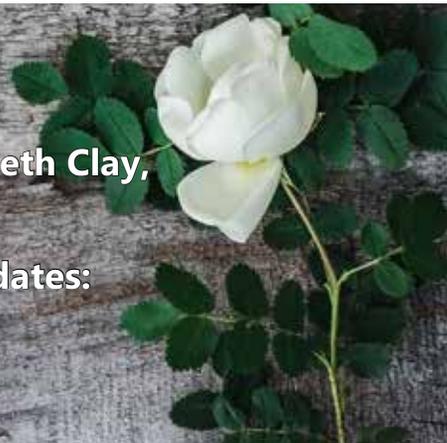
Are you interested in learning more
about 2nd Presbyterian Church?
Would you like to meet more
members? Come to the New
Member Inquiry Class!

Grief Group Meeting

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Clay,
eclay@2ndpreslou.org.

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

February 17 • March 9 • April 13 • May 11



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.

At Morning Joy, we are 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.



News From Our Busy Refugees

Our 2018 and 2019 refugees have been busy integrating themselves into the community and working on their educations. What a determined bunch!

In December, Nedal faced a job loss as his company had financial challenges and had to remove several recent hires from the rolls. Nedal immediately started planning a remedy with KRM employment specialists and on January 6, he started an application process with UPS assisted by some of Second's own members. In the meantime, our Refugee Committee was able to offer him rental assistance made possible by your financial generosity! Checks and cash for our refugee fund have arrived steadily since his arrival, and it is nice to know that we have the ability to help when needed. He has since interviewed at UPS and was scheduled to start work January 27. Meanwhile, he is also busy with classes at Jefferson Community College.

Our Congolese ladies are thriving in every aspect of their lives and busy with college classes and work.

Genereuse had hoped to attend a Bible college but was unable to get as much financial aid as needed. She is now working on a business degree at JCC. Immaculee is also at JCC working on a degree. Judith is doing clinical training for dental work. They are also working at UPS, as are other family adults. Great news from Judith - she traveled to Rwanda for two months to marry her long-time fiancé, Tite! Their wedding took place on January 4 and a picture of the happy couple accompanies this article. They are planning to work with an immigration lawyer to start Tite's application to come to the US. This will be a long process, but they are willing to make the commitment. Eventually, they will join Judith's family for lives they have long planned.

Please think about all our refugees and offer prayers for their continued successful settlement in our country. We are fortunate to know them and to help establish future citizens as they add their talents and goals to the American dream.

Refugee Committee, Mission



MISSION OF THE MONTH - February

United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) is a community ministry sponsored by 19 churches/religious institutions, businesses, and individuals within Crescent Hill, Clifton, Clifton Heights, and Butchertown for the purpose of providing vital social services to these communities and beyond.

Donations requested:

- Body wash
- Hand soap
- Deodorant
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned meats
- Shelf stable milk
- Low sugar cereals
- Dry pasta
- Spaghetti sauce



Save the Date

20th Anniversary Kilgore House & Garden Tour

May 16 & 17, 2020, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Rain or Shine

6 beautiful gardens in Indian Hills & Crescent Hill, Tickets: \$35

The Tour is a ministry of Second Presbyterian Church & St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, benefiting the Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center.

www.KilgoreCounseling.org



weekday school

the building of our collective and individual learning by sharing our knowledge, connections, questions and ideas. We are each a part of the teaching and learning taking place in our classrooms. Loris Malaguzzi, cofounder of the now famous Reggio Emilia early childhood schools in Italy, described it as this: "Learning and teaching should not stand on opposite banks and watch the river flow by; instead, they should embark together on a journey down the water. Through an active, reciprocal exchange, teaching can strengthen learning how to learn."

Lastly, John Piaget, a Swiss clinical psychologist turned educational theorist from the 1900s, wholeheartedly argued that the cultivation of the mind through experience, investigation, discovery, invention (and we would say, democracy, too) is the way to live fully in the world and be an agent of change in it. And for a child, this comes back to play and dynamic inquiry-based learning. Through play, projects and active

engagement with materials, peers and adults, children begin to discover the world, make sense of it, form understanding and interact with it more purposely. We strive for this at 2nd Pres and are always learning and growing in order to live out our philosophy in more meaningful and effective ways. We use what we have learned from those who have gone before us, as well as conduct our own teacher research about our children each day. Our teachers work at being their students' reflective guides and facilitators, supporting,

encouraging and challenging them as they cultivate new skills, build their understanding and continue to blossom as humans.



Most of us were brought up in traditional school settings, so the thought of a developmental, progressive education can feel like uncharted territory. Progressive education comes from the work and beliefs of many educational psychologists, theorists and leaders in child development. It was established by curious people who thought education could honor children's intelligence, capability and natural ways of learning, a step forward from schooling's purpose of creating future workers, as in the agrarian and industrial times. Some of these people we have learned from began their work in the 1800s, such as John Dewey, who believed that a child was not an empty vessel to be filled up by the learned, but a person fully designed to make connections that need only be drawn out through an active, constructive and reflective process. He believed doing naturally yielded thinking which resulted in learning. This is why, at 2nd Pres, we put such emphasis on providing hands-on, experiential learning for our students. Another important person in education, Maria Montessori, agreed with Dewey. She said, "What the hand does the mind remembers."

Lev Vygotsky was a Russian educational psychologist in the early 1900s who saw that community and collaboration were vital for cognitive development. His work demonstrated how humans reach new levels of learning in any area with a "more knowledgeable other" providing the right amount of scaffolding to help them make the leap. This gives us the role of teachers as facilitators of learning, striving to attend to the whole child, supporting not only our students' academic learning, but also their development as human beings. In our classrooms, we collaborate in



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.

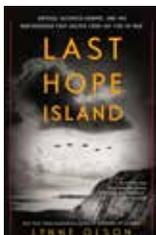


Book Notes

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

It seems everyone is talking about Lynn Olsen's book *Last*

Hope Island and that will include us on February 4. We all know a lot about WWII, but this sheds light on yet another dimension to this incredible time. Exiled leaders of European countries escaped to Britain where they continued the struggle against Hitler. Glenna Harris will lead us through it all.



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 February:

- Feb. 5, 2020 - Seneca Place, 3526 Dutchmans Lane 10 a.m.
- Feb. 12, 2020 - Legacy, 13700 English Villa, 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 19, 2020 - Nazareth Home Clifton, 2120 Payne St. 11 a.m.
- Feb. 26, 2020 - Belmont Village, 4600 Bowling Blvd. 10 a.m.
- For more information, contact Susan Langford (502) 897-3789 toursplus@aol.com



The March 3 meeting will feature a literary memoir entitled *Inheritance* written by Dani Shapiro. In our new world of Ancestry.com, 23andme.com, and others, "you may discover things about yourself and/or your family members that may be upsetting."

We will discuss the writer's search for answers to her questions. Linda Wood has chosen this for us.

Join us anytime. We faithfully support UCHM food closet. Jean O'Brien (502) 897-0950 jeanobrien502@gmail.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



Walkers

The SPOT Walkers meet twice a month. February 5 and 19.

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



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.

Susan Schmidt (502) 523-5934 puremovementlv@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



Sisters in Spirit

Curl up with Liz Curtis Higgs' *Bad Girls of the Bible* and plan to join us on Tuesday, February 11, to discuss Chapter 7. We will meet at Jennifer Scott's at 7 p.m. to learn why Rahab was "Bad for a season, but not forever." Each chapter is

independent so don't feel overwhelmed

EXCITING NEWS!! Author Liz Curtis Higgs will be joining our group on March 10!! For this event, we really would like a good turnout, but we need an idea of headcount so we can plan the location appropriately. Please check your calendar and let Ann Fleming (annrfleming@gmail.com) know if you can join us for this special event.



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.

Presbyterian Union

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

Tuesday, February 4, at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Suzanne Meeks

The Pillars of Brain Health



Dr. Meeks has worked at the University of Louisville for nearly 32 years. She conducts research on mental health and aging. She currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief of *The Gerontologist*, a multidisciplinary journal dedicated to research and scholarship on aging and care for older people.

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

RSVP: Ann or Iuan Schell by 4 p.m. Monday, February 3
at adschell@bellsouth.net or (502) 894-8440



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passages

We remember in prayer...

Ed Wilson and his family on the death of Jean Wilson on 1/20/20.

The Treitz family on the death of John Treitz, who died on 1/11/20.

George Sanderlin on the death of his mother, Ann Sanderlin, 1/6/20.

Ken Coulter on the death of his father, Kenneth Coulter, 1/4.

Doug Owen, Jr. and his family on the death of his brother, David Owen, 1/2/20.

Steve Miller and his family on the death of his mother, Martha Miller, 12/25/19.

Cindy Harris and her family on the death of Cindy's mother, Janet Leighton Glidden, 12/18/19.