

SECOND THOUGHTS

A monthly reflection on the ministries of Second Presbyterian Church of Louisville



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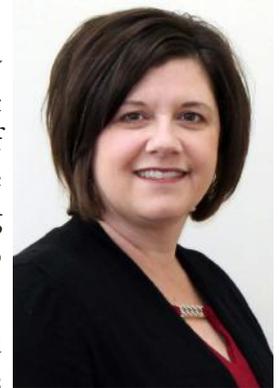
Our Mission:

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

On December 31st, we bid farewell to our Director of Children’s Ministries, Lorie Williamson, as she moves to a new position at Kentucky Opera. Here is an excerpt of Lorie’s farewell letter to the congregation and a thank you from the Children’s Committee.

Dear Second Pres. Family,

It is with prayerful consideration that I announce my decision to resign as Director of Children’s Ministries at Second Presbyterian Church... Like a large majority of the rest of the world, the pandemic has allowed for time to reassess priorities and contemplate change. This, along with personal realizations regarding family, has led me to the decision to step away from my position...



I want to thank the members and my fellow staff at Second for allowing me to serve in such a kind and generous congregation, for allowing me the opportunity to grow both personally and professionally and for the support in both areas over the last four years. I will miss the camaraderie of my fellow staff who I enjoy so very much. I will miss the parents who trust me with their children and who are such a great help in so many ways. Mostly, I will miss the children who brightened my days with their questions, ideas, brutally honest truths, smiles and hugs.

Thank you for allowing me to grow, serve and do life with you.

*In Christ,
 Lorie Williamson*

from Lindsay Martin Cook, Moderator of the Children’s Committee

On behalf of the Children’s Committee, I would like to wish Lorie well. Lorie has been a large part of moving our Children’s Ministry forward, thinking about how we reach our families in an ever-changing environment. I can remember the Wednesdays together where it seemed like there were so many incoming little ones that it took several adults to keep them moving in the same direction. Then, to think what fellowship and learning looks like when we are not in person. To now, sharing grace with our families who are in all different spaces around being back together. Lorie’s leadership and community-building will be missed. We are very excited for her and the opportunity that this brings for her. It will be a time of transition for us as we all navigate what it looks like without her and with everything else going on in the world around us.

During this time of transition, please reach out to the Children’s Committee with questions around Children’s Ministry activities.

We wish her well and great success in her future endeavors.

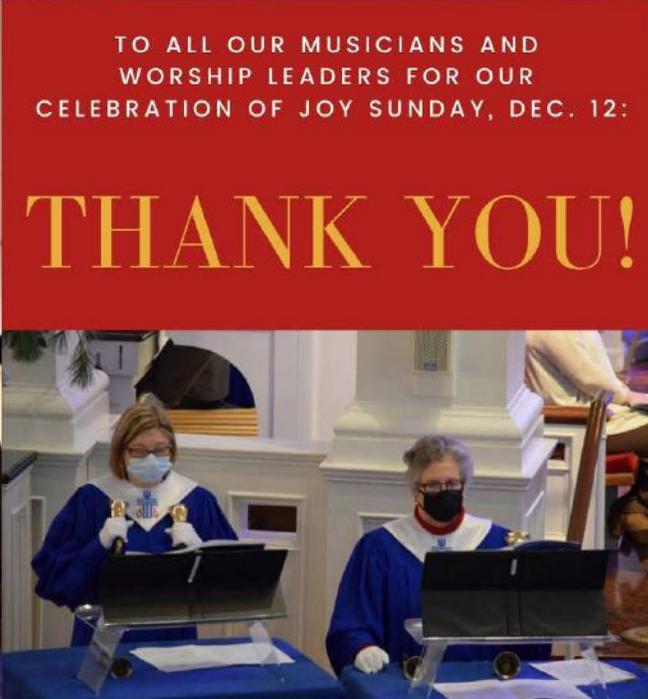
Children’s Committee

Worship & Music



TO ALL OUR MUSICIANS AND
WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OUR
CELEBRATION OF JOY SUNDAY, DEC. 12:

THANK YOU!





Splendor of the Baroque

*Sunday, March 13, 2022 * 3 p.m.*

*Sanctuary Choir, Octet, & Musicians of
Second Presbyterian Church with Guest Soloists*

Baroque Chamber Ensemble

Alice Culin-Ellison, concertmaster

Jim Rittenhouse, conductor

*Works of Bach, Buxtehude, Purcell, Schutz and others
performed with period instrumentation, a professional 16-voice
chamber choir, and the Sanctuary Choir.*

*Concert is free.
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Adult Formation

Zoom links to adult education programs can be found in *Seconds to Go*.
You may also contact the church office: cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org or 502-895-3483.

Morning Joy

The winter session of Morning Joy, our Thursday morning Bible study, gets underway on January 13th at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Steve Jester will lead the study—"Challenging Teachings of Jesus"—focusing on teachings from all four Gospels that stretch us and push us to grow as Christ's disciples. Participants can attend in-person in the Fellowship Hall where masks are strongly encouraged or they can attend virtually via Zoom. All are welcome!

Biblical Studies

The class is led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr. and meets in-person on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 252. If interested in receiving the announcements or emails, whether or not you are a regular member, please email Dr. Ostling at lingjr@twc.com. This fall, the class will be dealing mainly with seeing how the New Testament reflects the multiple Jesus movements in the first 200 years of the Common Era.

Pathways

Led by Elizabeth Clay, the Pathways class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall A and via Zoom. Pathways is a group of folks who enjoy thinking and talking about life, faith, the Bible, and the intersection of the three. Please come join us!

Reading the Bible

Dr. Marty Soards of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary leads this class on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor and on Zoom. We will be studying Romans 15–16. In these two chapters the Apostle Paul discusses personal issues and the life of the Roman Christian community in ways that provide theological insight into the life of the early church and to Paul's understanding of God's work in and through Jesus Christ and, in turn, Christian life. If interested in joining, or if you have any questions, please email marion.soards@att.net.

Film Fellowship

The Film Fellowship group will meet on Monday, January 10 at 7–8:30 p.m. We will discuss Roland Joffé's *The Mission*, a riveting 1986 British historically-inspired period drama in which 18th-century Spanish Jesuits try to protect a remote South American tribe in danger of falling under the rule of pro-

slavery Portugal. It recounts the true story of two men, a man of the sword (Robert De Niro) and a man of the cloth (Jeremy Irons). It won the Cannes Film Festival Palme d'Or and the Academy Award for Best Cinematography, and its score maintains the top spot in the Classic 100: Music in the Movies (listen to its main theme "Gabriel's Oboe" on YouTube). Join us and ring in the New Year as you enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and good fellowship.

2nd Sunday

2nd Sunday is for parents of children from birth through teenage years. The class meets on the second Sunday of each month and deals with issues facing young parents trying to raise faithful children in this tumultuous and ever-changing world. Class members share experiences and ideas, to help each other find ways to make God the center of our families, led by moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell.

Our next session is January 9 at 9:45 a.m. in Rm 251. Childcare will be provided.

Sisters in Spirit

Please join SIS at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday evening, January 11 at Nancy Dudley Ostertag's home as we begin 2022 with our new selection *The Good Life* by Dr. Derwin Gray.

Kindly respond if you plan to join us. Thank you. Please RSVP to Selina Costley at sjc@iglou.com.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, is leading an overview of the Life Together Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In his book Bonhoeffer discusses practices of personal prayer, worship in common, work and service to others. Specific topics/readings are assigned each week.

Children & Youth



The annual Pop-up Christmas Pageant was a special time where all the children who attended the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve worship service were able to participate with a prop as the Christmas story was narrated.



Above: All the children who participated in the Pop-up Christmas Pageant join the tableaux as Mary & Joseph, animals, angels, and shepherds.

Left: The Hughes family: Brandon, Elizabeth, Evelyn, Nolan, and William lit the Christ Candle at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.



The 2PY Christmas Party on December 12 at Ella Duane's house was so much fun! The youth enjoyed fellowship while exchanging white elephant gifts, sharing a meal, and stuffing stockings for the teenage boys at Bellewood.

2PY Calendar of Events

Jan. 2	Sit in 11 a.m. Worship	Jan. 14-17	2PY Winter Retreat at Peek'n' Peak
Jan. 4	Open Gym 7-9 p.m.	Jan. 16	2PY/ Faith Formation at 10:45 a.m.
Jan. 9	2PY/ Faith Formation resumes at 10:45 a.m. and Peek'n' Peak Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in FH after congregational meeting	Jan. 18	Open Gym 7-9 p.m.
Jan. 11	Open Gym 7-9 p.m.	Jan. 23	2PY/ Faith Formation at 10:45 a.m. and Confirmation Mentor Faith Lunch at 12:15 p.m. in FH
Jan.13	HS Girls' Bible Study at 8 p.m. @ Lyles'	Jan. 25	Open Gym 7-9 p.m.
		Jan. 30	2PY/Faith Formation at 10:45 a.m.

PEEK'N PEAK MEETING

January 9th,
12:30 p.m.

In Fellowship Hall
after worship

Trip Dates:
Jan. 14-17th



SUNDAY, 01/23/2022

MENTOR FAITH LUNCH

12:15 P.M. IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Parents' NIGHT OUT

January 22
5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$15 per child, \$25 Family Cap

Pack a dinner and have the kiddos (birth–5th grade) join us for a fun filled night of crafts, gym time, story telling and more!

Contact Amy Heckmann—aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org—by Monday, January 17 with questions and to reserve your spot!

WEDNESDAYS Together

resumes January 12
5–7 p.m. every week

Dinner at 5:00 p.m., followed by children's choirs (ages 3 y.o.–5th grade) & interactive Bible study led by the pastors for adults. RSVP required for dinner: email cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org by Mondays at noon.



Care for the Caregiver

Are you helping a loved one with impairments related to aging, disability, or a mental disorder? Are you taking care of someone who has a chronic illness, managing medications, or taking care of household chores, meals, healthcare for someone who cannot perform these tasks alone? If you answered yes to any of these, then you are a caregiver.

Caregivers hold it all together or have the overwhelming feeling that they must hold it together because no one else can. Caring

for your loved one can lead to isolation, depression, chronic health issues, and poor quality of life. The Deacons here at Second see how important it is to support its members who hold the role of caregiver.

The caregiver support group meets the second Monday of each month at 4 p.m. These remote monthly Zoom meetings provide resources, education, guest speakers, and a safe space for support and assistance in finding solutions to the challenges of caregiving.

If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact the office or reach out to Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org, or Deacon Cathy Hollander.

Mission

Our mission of the month is The Healing Place

The Healing Place continues to be a beacon of hope to those women and men hopelessly addicted to drugs and alcohol. It serves a million meals yearly and has room to care for 1,000 clients across 3 campuses. There is no charge to clients and the majority remain there for at least 8–9 months before they are able to return to society. Everyone has a job to keep the facility running making the overhead only \$33 a day per client to be in the program. There is a long-term recovery program, detox, VA program, department of corrections program, intensive outpatient program (which provides free housing), sober living, aftercare programs, long-term overnight programs, homeless outreach program, and housing contracts for people who need it.



THE HEALING PLACE

Needed items include self-care items such as **deodorant, shampoo, toiletries, shaving, hygiene, etc.** Please mark if your bag is for males or females. Since clients are outdoors walking to classes anything to help keep them warm in the cold would be well used: **gloves, hats, coats, and scarves** would all be great. Thanks for your generosity!



Dear Second friends,

God is good. All the time, God is good! Your generosity shined bright this year for the families of The Cabbage Patch. Because of your generosity, 20 families had gifts to open and a special meal on the table. They each know that they are loved by God!

Your generosity met our \$20,000 goal! We stand amazed and deeply humbled every year when we meet our goal because of your generosity. You have made a profound difference in the lives of at-risk children this Christmas season.

On behalf of each child and parent of The Patch, thank you! *The Cabbage Patch Christmas Basket Team*

Relief for Western Kentucky: Second is collecting donations to help our brothers and sisters in Western Kentucky after the devastating tornadoes in December. If you would like to contribute, you can donate by check by writing “Disaster Relief” in the memo section, or online at our Giving page: 2ndpreslou.org/giving.

First Presbyterian Church, Mayfield, KY, photo c/o Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



Kilgore Garden Tour News

The Kilgore Garden Tour Committee is excited to welcome Janet Davis, who will be working with Bonnie Stone as Co-Chair of the 22nd Annual Kilgore Garden Tour. The event is scheduled for June 11 and 12, 2022. Seven gardens will be on the Tour, with one home open for touring.

Thank you to those that have agreed to be Sponsors, but we certainly need more! Letters have gone out to loyal supporters, with \$25,000 already received! We encourage all who believe in the value of counseling to join in contributing to this event. Our goal is \$50,000. If you are interested, the sponsorship begins at \$250 and can be sent to the Center at any time during the year. The committee is in need of **raffle** items. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Janet Davis at 502-592-2915 or Bonnie Stone at 860-490-6247.



The Garden Tour is the major fund-raising event for the Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center, a mission partner of Second Presbyterian Church, founded by our member Betty Kilgore Gibbs. **No one is turned away.** For information, or if you're interested in being listed in the tour program as a sponsor, please call Ann Fleming at 502-553-4371.

Pictured Right: For 2 weeks over Christmas, Pastors Jose and Flor, our mission partners from the Tres Rios community in Costa Rica, visited us. They shared meals, fellowship, and toured Louisville with several of our members. This visit was a festive dream come true for all parties involved! On January 2, the couple led our Sunday School hour by sharing their testimonies explaining the meaning of our communal relationship. Pastor Jose emphasized that this trip helped further his pastoral identity in enabling him to see congregations and religious non-profits in different contexts. Due to Second's support in Tres Rios, the local church is able to teach the Tres Rios community God's tangible love through feeding, funding, and serving this community. The support our church has given has made a positive, powerful impact on Tres Rios. This is a witness to our congregation's mission of Sharing grace with our international brothers and sisters.

from the Refugee Committee



The Amiri Family



Rika & Mahboba



In this season of hope and new beginnings, Afghanistan refugee resettlement efforts continue. 45,000 evacuees were housed in temporary housing sites across the U.S in November, awaiting permanent homes. Presbyterian communities are helping with the resettlement effort. PC(USA) recently featured an update on our sponsorship of the Amiri family in the news article, "From Kabul to Exit 9," on their website (www.pcusa.org/news/2021/12/16/kabul-exit-9/).

On December 13th, Second welcomed our second Afghan family, Rika and Mahboba, to Louisville. Mother and daughter arrived safely, co-sponsored through Ky Refugee Ministries. We welcomed them at the airport with helping hands and a warm meal. Since arriving, they have been learning the bus routes and grocery stores and enjoying neighborhood walks. ESL classes begin soon. The pictures with this article show them shopping at Kroger and figuring out currency. They look forward to learning more about Louisville and meeting friends.

Watch for updates as Rika and Mahboba move through their stages of assimilation into our community. They will have much to contribute!

Your Refugee Team



Hope & Healing While Grieving



Our culture puts a great emphasis on being happy and joyful. During the holiday season, this is particularly true. Sometimes we need to be able to acknowledge to ourselves and others that we aren't feeling joyous, especially during the holidays.

Hope and Healing While Grieving is a safe place for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet at 11:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org, if you have questions or are interested in joining.

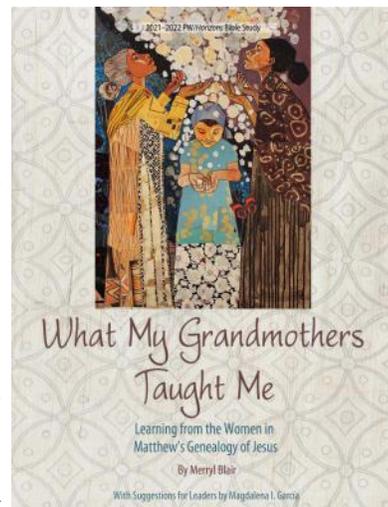


Presbyterian Women of Second

Due to the recent rise in Covid-19 cases, Presbyterian Women of Second will not meet at the Church in January. We hope to be able to resume meeting in February.

Our December meeting was a welcome opportunity for fellowship, study, and prayer. Thanks to all who contributed to the United Crescent Hill Ministries Christmas Connection! UCHM is grateful for our generosity in bringing a little happiness for their clients during this blessed holiday season.

The 21–22 Horizons Bible study “What My Grandmothers Taught Me” by Merryl Blair explores the women in the lineage of Jesus. The title of Lesson 5 is “Ruth and Redemption”, Ruth 3 and 4. At the end of Lesson 4, Ruth and Naomi find themselves in Bethlehem. Hoping to find more security for Ruth, Naomi encourages her to seek out Boaz, as her go’el “redeemer”, to redeem, or restore, the family heritage. Obedient Ruth goes to Boaz. Boaz recognizes her faithfulness to her husband’s family and calls her ishah chayil or “worthy wife.” The child of Ruth and Boaz is named Obed, meaning “servant.” In the women’s song of praise, the child born to Naomi’s daughter-in-law becomes the redeemer, restorer of the family. The story of Ruth illustrates God working through ordinary women and men, with all their faults and failings, for extraordinary purposes. The end of the Book of Ruth points towards King David.



Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky is preparing our 2022 Annual Spring Gathering to be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church with a Youtube option available. The theme will be “Together, again!”, and our speaker will be Rev. Cheri Harper, Global Missions Coordinator for Presbyterian Women Worldwide.

presbyterianwomen.org website has opportunities to order the Horizons Study book, subscribe to the Horizons Magazine, and find information about Presbyterian Women in God’s world.

May we keep those among us in our prayers, and may the love of Christ and the joy of our friendships be with you, now, as always, In Christ,

Amy Parker, *Moderator* — amyparker158@hotmail.com (502) 897-5076

For Your Information Session Highlights

We are grateful to Sandy Bailey, who has agreed to step in as Interim Clerk of Session as Sharon Clark recovers from injuries sustained in a fall at home. Thank you, Sandy!

From the December 16, 2021 meeting:

- A letter of resignation was received from Lorie Williamson as Director of Children’s Ministry at Second Presbyterian Church. Lorie’s last day will be December 31, 2021. Session members applauded Lorie for her 4 years of service and expressed much gratitude for her work at Second.
- A motion was approved to name Tom Tyrrell as Assistant Treasurer of the Finance Committee
- The Long-Range Planning Committee will meet after Christmas to produce a job description for a third pastor that they will recommend to the Personnel Committee
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 30, 2022. The 3 main items to be addressed are: (1) presentation of the annual budget, (2) ministers’ terms of call, and (3) statistics for the past year
- A Called Congregational Meeting will be January 9, 2022 for the purpose of electing the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

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

Sharon Clark, *Clerk of Session*



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

We welcome all readers and people who love to read. Happy reading!

For information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact: Larry Sloan at larry.sloan@yahoo.com Susanne Wright at sjwright@iglou.com.



2nd Act

2nd Act is back!! This singing ministry reassembled in December to Christmas carol to people who have not been able to get out recently. It was a joyful experience for the 2nd Act members as well as the recipients of many of our beloved carols!! We will be back together on each Wednesday morning at 10:30 to rehearse (again) our show of crooner tunes in hopes that we will soon be able to present it to nursing facilities! If you like to sing and enjoy the fellowship of others, please consider joining this ministry group!! Come check us out and you will not regret it!! For more information in the meantime, contact Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.



Walkers

To learn about the program, please contact Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com. New walkers are encouraged to join.



Pilates

Susan Schmidt (502) 523-5934
puremovementvl@gmail.com



Dinner Groups

Dinner groups are currently on hiatus. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



Paint SPOT

The group is back painting on Thursdays at Second. Contact Linda Wood for more information, (502) 893-3330 el.wood@twc.com.



Busy Needles

To learn more about Busy Needles, please contact Mary Ayers, (502) 429-3415 or marywayers@aol.com; or Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com.

A Note from Stewardship

If you would like to donate to the church using stock, transfer instructions have changed. Please provide the following information:

Your Name

Stock Information

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Please contact Jackie Grimley in the office at jgrimley@2ndpreslou.org or call 502.895.3483 so she can keep an eye out for your donation, or if you have any questions.



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passages

We remember in prayer...

Rebecca Brown and her family on the death of her father, Ferry Darrell Jackson, 12/21/21.

Brad Williamson and his family on the death of his father, William "Bill" Williamson, 12/16/21.

Susan Schmidt and her family on the death of her husband, Steve, 12/14/21.

Kelly Seiler and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Nick Strong, 12/10/21.

Priss Hovious and her family on the death of her father, Nelson D. Rodes Jr., 12/01/21.

The family and friends of Bill Brittain on his death, 11/21/21.

Jean Herp and her family on the loss of her Aunt, Betsy Grey, 11/19/2021.

Charlie Castner and his family on the death of his brother, Henry Castner, 11/19/21.