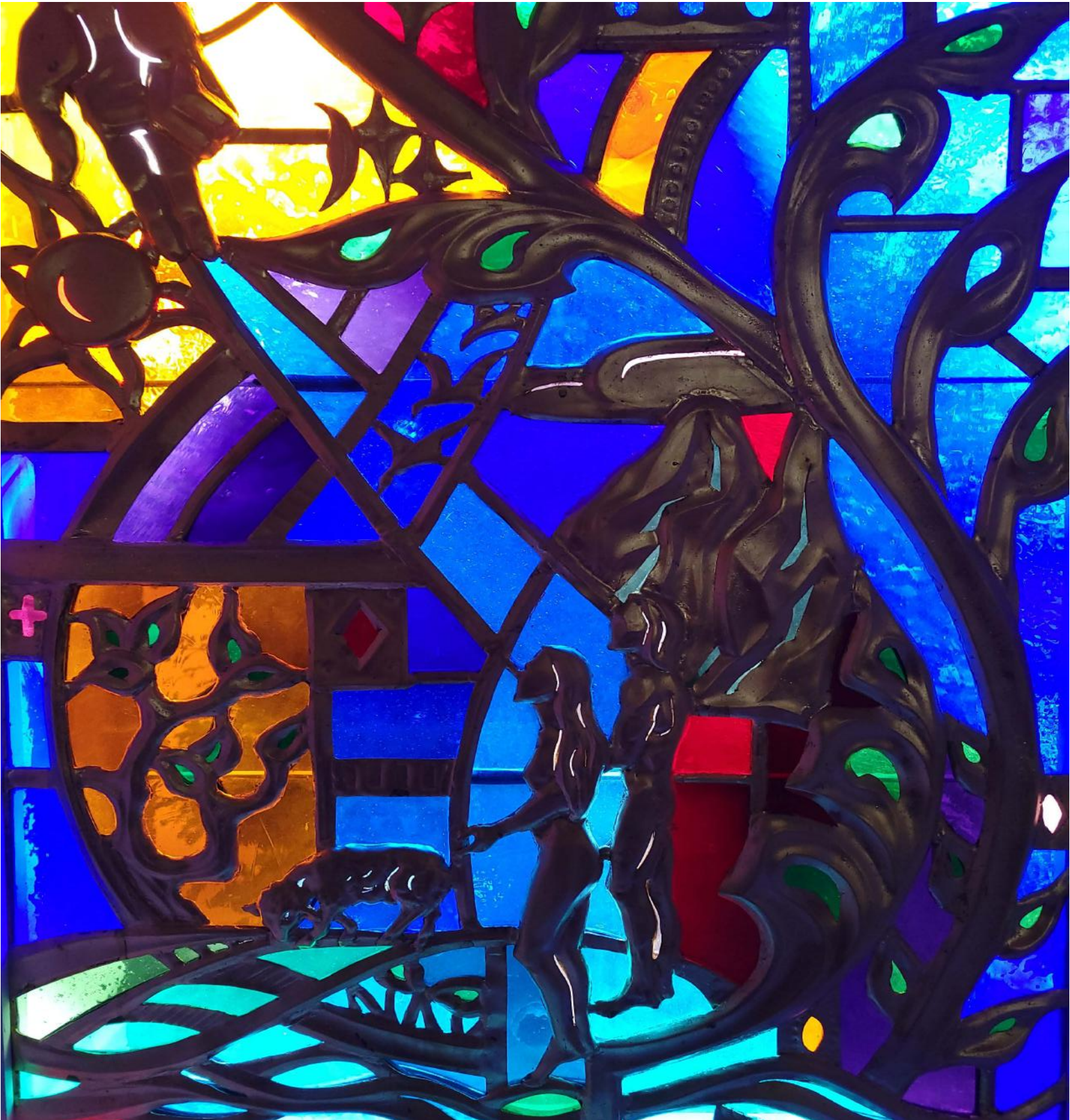


# SECOND THOUGHTS

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



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Dear friends,

For some reason, after school one day, I wandered over to our school’s baseball field. It wasn’t much to look out, just a wire backstop with a few wooden benches. I sat on the front row just behind home plate. That game turned out to be one of the most impressive athletic displays I’ve ever seen.



My high school was playing a high school from Houston in a playoff game. The pitcher for that team was a kid named Roger Clemens. You may know that he went on to become one of the most effective pitchers in the history of baseball. That day he pitched a no-hitter against our team. Our pitcher threw a one-hitter, but that base runner, as he was attempting to steal second base, benefitted from a throwing error and he came all the way around to score. It was a 1-0 final score.

I thought of that day this week as Roger Clemens’ bid for induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame was denied, mainly because of his proven use of PEDs (performance enhancing drugs). I remember the incredible grace, control, and power of his pitches that overwhelmed our hitters. I remember the absolute focus of a kid his age and knowing that he was special. And I wonder what happened to him along the way that led to his decision to cheat, to gain an advantage over others whatever it took and whoever it hurt.

All of us make mistakes. All of us have within us the tendency to make ourselves the center of the universe and place our wants and needs before those of others. We used to call that sin! We’re all in the same boat. We are loved, accepted, made whole only by the amazing grace of God in Jesus Christ. Even so, in response to such grace we are called to a way of life that recognizes our dependency on God and others, that honors our bodies and those of others and that seeks the good of other people before our own. Our words and our actions are to be consistent with the values and priorities of Jesus, which is another way of speaking of integrity.

I wonder if Roger ever recognized the incredible gifts he had been given. I wonder if somebody told him and showed him that he was a precious child of God and didn’t need to be better than everyone else in order to be special. I wonder if he ever heard about the dangers of greed and how the false gods of success and fame never quite deliver what we need most. I wonder if he ever figured out that what matters most in life isn’t defeating others but being in relationship with others, giving and receiving respect and care. I sometimes wonder the same about myself.

In a recent sermon I referred to an idea that came from St. Augustine and his interpreters, “You are what you love.” We are shaped by what we value most, by our priorities, by our vision of what is true, and—to use the language of our current sermon series—by our understanding of “the good life.” Every day, whether we are a legendary baseball star or simply a legend in our own mind, we make decisions based on what we give our hearts to, and shapes the kind of person we become. Our calling and our hope is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and strength, to give ourselves to the God of love made known to us in Jesus.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Steve

# The Good Life

Sermon Series continues through  
February 20 in our Worship

Feb. 6: Luke 10:38-42 - *with musical guest, Jamie Monck, guitar*

Feb. 13: John 11 - *with musical guest, Kathy Karr, flute*

Feb. 20: Matthew 6:7-14 - *with musical settings of "The Lord's Prayer"*

## Transfiguration Sunday Worship

February 27 \* 8:30 & 11 a.m.

MUSICAL GUESTS: JIM & NICHOLAS RECKTENWALD

Ash Wednesday, March 2

Worship, 6:30 p.m.

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



# Music

Our final **Concert Series** event of the year is the *Splendor of the Baroque* program that was originally scheduled for March of 2020. We are thrilled to offer this resurrected program on **March 13th at 3:00 p.m.** with many of the original musicians who were to play two years ago, such as Bourbon Baroque's Alice Culin-Ellison, who will join Second's Octet and Sanctuary Choir, and a number of wonderful local performers. Besides excerpts from Bach's superb cantatas for choir and orchestra, the program will feature portions of Buxtehude's monumental Passion-tide meditation, *Membra Jesu nostri*, works by Castello, Hildegard von Bingen, Handel, Purcell, and Schütz, anchored by Bach's sublime motet for double-choir: *Komm, Jesu, komm*.

Immediately following, we kick off our second annual **Lenten Recital Series**. These half-hour-long programs are held on four **Thursdays between March 17–April 7, beginning at noon**, and are followed by a light catered lunch. Lunch for our first performance on March 17th will be provided by Paul's Deli. You may also bring your own meal, but if you would like to order one, they are \$10 and must be reserved by emailing [slibra@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:slibra@2ndpreslou.org) by the preceding Monday at noon.

## Calendar of Musical Events

### MARCH

13 Concert Series: Splendor of the Baroque, 3:00 p.m.

17 Lenten Series: na Skylark Irish trio, 12:00 p.m.

na Skylark, which loosely means "the Skylark" in Irish, is a Central-Kentucky-based trio that shares the rich beauty of ancient traditional Celtic music through voice, Irish harp, Irish uilleann pipes, Irish fiddle, Irish whistles, flutes, Irish bodhran, and a little Appalachian mountain dulcimer for good measure.

Wherever this little trio goes, na Skylark charms and moves audiences in a big way. The group's "Old Ceol" recording was named one of the best new recordings of 2017 by the Celtic Connections radio show, and na Skylark's music can also be heard on various Celtic and folk music podcasts, as well as in live venues and festivals around the Eastern half of the U.S.

24 Lenten Series: Bach Organ Music, 12:00 p.m.

Samuel Libra, Organist at Second Presbyterian Church, commemorates Johann Sebastian Bach's 272nd birthday with a variety of organ music performed on Second's fine Casavant organ. Perhaps the finest composer to ever write for the organ, Bach's music speaks to the soul through his favorite instrument. Featured works to include the "Dorian" Toccata in D-minor and chorale preludes "Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele" and "O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig."

31 Lenten Series: Zach Klobnak, organist, 12:00 p.m.

Zach Klobnak is College Organist and Instructor of Music at Centre College in Danville, KY. Dr. Klobnak is a graduate of Luther College in Iowa and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is an active recitalist, a member of the American Guild of Organists and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, and studied French organ literature and design in Paris and in the Alps region of France.

### APRIL

7 Lenten Series: Jason Steigerwalt, baritone, 12:00 p.m.

Jason Steigerwalt of Second's professional choral Octet joins Organist Samuel Libra in sacred works for baritone and keyboards, including excerpts from Antonín Dvořák's meditations on the Psalms, *Biblical Songs*. Jason has an active career in both Germany and the United States, recently performing Handel's *Messiah* and *Saul*, Saint-Saens *Oratorio de Noel*, and Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*. He made his Carnegie Hall solo debut under Ton Koopman in Handel's *Dettingen Te Deum*. A graduate of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and Susquehanna University, he received fellowships at the Carmel and Oregon Bach Festivals.

### MAY

20, 24, & 26 Derby City Chamber Music Festival *details forthcoming*

 Livestreamed concerts can be found on our YouTube channel: [2ndPresLou](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ndPresLou) 



# *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.  
An offering will be  
taken to benefit:*



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# Children

## PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MEET UP

Saturday, February 12  
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



All families with children age 3 and younger are invited to meet for a time of fellowship and play in the gym. Please enter through door #1(ITP) For more info, contact Diana Jester at [djester1101@twc.com](mailto:djester1101@twc.com).

## 2PK SUMMER PROGRAMMING — SAVE THE DATE

### SMILEY CAMP

June 13-17, June 20-24

### VBS & PROJECT SERVE

July 11-15

### WILLOW ART CAMP

May 31- June 3 & August 1-5



For more information, email Chelsea Beasley [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org)

February 19  
5 - 8:30 p.m.

## Parent's Night Out

\$15 per child  
\$25 Family Cap

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!

Birth - 5th grade. Spaces are limited, reservations are a must.

Contact Amy Heckmann—[aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org)—by Monday, February 14 with questions and to reserve your spot!

## WEDNESDAYS

### Together

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](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org) by Mondays at noon.

## YOUTH WORSHIP ARTS

6TH-12TH GRADERS

## Winter session begins Jan. 30!

12 p.m for lunch; Session at 12:15 in Youth Suite  
LUNCH \* WORSHIP \* GUITAR LESSONS \* DRUMMING  
SPOKEN WORD \* WORSHIP CRAFTS

Ricky Case, Jim Rittenhouse, Lindsay Cook, leaders

## Strength in Numbers

When I first came on the Second Pres ski trip during my sophomore year, I knew nothing about skiing. After going through ski school, I wasn't entirely sure if I liked it or not. Turning felt counterintuitive, going fast made me think I was going to crash, and when I did crash, it seemed like I always ended up with snow up my shirt or down my sleeves. However, I kept at it. By the end of the two days of skiing, I had left the bunny slopes behind and was able to keep up with my peers. Their encouragement had pushed me to believe in myself.

This year, as one of the oldest kids on the trip, I arrived much more confident in myself, and my experience two years prior made me much more confident in my skiing abilities. However, that confidence didn't make up for a lack of skill. Skiing through the forests in-between the actual slopes, I found myself falling behind everyone else. They were more experienced than me, but I also felt constantly encouraged by them. I don't just mean words of affirmation, either. Whenever I fell down and was left behind with nobody to vocally encourage me, merely my desire to keep up with them is what pushed me forwards.

That is where I think "strength in numbers" is the strongest: in our desire to be with others. Encouragement makes us more confident, sure. But the true display of character lies in what we will do to belong, to be counted on as one of the numbers.

*Sam Powers, reflecting on the 2PY ski trip to Peak'n Peak  
(seen in picture to the right on left side of photo)*



### 2PY Calendar of Events

Feb. 1	Open Gym 7-9 p.m.	Feb. 13	2PY/ Faith Formation at 10:45 a.m.
Feb. 3	HS girls' Bible study, 8 p.m.	Feb. 15	Open Gym 7-9 p.m.
Feb. 5	Confirmation Retreat 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Feb. 20	2PY/ Faith Formation at 10:45 a.m.
Feb. 6	Sit in 11 a.m. Worship	Feb. 22	Open Gym 7-9 p.m.
Feb. 8	Open Gym 7-9 p.m.	Feb. 27	2PY/ Faith Formation at 10:45 a.m. and Confirmation Mentor Faith Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

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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](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org) or 502-895-3483.

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## Morning Joy

The winter session of Morning Joy, our Thursday morning Bible study continues on Thursday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Steve Jester leads 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!

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## 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](mailto:lingjr@twc.com). This winter, 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.

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## 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!

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## 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](mailto:marion.soards@att.net).

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## Film Fellowship

The next Film Fellowship gathering will be on Monday, February 7th at 7–8:30 p.m. We will discuss Martin Scorsese's epic religious drama, *The Last Temptation of Christ*, adapted from Nikos Kazantzakis' controversial 1955 novel of the same

name. The film features an impressive array of actors, including Willem Dafoe, Harvey Keitel, Barbara Hershey, Harry Dean Stanton and . . . David Bowie! It depicts the life of Jesus Christ and his struggle with forms of temptation including doubt, reluctance and lust. Roger Ebert, who included the film in his list of "Great Movies," noted that it "paid Christ the compliment of taking his message seriously...Here he is flesh and blood, struggling, questioning, asking himself and his father which is the right way, and finally, after great suffering, earning the right to say, on the cross, 'It is accomplished.'" Join us online for a for a stimulating and challenging conversation about this controversial film! Our February gathering will take place on Zoom only. Contact Karen Hadley ([hadley@louisville.edu](mailto:hadley@louisville.edu)) for questions or concerns.

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## 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 February 13 at 9:45 a.m. in Rm 251 and via Zoom. Childcare will be provided.

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## Sisters in Spirit

Please join Sisters in Spirit at Jeanne Curtis's home Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 to continue study of Derwin Gray's book *The Good Life*. Chapters three/four will be discussed.

You can find Jeanne's address and a Zoom link in *Seconds to Go* in early February.

Kindly respond if you plan to join us. Thank you. Please RSVP to Selina Costley at [sjc@iglou.com](mailto:sjc@iglou.com).

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## 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.

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# Mission

## Mission of the Month: United Crescent Hill Ministries

Below is a list of canned food and hygiene items most needed for the UCHM food pantry. Please drop off in the mission closet during church office hours or on Sundays. Thank you!

### Food Items Needed

- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Tomato sauce
- Peanut butter
- Macaroni and cheese
- Soups

### Personal Care Items Needed

- Hand soap/ dish soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Laundry detergent
- Toilet paper



*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](https://2ndpreslou.org/giving).

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

## Kilgore Garden Tour News

During the regular church service on January 16, 2022, the congregation honored Emily Willingham for her many years of service to the church, but mainly for her activity in securing flowers for the sanctuary every week for over eight years. What they missed, and what many folks don't know, is that over twenty years ago, as a member of the Board of the Kilgore Counseling Center, Emily came up with the idea of having a GARDEN TOUR to raise money to support the Center.

The rest, as they say, is history. Over the years the event has grown to be the Premier Garden Tour in Louisville. Thanks to enthusiastic gardeners who love sharing their hard work, many of whom are 2nd Pres members, and hundreds of volunteers, most of whom are 2nd Pres members, the tour has raised thousands of dollars to support the Center. Beginning as a Board activity of members of 2nd Pres and St. Francis Episcopal Church, co-sponsor of the Center, the event has grown to encompass the entire Louisville community.

Working with the Master Gardeners of Louisville we are able to have a member in each garden to answer questions. Thanks to members of the men's group of St. Francis Episcopal Church, directional signs are well-placed and golf carts with drivers are available to provide transportation where needed.

Currently, requests for Sponsors of the 22ND ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR are in progress. Sponsorships begin at \$250. Funds raised provide scholarships for those who are unable to pay the full fee of counseling. The Center is open to the Public and no one is turned away.

To honor the service of Emily and many others who have helped along the way, a flowering shrub or tree to be planted on the church grounds has been proposed to the Grounds committee.

STAY TUNED!



## from the Refugee Committee

Second's partnership with KRM continues to provide services to refugees in our community. Our congregation has welcomed and established six families in Louisville since February 2018. We are currently supporting two families who will be completing their sponsorships over the next two months.

Mohboba & Rica – a mother and daughter from Afghanistan, arrived in early December. They have learned the bus system and now purchase their own groceries. They have made friends with other Afghan families in their apartment complex. Mahboba worked at the U.S. Embassy and narrowly escaped during the U.S. evacuation. It is a very dangerous situation for their family left behind in Kabul. We learned that their family members face harassment and threats from the Taliban who want to know their whereabouts.

The Abdulkarims – This family of six from the Sudan are working their way through medical issues and are almost fully vaccinated. Currently, they are quarantined. This family fled the Sudan 20 years ago and lived in a camp in Ethiopia before making the trip to the U.S. The younger children are now enrolled in school. The older children are exploring employment options through KRM.

The Amiri family – Our first family from Afghanistan arrived in November of 2020. The Amiri family was the fourth sponsorship for Second and the second group to arrive under strict pandemic rules. Their arrival in November 2020 began an exciting relationship with young children. Bibi (8) and Anosha (6) love their school and teachers at Fern Creek Elementary. Hamassa (3) runs the show with her undeniable will and can't wait to start school in August. Baby Andisha is growing fast with much sisterly attention. Amiri supports the family working the night shift at Walmart. The mother, Khatul, hopes to train as a professional tailor. We remain in regular contact with the Amiri, taking the girls to fun Louisville activities like The Nutcracker Ballet and, most recently, sledding. More of the Amiri family has arrived recently in Louisville, sponsored by another faith-based non-profit.

Ekyochi – Ekyochi Nam'mbembe and her young son Juma Abasi arrived in February 2020. They were the first KRM church sponsorship during the pandemic lockdown. Second Pres agreed to meet the challenge of remote sponsorship and quickly learned to supply needs by mailing or delivering items to KRM for delivery. Phone calls and Zoom meetings with interpreter and Maha brought her closer to our folks at Second. The young family adapted well, though lockdown with a 2/3 year-old was a major challenge! Ekyochi quickly settled in and began a job at Cushman and Wakefield Real Estate Agency as a cleaner.

Nedal – Nedal Issam Salaho fled the war in Syria, arriving early in the morning of June 29, 2019. His sister, Rawan, was already living in Louisville. Nedal quickly found a job at UPS where he has consistently gained promotions. He came with an undergraduate degree in English Literature from Jordan and is now pursuing a second degree in Business Administration. He frequently connects with us and shares updates. Nedal now has his green card and is progressing in status and stability.

Genereuse – Today, Genereuse and her sister Immaculee Singirankabo are completing online college courses toward degrees. Older sister Judith, from another sponsorship, has finished her dental hygienist degree and is working in the field. Meanwhile, Genereuse is seeking legal help to assist her fiancé in his effort to immigrate to the US. Their extended family is with them and all are active Louisville citizens.

Second has much to offer our newest families as they struggle with rent, utilities, household needs and food. Donations are welcome! If you would like to send a check, please make it payable to Second Presbyterian and add "KRM" on the memo line. We hope that you are well and pray that you are protecting yourselves and others. God is with all of us as we find new and creative ways to share grace with the world around us!

Peace, Refugee Team, Mission Committee



Mabboba and Rica shopping



Nedal and Rawan with Kathy



Hamassa



The Abdulkarims arrival



Sledding with Bibi



Genereuse



Ekyochi and Juma

## Mission/Stewardship Report

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

Certainly, the members of Second live our mission statement. With the generosity of our time, talents, and wealth, we make a difference both to ourselves and communities around us, locally and abroad. This report from the Stewardship and Mission Committees will occur bimonthly to keep the membership up to date on these essential activities.

*Finances:* Four-year summary for the MAP (Ministry Action Plan) - essentially our budget.

Year	Number of pledges	MAP for pledge income	Amount pledged	Amount received	MAP Non-Pledge income	Non-Pledge income rec.	MAP Mission Fund
2019	285	\$1,300,000	\$1,224,660	\$1,255,771	\$135,000	\$158,653	\$223,700
2020	295	\$1,300,000	\$1,315,064	\$1,341,122	\$135,000	\$111,348	\$223,700
2021	279	\$1,350,000	\$1,347,185	\$1,322,333	\$95,000	\$147,729	\$250,000
2022	251(to date)	\$1,350,000	\$1,232,284	\$182,146	\$95,000	----	\$250,000

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your continued generosity. As you can see our number of pledges are down but total income is up. For 2019 and 2020 the income received was roughly \$30,000 more than pledged. It will likely be the same for 2021 when everyone has honored their pledge. A good goal for this year would be 300 pledges. If you haven't made your pledge, please do so we can continue to help those less fortunate than us. Moderator- Brad Hume. Members: Cheeky Bahe, Lee Baltzell, Jim Carneal, Tim Clark, Bob Duane, Allison Duncan, Maggie Faurest, Steve Jester, Emily Lawrence, Nancy Staples, and Wayne Wilson.

*The following received support from the mission funds:* Missionaries Foreign Expense, PCUSA, Shared Mission Support, PCUSA, Busy Needles, The Healing Place, United Crescent Hill Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Kilgore, Justo Mwale Scholarship, El Salvador Mission, Costa Rica Partnership, Bellewood and Brooklawn, Portland Avenue Community Trust (PACT), Kentucky Refugee Ministry, Cabbage Patch, Buckhorn Children's Home, Peace Presbyterian Church, Cedar Ridge Camp, Cedar Ridge Chapel, West End School, Woman's Global Alliance, South Louisville Community Ministries, and Wednesday Evening Mission at Second Presbyterian. Annual amounts are budgeted to each partner with a reserve fund to help with emergencies. The Mission Committee has grown bringing awareness to several new missionaries that could use Second's help. With increased revenue great work can be accomplished.

*Covid Fund:* The fund is still active and to date over \$250,000 has been distributed to so many in need. Peace Church and South Louisville Community Ministries especially needed help and we were able to deliver to them as well as to all our established partnerships. Food, shelter, vaccine administration, holiday dinners for overworked medical and first responder staff, work projects, transportation and communication needs, and help with fundraising because of Covid canceled events.

*Tornado Relief Fund:* The devastation in western Kentucky is unbelievable. There are so many who need help in so many communities it is hard to know where to start. The Mission Committee has been briefed by several of our members who have lived in or around Dawson Springs and have good contacts there. A disaster coordinator is in place with knowledge of where needs are the greatest. Since this is going to be a long term project it was decided to commit to a monthly gift for 12 months and longer if needed. The fund presently has about \$2500. The amount we send will be from this Relief Fund and any funds mission can contribute.

*Per Capita Expense:* Each year Second sends to the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery a membership fee of \$25 per church member. Last month \$28,734.44 was paid for our 1,149 members. Members are asked to reimburse the church for this fee- the full \$28,734 is part of the mission budget. Last year a total of \$14,735 was collected from the membership. More membership participation is needed.

*Mission Committee:* There are new members on our committee that have made us aware of local ministries, doing great work. that need our help. Each of our partners has a "champion" on the committee who checks in monthly and monitors needs that we can address. Second is truly blessed with the giving of time, talent, and wealth. With this continuation and new membership addition, we can extend our mission budget from 12.4% of church expenditures to 15% where a church of our stature should be. Moderator: Larry Sloan. Members: Jordan Akin, John Davis, Jodie Goldberg, Karen Hadley, John Hubbard, Ed McShane, Kathy Olyer, Martha Peccue, Sallye Pence, Janet Rittenhouse, Sue Rogers, Henry Snyder, and Camille Williams Neal.

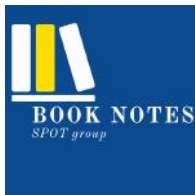
*Connection:* If you want to feel more connected to the church, join a committee where your passion lies!

*The Stewardship & Mission Committees*



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**

Below is the schedule through May.

February: *Caste, The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson will be presented by Paula Jay.

March: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles.

April: Deborah Cohen will present her latest book *Last Call At The Hotel Imperial*. This is a history book about the interwar era and the correspondents from the United States who covered the evolving political scene in Europe in which fascism was born. The book can be ordered on Amazon and at Carmichael's Bookstores. It will be released on March 15th.

May: *Better Lucky Than Good* by The Louisville Story Program Presented by Holly Gathright.

We need books for the rest of the year, so offer up your suggestions!

We will NOT have in person meetings until Covid calms down (again). See Seconds to Go for Zoom links. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 1st at 10:00 AM.

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



**Paint SPOT**

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



**Pilates**

Susan Schmidt (502) 523-5934 [puremovementvl@gmail.com](mailto:puremovementvl@gmail.com)



**Dinner Groups**

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



**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](mailto:toursplus@aol.com) or (502) 897-3789.



**Busy Needles**

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



**Walkers**

To learn about the program, please contact Valerie Dreher at (502) 618-3732 or [edreher3@yahoo.com](mailto:edreher3@yahoo.com). We walk on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

*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](mailto:eclay@2ndpreslou.org), if you have questions or are interested in joining.

# Presbyterian Women

Due to the high prevalence of CoVid19 in our community, Presbyterian Women of Second will not meet at the Church in February. We hope to be able to resume meeting in person at the church in March.

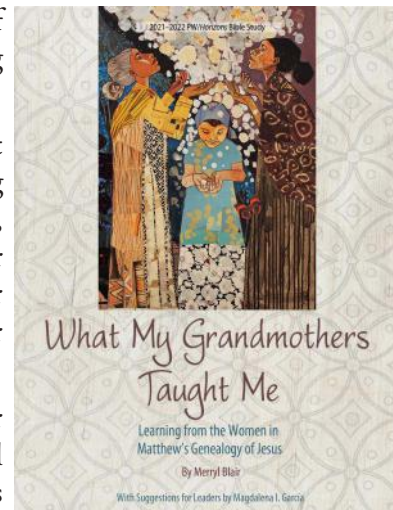
Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky will hold our 2022 Annual Spring Gathering at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church, using masks and social distancing. A Youtube option will be available! The theme is “Together, again!”, and our speaker will be Rev. Cheri Harper, Global Missions Coordinator for Presbyterian Women Worldwide. PW Mid-KY offers wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service with our Presbyterian sisters in Christ from across our Louisville community and throughout our region. All women of Second are welcome!

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 6 is “Bathsheba”, 2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Kings 1:11-31, and 1 Kings 2:13-25. In our last lesson, The Book of Ruth has pointed towards King David. Next, Matthew’s genealogy mentions only “the wife of Uriah” whom we know to be Bathsheba. Bathsheba’s story tells of David’s “power and influence” and of her “grace and skill” to fulfill her role in the lineage of Christ. While Uriah is on the battle field, King David pursues the beautiful Bathsheba whom he has noticed as she bathed on the rooftop. His actions “displease the Lord”, and Bathsheba becomes pregnant. David further abuses his power to avoid the consequences of his actions. He calls Uriah home to sleep with his wife and failing this, sends him back out to his death on the battlefield. This child does not survive. However, now, as David’s wife, Bathsheba gives birth to Jedidiah, “Beloved of the Lord”, who will become Solomon. As a woman of the harem, Bathsheba has gained in her position. She and the prophet Nathan successfully seek to have David find favor with Solomon to be his successor. Prayer: “Healing God, help us to see the hope and humanity in all women, in all people... Help us to understand that real power lies in knowing that we are your children, and that nothing can separate us from You.” Amen.

presbyterianwomen.org website has opportunities to order the Horizons Study book, subscribe to the Horizons Magazine, as well as, 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



## Care for the Caregiver

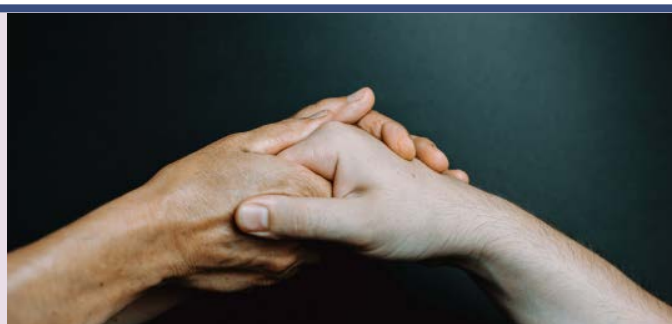
Are you helping a loved one with impairments related to aging, disability, or a mental disorder? Are you taking care of someone who has a chronic illness, managing medications, or taking care of household chores, meals, healthcare for someone who cannot perform these tasks alone? If you answered yes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



# Presbyterian Union

*On the first Tuesday of each month (usually), people gather downtown for the fellowship of a lunch, followed by a speaker and discussion around a wide variety of topics—church and culture issues, faith questions, the changing face of Louisville, topics of personal interest. Think of it as a quick retreat with some friends from different places to think about the world of work and living from a different direction. All are welcome, so please invite guests.*

**FEBRUARY TOPIC: “Inflation, Innovation, or Interest-Rated: which force shall we focus on?”**

**SPEAKER: J. Chris Bohnert, independent coach for financial advisors**

Mr. Bohnert consults directly with financial professionals who offer high-impact business and life-enhancing programs. Chris was a wealth consultant with Access Management in Louisville, where he provided financial planning for high-net-worth families. He holds FINRA Series 7, and 66 licenses, with 25 years of experience in the Financial services industry. You may recall that Chris was with us two years ago and many in the group found his observations to be insightful and instructive.



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

Lunch: buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea

Cost: \$16.00 including gratuity

When: Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 11:30am

RSVP: If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 pm Monday, January 31 (if accepting) E-mail Ann or Ivan Schell at [adschell@bellsouth.net](mailto:adschell@bellsouth.net) or phone 894-8440.

Mark your calendars for future meetings (always first Tuesday):  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – invitation extended

Parking: Parking is on 5th Street either on the street or across Market (one way east) at the Stock Yards parking sign on the south side of Market between 5th and 6th or at the National City Bank Building (entrances on 5th, near Main, and Main Street [one way west] on left immediately before 5th).

Payment: Please pay at door by cash or check.

Cancellation: If you make a reservation and do not cancel before 9:00 am on the day of the presentation, we must ask that you pay.

*We request that all in attendance be fully vaccinated. Tables will seat no more than 6 persons.*

## 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

RW Baird [Previously Hilliard Lyons]

DTC #0547, A/C #38481053

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

## Sunday Flowers for Worship

We are filling out our schedule for the year for Sunday flower donations. Anyone interested in providing Chancel flowers for Sunday morning worship in honor or memory of a loved one may contact Susanne Wright ([sjwright@iglou.com](mailto:sjwright@iglou.com)) or Nancy Hubbard (502-939-5744).

# For Your Information

## Session Highlights

From the January 13, 2022 meeting:

- Newly-elected ruling elders and deacons were examined and approved to proceed to ordination/installation or installation to their respective offices on Sunday, January 23, 2022.
- Sandy Bailey was elected Interim Clerk of Session to serve through January 31, 2022.
- The Re-opening Task Group reported that at this time there is no change to the current COVID protocol.
- The Long Range Planning Task Group presented a report that was submitted to Personnel Committee regarding the Task Group's work toward producing a job description for a second Associate Pastor. Session approved a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to approve the job description for a second Associate Pastor as presented by the Long Range Planning Task Group.
- Henry Kelsey reported that the Personnel Committee has performed an annual review of compensation for pastors and all other staff.
- The 2021 Church Statistical Report was approved as presented; the 2021 Church Necrology Report was approved as presented.
- An Administrative Commission was established to examine those newly-elected ruling elders and deacons unable to attend this meeting.
- Recognition, gratitude, and best wishes were extended to members of the retiring Ruling Elder Class of 2022 for their faithful and diligent service.

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

Sandy Bailey, *Interim Clerk of Session*

## Weekday School

### *Zooming In: Making Meaning & Memories Through Sensory Play*

By Karla Wright, Assistant Director

Last week, as I walked past one of the toddler rooms, I noticed the children seemed particularly excited about something on the floor. They pointed to the globs of red and green paint underneath a sheet of bubble wrap. I watched the children point and step on the paint, then point again with delight as they realized they were making the green and red move! Using their hands and feet, they tried to push the paint to the empty white spots on the bags. The teachers had carefully planned an activity that encompassed a variety of sensory experiences. Sensory play includes any activity that stimulates your child's senses: touch, smell, taste, sight, hearing, movement (proprioception) and balance (vestibular).

From infants through kindergarten, 2nd Pres teachers provide unique opportunities for your children to actively use their senses. When the senses are engaged, neural pathways in the brain are being created. In addition to being crucial to brain development, the senses are the tools with which children explore and try to make sense of the world around them. Children and adults learn more deeply and retain the most information when they engage their senses. When our senses are stimulated with a familiar smell or sound, like a freshly cut fir tree or an old song from high school, our brains also trigger a flashback memory to those special times and places. Many of our favorite memories are associated with one or more of our senses. It is hard to pause and enjoy the moment as adults. There are to-do lists and a full calendar of events, so living in the moment seems impossible. With a shift in perspective, our children do live in the moment enjoying each touch and texture along the way. It is a good reminder to stop, be in the moment, and even incorporating some sensory play into your day as well!





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## passages

*We remember in prayer...*

Nancy Helm Thomas and her family in the death of her sister, Louise Helm Bessire, 1/25/22.

Betty Gibbs and her family on the death of her husband, George, 1/23/22.

David Wood and his family on the death of his sister, Becky DeCamp.

Patty Dailey and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, Vickie Wimsatt-Dailey 1/12/22 & mother-in-law, Nanette Dailey 1/23/22.

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.