# SECOND THOUGHTS

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



































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## SECOND Presbyterian CHURCH

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

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#### Dear friends,

Your pastors, Steve, Jordan, and I, have led us through a sermon series on the components of our worship. We call our worship structure "liturgy," which means "work of the people." When gathered as a church, our spiritual practice is our work, which we then carry into the world, inviting others into the work.

The most recent sermon topic was prayer and praise. The Psalmist wrote, "let my prayer rise up like incense before God."

Did you know a small and faithful group meets each Wednesday at 10 AM to pray over the names on our prayer list and to pray for the Deacons and staff members? As a pastor, I feel a sense of serene confidence knowing people pray for me, those in need, and all staff members. Should you ever find yourself available on a Wednesday morning, consider joining this group in prayer.

Finally, Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies and those who misuse us. Sometimes this makes little sense until it's done - it's in the doing that we discover meaning. I've made it a practice to name enigmatic people and things in my private prayer time when none can hear but God. I must confess that what changes through this kind of prayer is not the person I name or the situation but me.

May our prayers ascend like sweet incense before God - changing us, transforming us to be like Jesus.

Peace,

Rich Gianzero

### Worship & Music



Mark your calendars:

## **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

October 30, 2022 \* Both 8:30 & 11 a.m. in Sanctuary Austin Handbells, Sanctuary Choir, Symphonic Arts Brass & Samuel Libra/organ

# All saints sunday

November 6, 2022 Octet, Sanctuary Choir & Samuel Libra/organ Ricky Case, tenor & Laura Vicic, viola presenting <u>a P</u>salm setting of Ralph Vaughan Williams



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We are grateful for the support of our many patrons—some who have given in memory and honor of those who have loved the music programs of Second Presbyterian or who have given specifically for the 2022–2023 Concert Series. These gifts ensure our Series continues to offer inspiring music that glorifies God, and that we can continue to take our day-of-concert offerings to our ministry partners. *(donors as of March 14–September 21, 2022)* 

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October 2022



TO ALL OUR WORSHIP LEADERS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER - PROCLAIMERS, MUSICIANS, GUESTS:

# THANKS BE TO GOD!





Second Presbyterian Church

Sharing grace ...

# The Creation by Joseph Haydn

### Thurs., November 10, 2022 \* 7:30 p.m.

at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church \* 6710 Wolf Pen Branch Rd. & Livestreamed on St. Francis' Facebook Page

The Choirs of St. Francis in the Fields & Second PresbyterianMembers of the Louisville Orchestra \* Samuel Libra, harpsichordEmily Albrink Katz, sopranoSteven Paul Spears, tenorChristopher Besch, bassJim Rittenhouse, conductor

# Weekday School

Building can sometimes be an emotional undertaking. Materials like Magna-Tiles hold their own strengths and limitations. They can sometimes lose stability like a house of cards. These five photographs depict the collaborative struggle two friends engaged in as they created a tall structure with the magnetic building pieces.







The second picture captures the feelings of a close call. The third photograph shows the team's progress while the fourth displays the building's unfortunate collapse. The fifth picture reveals one friend by the windows, who said, "I'm going to rest for a minute," taking care of herself after such a loss. About thirty seconds later, they started to rebuild. What do we want for our children now and many years later? Resilience, persistence, self-care, friendship, motivation...it's all here, building skills with a buddy through constructive play.

If you would like to learn about our educational philosophy, hear more stories about our students' experiences and stay connected with your school, follow @2ndpreswdschool on Instagram! We invite you to share in the small moments that lead to big learning through our weekly posts of photographs and reflections.

Warmly, Hayley Abell, 2nd Presbyterian Weekday School Director

# Children

### WEDNESDAYS

Together

2022 Fall Schedule: September 14 - November 16

5:00-6:00pm - Dinner in the Great Hall

6:00-7:00pm - Adult Class in the Library

5:30-7:00pm Children's Choir & Activities: Musical and Vocal Education for Ages 3 through 5th grade with activities after choir is released.

RSVP to Tammy Kissling at tkissling@2ndpreslou.org by noon on the Monday





### 2PK on Sunday

- 8:30am childcare in room 117 for children 5 and younger
- 11:00am childcare in room 117 for children 3 and younger
- Faith Formation classes for kids age 3 through 5th grade.
- Kids 3 3rd grade will be released to class from worship.
- Kids in 4th and 5th grades will meet for breakfast in the Youth Suite beginning at 10:30am and will go to class from there. NOTE: there is no class the 1st Sunday of the month. Children are asked to sit with their families in Worship.



Is taking a break for the months of October and November but will be back Saturday, December 17.

# Youth



#### 2PY Family Breakfast

Each Sunday in the Youth Suite there is a breakfast for youth and their families from 10:30-11:00. Instead of "normal" Faith Formation classes for youth, there will be a fun, yet simple faith element added into our weekly breakfast together. Youth are encouraged to sit in the balcony together during Worship. Watch the 2PY newsletter for additional Faith Formation opportunities.

2PY Calendar	10/9 – Youth Worship Arts @ 12:00pm
10/2 – Ski Trip Deposit Due	10/16 – Youth Worship Arts @ 12:00pm
10/2 – Youth Worship Arts @ 12:00pm	10/23 – Bellewood Harvest for Hope 12:00pm – 4:00pm
10/8 – Volunteer at Peace Presbyterian	10/23 -Youth Worship Arts @ 12:00pm
10/9 – Confirmation Class @ 9:45am	10/30 – Youth Worship Arts @ 12:00pm

# Adult Formation

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

#### **Morning Joy**

The theme for Fall is "So Great a Cloud of Witnesses." Pastor Steve Jester leads the class in the Fellowship Hall; church members and guests are welcome to attend.

Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship. After class, by 11 a.m., a small discussion group convenes for those who choose to participate. We will provide a syllabus to anyone who would like a copy. All are welcome! Participants can attend in person (in the Fellowship Hall), or they can attend virtually via Zoom. A Zoom link is sent out every Thursday morning.

#### **Biblical Studies**

Led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr., the class meets in-person on Sunday mornings 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.

#### **Pathways**

Led by Elizabeth Clay, the Pathways class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the 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. The Zoom link is in Seconds to Go which is sent out every Friday. Please come join us!

#### **Reading the Bible**

Led by Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, the class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor and via Zoom. We are now studying the book of Acts, and we would be glad to have anyone join us who is interested in such Bible study.

#### Film Fellowship

For the last two years, this group has met monthly to discuss the intersections of film and our life together as the body of Christ. This group's time together has come to an end. A big thank you to Karen Haddley, who has fearlessly led this group since the beginning.

#### 2nd Sunday on the Third

The class meets on the third Sunday of each month at 9:45 a.m. in room 251 and is for parents of children from birth through teenage years. Class members delve into topics facing young parents trying to raise faithful children in this tumultuous and ever-changing world. They share experiences and ideas to help each other find ways to make God the center of our families. Moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell lead the class, and childcare is available. For more information, please contact Lee Baltzell at leebaltzell@ gmail.com.

#### Sisters in Spirit

A warm, welcoming, and supportive group of ladies that enjoy a special time of fellowship and book discussion around topics that help us grow in our everyday faith. We generally meet on the second Tuesday of the month 7–9 p.m. in the home of a church member. Open to adult women of all ages and stages of life. Join us when you are able (it's ok if you have to miss a month or two, you are always welcome to come as you are able). Contact Selina Costley (sjc@iglou. com) for more information or to be added to the email list.

From October - December we are reading: <u>Why? Trusting</u> <u>God When You Don't Understand</u> by Anne Graham Lotz and will focus on four chapters each month. Notes located at the back of the book are helpful for reference as delving into the scripture provided will allow for a bit more study than just reading the chapters.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ritu Furlan.

#### Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets in Room 251 and via Zoom at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary leads the session. Please contact Todd Lyles for more information.

## Mission

#### October Mission of the Month

The October Mission of the Month is the Women's Global Cancer Alliance (WGCA). Our member, Melinda Mast, and her late husband, Dr. Robert Hilgers, have worked hard for over ten years to help women in Haiti with this clinic. The clinic specializes in finding and treating cervical cancer. In our country, women rely on both PAP Smear tests and HPV vaccinations. In Haiti, PAP Smear tests are too expensive for 99% of the population, and there is no HPV vaccination available. As a result, Haiti has the highest rate of deaths caused by cervical cancer in the Western Hemisphere. The clinic uses a "See and Treat" method to prevent cervical cancer when Pap smears are unavailable. The cost to test and examine one patient is \$35. We have suggested in the past that you consider donations in multiples of \$35, and that has been very successful. Please make your check payable to Second Presbyterian Church, and in the Memo line of the check, write "WGCA." You can also go to the church website and make donations online by selecting Mission of the Month from the drop-down menu under the Make a Donation tab.



#### YOU ARE INVITED TO A WEDDING!

A daughter of our 2018 Congolese refugee family is getting married in November. Genereuse Ndora and her fiancé Emmanuel Ndaje will marry November 12, 12:00 PM, at Southeast Christian Church. 1407 Moser Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40299. They wish to share their happy day with Second Presbyterian folks and welcome you with open arms! This special event will be another continuing connection with this lovely family.

A reception after the wedding is also open. Note the address in the formal invitation. Genereuse says there will be food, dancing and other celebrations from their culture. Come and enjoy!

Sharing God's love and grace,

Your refugee team

Second Presbyterian Church

Urukundo rurihangana, urukundo rugira neza, rwiringira byose, rwizera byose. 1 Abakorinto 13:4, 7-8

Umuryango wa Pastor. Basile UKWITEGETSE uhagarariwe na Pastor. Honoré NDINDA Nuwa Pastor. Sadock MUZEBA yishimiye kubatumira mu bukwe bw`abana babo.

#### NDAJE RUSINGIZWA Emmanuel na **NDORA** Genereuse

Buzaba taliki ya 12/11/2022

Saa Sita (12h00') gusezerana imbere y`Imana m'urusengero rwa Southeast Christian Church (1407 Moser Rd Louisville, Ky 40299)

Saa kumi (16h00') abatumiwe bazakirwa kuri 6000 Lions Arms Dr, Louisville, Ky 40216

Kuza kwifatanya natwe bizadushimisha.

**RUSINGIZWA Emmanuel** +1 (502) 889-0751 +1 (602) 702-6470

Love never fails. 1 corinthians 13:4, 7-8

The Family of Pastor. Basile UKWITEGETSE represented by Pastor. Honoré NDINDA and Pastor. Sadock MUZEBA with great pleasure invite you to the wedding ceremony of their

NDAJE RUSINGIZWA Emmanuel **Genereuse NDORA** 

Which will take place on November 12th, 2022

At 12:00p.m Religious wedding Ceremony at Southeast Christian Church (1407 Moser Rd Louisville, Ky 40299)

At 4:00 p.m The invited guests will be hosted at 6000 Lions Arms Dr, Louisville, Ky 40216,

Your presence will be highly appreciated.

**Genereuse NDORA** +1(502) 338 8266 +1 (502) 381-2785

# Harvest for Hope 3 Events | 1 Great Cause

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#### Seven Counties Services



Bellewood & Brooklawn



#### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

#### OCTOBER 21ST 7:00 PM

Members of the community can gather the family around on a blanket and enjoy an evening under the stars to enjoy one of today's favorite movies.

This event is FREE and open to the public but RSVP is required as space is limited.



#### FALL FESTIVAL

#### OCTOBER 23RD 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

A community-wide festival featuring live entertainment, food trucks, carnival games, and attractions for the entire family.

This event is FREE and open to the entire community.



#### FARM-TO-TABLE DINNER

#### OCTOBER 27TH 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Guests dine under the stars as some of our area's most wellknown chefs join forces for one night to create a multi-course meal extravaganza.

This event is exclusive to paid and invited guests only.

To reserve and learn more, go to: www.bellewoodandbrooklawn.org/harvestforhope 11103 Park Road, Louisville, KY 40223



### Refugee updates

#### Refugee Arrival

The Sultani family arrived safely on September 8 in Louisville. Representatives from Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) and Second Presbyterian greeted the family with a colorful sign and stuffed animals for the children. They have survived a harrowing journey. Subhaanullah, the father, was in hiding for several months from the Taliban due to his work with the US military. We are thankful we were able to support this family in their search for refuge, and to witness their joyful reunification with their relatives already living here.

Khatul Amiri, of our 2020 sponsored family, prepared a hot meal for the family's arrival. Your past donations of furnishings, kitchenware, and household items that were being stored at KRM and at church made it possible to furnish the apartment for the family. We were also able to stock the pantry and fridge for their first week. As co-sponsors, Second provides rent/utility assistance for the first 3 months while the family takes ESL courses and finalizes paperwork. KRM provides support to the family through orientation classes and careful mentoring, encouraging independence and self-reliance. KRM is a national model for refugee placement and support, and we are grateful to be a part of their ministry.

Thank you to our Second Pres family for mobilizing quickly to prepare for the arrival of the Sultani family and the three Afghan women who arrived earlier this month. We would like help introducing them to our city in the next weeks. If you would like to help with an event for either family or want to get involved with our team, please contact me (mnpecceu@yahoo.com) or another team member, and we'll facilitate. A helpful note: Subhaanullah is a black belt in Taekwando and would like to find a martial arts studio. He also admires Muhammad Ali. Join us as we come to know the Sultani family and help them get to know their new community! As Chris Ellis would say, this a "tent of Abraham" moment.

Refugee team, Mission Committee

News from the Po family

This update comes from Suzanne Wright, longtime advocate of the Po family, refugees from Burma, and co-sponsored by Second Pres in 2007:

Eh Themoo Po's first day of college was August 19 — Centre College! What an opportunity lies ahead for her. She is a Grissom scholar and met Marlene and Dave at a dinner. I am confident the "village" at Centre will support her. Her pastor, formerly at Crescent Hill Baptist Church and a Centre Alum, Jason Crosby, is the new chaplain at Centre. They have been in contact. She's off to a good start.

# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the West End School for our September Mission of the Month. Your ongoing support of our mission partners is greatly appreciated.



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**

Each month since 2011, a member of our group selects a book, researches the author, reviews the book, and then the group discusses it at our monthly meeting. We

meet on the first Tuesday of the Month at 10:00 am in the church parlor. We faithfully support UCHM food pantry.

Contact Susanne Wright: (502)930-7465, sjwright@iglou.com



#### **Busy Needles**

We meet twice a month in the Parlor: second Sunday after church, and the fourth Thursday at 11:00 am (see church calendar). Our consistent projects are

Prayer Shawls and Throws for our members, their family and friends. But, we also work on other projects for various groups and organizations both locally and worldwide. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Contact Bev Wahl: (502) 423-9271, bevwahl41@gmail.



#### **Dinner Groups**

A time to share over a good meal, we have multiple groups, some meet in homes, some at restaurants. Our groups meet throughout the year.

Seeking those interested in joining a group or starting one!

Contact Cheryl Cooper: (502) 417-3999, cheryltcooper@gmail.com



#### Garden Spot

A new group for those interested in gardening. We will visit local gardens of distinction; invite local garden "gurus" to speak; and share ideas and experiences.



#### Paint Spot

Open to all adults, our Paint SPOT is for beginners to skilled painters in acrylic. We gather on Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Youth Suite to work on individual projects and fellowship together.

Contact Linda Wood: (502) 893-3330, el.wood@twc.com



#### Pilates

Our Pilates classes are held on Monday and Thursday night in the Narthex at 5:30 pm. Pilates benefits include building a strong core, flexibility, balance, focus,

coordination, and concentration. Everyone is invited to join our class. Participants bring a mat and other tools will be supplied, the cost is \$10.

Contact Susan Schmidt: (502) 523-5934, puremovementlvl@gmail.com



#### Prayer Group

Everyone is invited to pray through our weekly prayer list on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Parlor. All are welcome to pray, young and old, new Christians or lifetime believers.

Contact Alice Virginia Dodd: (502) 895-4605

Contact Joan Gaston (502) 896-8322





#### 2nd Act

We believe that music is a gift from God which transcends barriers of race, gender, and language. 2nd Act has brought voices together for over 25 years and with joy we

take our gift to those in need of song, to encourage, uplift, and spur spiritual growth. We meet the first Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Choir Room and schedule performances in various locations in the area from January-May.

Contact Susan Langford: (502) 897-3789, toursplus@aol.com



#### Spot Walkers

The SPOT Walkers meet the first and third Wendesday of each month at 9:00 am. Our walks are no more than two miles. When the weather is nice we walk at various outdoor spots; when the

weather is not so nice we walk inside the Oxmoor Mall. Everyone is invited! We share lots of conversation as we walk, and we continue our conversation over coffee after our walk.

Contact Valerie Dreher: (502) 552-8918 or (502) 618-3732

If you are interested in starting a SPOT group or if you would like more information on SPOT groups please contact Sunny Seale: (571) 438-8393.

### 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, and 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 on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 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.

TOPIC:"Change at the Filson: It's Not Your Grandparents' Club Anymore"SPEAKER:Richard Clay, President and CEO of the Filson Historical Society

Richard Clay has served as President and CEO of the Filson Historical Society since March 2019. He is a former partner with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, where he now maintains of counsel status. He is a graduate of Davidson College in North Carolina, where he received a bachelor's degree in economics. He attended Yale University Divinity School under the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation Fellowship and received his J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He also received a M.A. in English from Middlebury College.



He served as President of the Kentucky Bar Association. He also has served on the boards of the Cabbage Patch Settlement House, the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation and Kentucky Country Day School. He was board chairman and a trustee of the Speed Art Museum and the advisory board of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Art. He currently serves on the boards of the American Shakespeare Center/Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton, Virginia, and the New York City-based Jarvie Program of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation.

Where:Vincenzo's, The Courtyard Room 105 South 5th StreetLunch:buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced teaCost:\$20.00 including gratuityWhen:TUESDAY, October 4, 2022, at 11:30amRSVP:If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 pm Monday, October 3 (if accepting) E-mail Ann or Ivan Schell<br/>at adschell@bellsouth.net or phone 894-8440

Mark your calendars for future meetings (always first Tuesday):Tuesday, November 1, 2022 – Layla George, President and CEO, Olmstead Parks Conservancy<br/>Tuesday, December 6, 2022 – Dr. Tyler Mayfield, A.B. Rhodes Professor of Old TestamentParking:Parking is on 5th Street either on the street or across Market (one way east) at the Stock Yards parking<br/>sign on the south side of Market between 5th and 6th or at the National City Bank Building (entrances<br/>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<br/>that you pay.

### Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The committee has interviewed and are considering 3 quality candidates for the position of Associate Pastor. They expect that the process of selecting a prospect will take another few weeks.

### New Members

We are welcoming new members to join the church on October 9. If you are interested in joining or have any questions about joining the church, please email Pastor Rich Gianzero at rgianzero@2ndpreslou.org.

### passages

We remember in prayer...

Todd & Lindsey Anderson and their family on the death of his father, Dr. Todd Anderson, Sr., 9/13/22.
Heather Sexton, Cara Panther, and their families on the death of their father, Doug "Skip" Young, 9/5/2022.
Roberta Fischer and her family on the death of her husband Carl Theodore Fischer, Jr., 9/3/22
Beth & Blake Blythe and family on the death of her father, Stephen McDonald, 8/26/2022
Nancy Newman and her family on the death of her mother, Mary Seaver, 8/15/2022
George, David, Amy, Sarah and Jim Wombwell, Cecy Brewer, Jon and Mary Agnes Norman and their families on the death of wife and mother, Edie Wombwell,

Carol McCarty, Kathryn Spencer and their family on the death of her husband, Art (Mac), 7/22/22 Ken Fleming and his family on the death of his mother, Jo Ann Love Fleming, 7/4/22 Isabella Bianconcini and her family on the death of her grandfather, Giampaolo, 7/3/22 Diana & Steve Jester and family on the death of her cousin, Kirk Avant Ricky Case and his family on the death of his uncle, Bill Barnes, 7/2/22

### Hope & Healing While Grieving

Our culture puts a lot of emphasis on happiness but loss is a very real part of everyone's life. Hope and Healing While Grieving is a safe place for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. We will meet at 11:30 am on October 5 and October 19. All meetings will be at church with a zoom option. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org if you have questions or are interested in joining the group.

8/9/2022

# Stewardship

Dear friends and fellow church members:

Thank you for making October "Blest" Party a success; we could not have done this without your time, support, and contributions! Thanks to everyone who planned the event, those who graciously donated auction items, our volunteers, and everyone in attendance. We are truly thankful for everyone's generous contributions to support the Church and its Weekday School.

Grace and peace, The 2nd Party Planning Team





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