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Dear friends,

If you were asked to draw a picture of God, what would you draw? In other words, how do you picture God? For some, it might be easier to draw where you experience the presence of God than to create a singular image representing God.

At the beginning of confirmation each year, I meet with each youth, their parent(s), and adult mentor. This year, I have added an element of artwork expressing our thoughts on God. It has been so interesting to see our youth look around at the different pieces of art showing that our views of God are not the same. Just like our faith journey is our own, our relationship with God is our own personal relationship. Even though our expressions of God are different, most of us learned central beliefs about God – creator, sustainer, redeemer, comforter, forgiving, gracious, and merciful. Along the way, our faith will change, and our relationship with God will, too. But, hopefully the belief that our God is an ever-present, all-loving God will never change.

So friends, if you were invited to draw a picture of God, how would you depict God in your creation? And would your created representation of God, your own view of God, invite us to see and greet others as people who bear the image of God, after all God made us in God's image. And would knowing our own image of God invite us into deeper conversation with others? Would it create space for us, as a church family, to share our drawings of God and our own experiences of when and where we have unmistakably felt God's presence in our lives? How do our images of God draw us into adoration and praise of God, into worship?

Grace and Peace, Jordan Akin

SECOND Presbyterian CHURCH

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

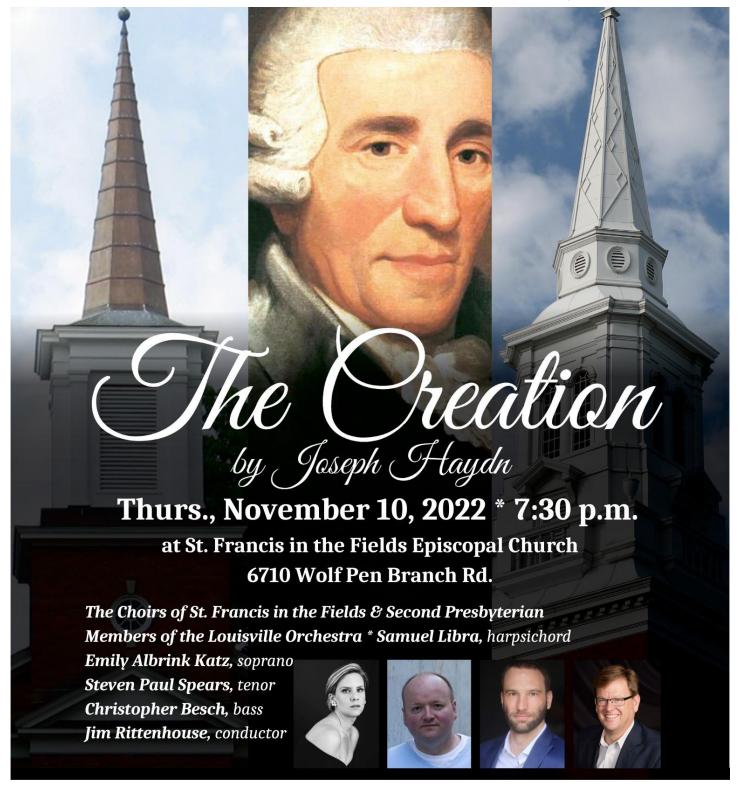
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What does God look like?



Worship & Music



LIVESTREAMED ON ST. FRANCIS' FACEBOOK PAGE

Admission is free. An offering will benefit:





Advent begins Sunday, November 27

Join us as we explore the prophecies of the coming of Christ in Isaiah through proclamation, study, and art, and discover their hopeful word for our lives.

- Adult Devotional: Attending to Advent-Poetry, Prose, and Prayer
 - Each Sunday, 8:30 & 11 a.m. Services (Livestreamed at 11)
- Sunday, November 27: Family Advent Service with Children's Choirs & Dinner/Workshop, 5 p.m.
 - "Let the Earth Rejoice," A Musical Celebration of Joy Sunday with Choirs, Octet, Handbells & Orchestra December 11, 8:30 & 11 a.m.* in Sanctuary (Livestreamed at 11)
 - Incantare & Alchemy Viols in Concert Renaissance & Baroque Music in the Chapel, December 22, 12 p.m.

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Sunday, November 27

5:00 - Advent Service

Dinner and Workshop immediately following

Celebrate the beginning of Advent with us!

We will gather for Worship in the Chapel to commemorate the season with music from Second's children's choirs. Dinner, crafts, and activities for children and families will take place after the service.

Reservations are required for the meal.

RSVP to Tammy Kissling at tkissling@2ndpreslou.org.
RSVP deadline is the end of day, Monday, November 21st.
Suggested donation: \$5. \$15 family cap.

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 at tkissling@2ndpreslou.org by noon on the Monday prior





Needed

To teach and assist with weekly Faith Formation classes for preK - 5th grade. No long term commitment required and training will be provided.

Contact Lindsay Cook if you are interested in helping. lindsayallisemartin@gmail.com

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 (communion Sunday). Children are asked to sit with their families in Worship.

Parent's Night Out

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



Youth





SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20 4:30PM - 6:00PM



VOLUNTEER AT PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

to assemble food boxes as part of their food panty ministry

Saturday, November 12 11:00am - 12:30pm

VOLUNTEER AT BELLEWOOD

Come and hang with the youth at Bellewood!

Contact Tammy Kissling or Pastor Jordan for more information or if you are interested in volunteering.

2PY Family Breakfast

There will be breakfast and a faith building activity in the Youth Suite every Sunday for youth and their families from 10:30 – 11:00. There are no formal Faith Formation classes for youth, but they are encouraged to sit together in the balcony during Worship. Watch the 2PY newsletter for Faith Formation opportunities.

2PY Calendar

Tuesday 11/8 – Open Gym starts 7pm - 9pm

Saturday 11/12 – Volunteer at Peace Presbyterian

Sunday 11/13 - Confirmation Class @ 9:45am

Tuesday 11/29 – Open Gym 7pm - 9pm

Tuesday 11/15 – Open Gym 7pm - 9pm

Sunday 11/20 – Volunteer at Bellewood 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Sunday 11/27 – Advent Service & Workshop

Tuesday 11/29 - Open Gym 7pm - 9pm

Friday 12/9 – Final deadline for Ski trip deposit

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 wish 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.

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.

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. Sisters in Spirit will gather Tuesday, November 8, at 7 p.m. at Jennifer Scott's to discuss chapters 5-8 of Why? Trusting

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Please respond to Selina Costley at sjc@iglou.com if you're able to attend.



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT (AGES 22-32)

MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER

JANUARY 27 - 29, 2023

From Montreat's Website

The Manna Retreat is three days, 100 young adults, one old hotel, and ten small groups dedicated to creating deeper faith and deeper relationships. If your faith could use a spark plug, if your spirit could use a deep laugh, if your heart could use some new friendships, or if your body could use a place to belong, then this is for you.

Visit Monreat.org for more information

Contact Pr. Jordan if you think you might be interested in attending. Financial assistance is available

Mission

November Mission of the Month

CABBAGE PATCH CHRISTMAS

George Matthew Adams once said, "Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide-open heart that thinks of others first." Christmas can be a magical time, but for the families of The Patch it can be a time of overwhelming stress. Because of you, Cabbage Patch children will still experience the joy of Christmas and the assurance that God hears their needs...the love of the Christ child can shine brightly.

For a family struggling to make it week to week, when you respond with a Christmas heart, not only are there gifts for their children, but also a meal on the Christmas table. Our goal for this year is to raise \$20,000 which would provide Christmas blessings for 60+ Cabbage Patch individuals.

How you can help:

- Make a donation during the month of November
- Saturday, Dec. 3 Go shopping and join our Cabbage Patch families
- Sunday, Dec. 4 Wrap the gifts as a church family in the Great Hall
- Saturday, Dec. 10 Deliver Christmas gifts to The Patch families

We will have a sign-up table in the narthex each Sunday before the 11:00 service Oct. 30 - Nov. 20.

Again, this year, you can help these families in need by contributing in HONOR/MEMORY of a loved one. Each time a donation is made, \$10 or more per honorarium request, a Christmas card can be sent to the person/family informing them of your generosity.

For more information contact Jennifer Scott at jscott@cabbagepatch.org or 773-4396.



Refugee updates

Good News About Our Second Pres Sponsored Afghan Families

The Sultani family arrived in town on September 8th. Subhan, who was an interpreter for the US military in Afghanistan, will begin working soon. Even though his English is excellent, he is taking ESL classes and has scheduled his driver's permit test. Subhan and his wife, Shabina, recently opened a joint bank account.

The Sultani boys Shukran and Rehan love kindergarten and are already speaking some English, but their baby sister Shukrana rules the roost!

The family is rapidly adjusting to life in Louisville and enjoys the public library next door to their apartment.



Shabina, Shukran, Rehan, Subhaan and a very shy Shukrana enjoyed shopping for winter coats

Three Second Pres-sponsored Afghan women, Karima, Muska, and Toba, arrived on September 1st. They've settled into their apartment full of church memberdonated furnishings and are also getting ready to start jobs. All three are computer whizzes and working hard in their ESL classes. They are enjoying Kentucky life and like using their new debit cards for shopping.



Muska, Toba and Karima open bank accounts

Sponsoring two families simultaneously is a big job made possible thanks to support from Second Pres. members. Thank you for your prayers and donations of your time, money, or household items; it is all greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Joan & Lamar Gaston, who provided a washer and dryer for the Sultani's apartment, and Sallye Pence for procuring school uniforms and bicycles. And a special thanks to several church members who purchased warm winter coats and laptop computers for our refugee families.

Your Refugee Team Chris Ellis, Martha Pecceu, Kathy Oyler

ELSALVADOR TRIP MARCH 2023 CONTACT TAMMY KISSLING AT TKISSLING@2NDPRESLOU.ORG OR PR. JORDAN AT JAKIN@2NDPRESLOU.ORG IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION:

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Women's Global Cancer Alliance (WGCA) for our October 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



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



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.



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, puremovementlyl@gmail.com



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



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



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.

Contact Joan Gaston (502) 896-8322



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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.

Welcome New Members:

Jane Cleary Angela Duffy Graham Duffy Hayden Duffy Patrick Duffy Zach Duffy Curt Engelstadt Julie Engelstadt Josiah Farley Hailey Foote Jacob Grissom Katherine Grissom

Claire Hill Joshua Hill Avani Hoffman Divya Hoffman Gustav Hoffman Evelyn Hwang Judi Petty Rod Petty Kay Reis Ann MacDonald Ross

Ron Ross Deborah Skaggs Gerri Watson

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: "What's Happening at the Olmsted Parks Conservancy"

SPEAKER: Layla George, President and CEO, Olmsted Parks Conservancy

Layla George has served as president and CEO of the Olmsted Parks Conservancy since the beginning of 2018. Prior to that she was director of development for Louisville Public Media. She has a background in local food farming, land conservation, and environmental issues.

BA English, Willamette University; MBA, Vanderbilt University.

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

Lunch: buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea

Cost: \$20.00 including gratuity

When: TUESDAY, November 1, 2022, at 11:30am

RSVP: If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 pm Monday, October 3 (<u>if accepting</u>) E-mail Ann or Ivan Schell

at adschell@bellsouth.net or phone 894-8440

Mark your calendars for future meetings (always first Tuesday):

<u>Tuesday, December 6, 2022</u> – Dr. Tyler Mayfield, A.B. Rhodes Professor of Old Testament & Director of the Grawemeyer Award in Religion, Louisville Seminary

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.

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 November 2, November 16, and December 7. 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.



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women of Second will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8th, in room 252 for Bible study and fellowship. All women at Second are invited to join us. A Zoom option will be available.

The 22-23 Horizons Bible study is "Celebrating the Sabbath" by Carol M. Bechtel. Each lesson focuses on passages of scripture. We will be encouraged to practice Sabbath in "real and practical ways" making the Sabbath an important part of our lives in Christ. The title of Lesson 3 is "Sabbath and Sunday." The scriptures are Luke 4:16-22 and Acts 16:11-15. Study books are available for \$10.

presbyterianwomen.org website has opportunities to subscribe to the Horizons Magazine and find information about Presbyterian Women in God's world.

As we pray for peace and comfort in our world, 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

passages

We remember in prayer...

Todd & Lindsey Anderson and their family on the death of his father, Dr. Todd Anderson, Sr., 9/13/2022

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., 9/3/2022

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, 8/9/2022

Beth & Blake Blythe and family on the death of her father, Stephen McDonald, 8/26/2022

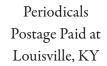
Nancy Newman and her family on the death of her mother, Mary Seaver, 8/15/2022

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.





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