# Second Edition

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## On Second Thought...

This past Sunday morning I was headed to church, right on time to arrive at 8:15 as usual. As I turned right off of Lyons View Rd. onto Kingston Pike, I was stopped suddenly by KPD officers who were there controlling traffic for the Knoxville Marathon. "Oh man!" I thought, "I didn't realize that was today!"

Usually, I'm aware of when the marathon is happening and go a different route to avoid as much of it as I can. (Although, given the route, it is impossible to avoid entirely when coming to our building.) With the pandemic the last two years, however, the date has shifted around and I haven't really paid attention like I should. I ran into the same issue last fall.

Anyway, as I was driving slowly up Kingston Pike in the one lane assigned to me, I saw hundreds and hundreds of runners in the south two lanes being cheered on by family and friends. It was very inspiring, though maybe not inspiring enough to make me want to run that far. Since I was in the frame of mind of preparing for worship, however, a Biblical image came to my mind – that of Easter morning.

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb on Easter morning and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance, she ran! She ran to tell Peter and John, who ran together back to the tomb, with John outrunning Peter. That's a lot of running very early in the morning – kind of like the Knoxville marathon.

Easter Sunday is April 17th this year. Besides Easter, that day will also mark another momentous occasion. It will be the 50th anniversary of the Boston Marathon allowing women to compete for the first time. Nina Kuscsik emerged from the field to win the women's race that day, and all eight of the female runners completed the 26.2 mile course. Ms. Kuscik wasn't the first woman to run in the Boston Marathon, however.

In 1966, Roberta Gibb became the first woman to run the full Boston Marathon. She wasn't allowed to officially enter, however, so she hid in the bushes and jumped into the race when it began. The next year, in 1967, Kathrine Switzer registered as K.V. Switzer, not identifying herself as a woman. When she started to run and officials realized she was a woman, they tried to remove her from



the race by grabbing her and ripping off her bib number. Her boyfriend shoved the man to the ground and she finished the race in about four hours and 20 minutes.

Much has changed in the last 50 years. Almost 450 women crossed the finish line in last week's Knoxville Marathon. There were 13,684 women in the most recent Boston Marathon (2019) and 11,982 of them crossed the finish line. This year organizers expect around 14,000 women runners in Boston. Among them will be a team of 8 women who will participate in honor of those original eight finishers from 1972, including one of the original eight, Valerie Rogosheske.

Just as 1972 was a turning point for female marathoners, Easter morning was a moment of truth for the followers of Jesus. Until that point, Mary Magdalene isn't mentioned much in John's Gospel. The only clear mention is that there were three Mary's standing near the cross of Jesus, one of whom was Mary Magdalene.

But suddenly, Mary Magdalene slips into the race. Like Roberta Gibb popping out of the bushes, Mary Magdalene makes a dramatic appearance. She comes to the tomb first – early in the morning as soon as the sun comes up. When she finds the tomb empty, she runs back to the other disciples and tells them what she has seen. The two men take her seriously and believe her! Well, they believe her enough to race to the tomb, as well, to see for themselves. Then when they enter and see that the tomb is indeed empty, they believe her for real.

I think that the Easter story is a reminder that we need to listen to people who have been overlooked or ignored. They often speak truths we need to hear. To John and Peter's credit, they believed what Mary told him. Whose voices should we be listening to that are speaking truths we desperately need to hear?

Grace and peace...



# INTHISISSUE

Worship & Celebration
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Stewardship

# **Upcoming Sermon Texts and Topics**

We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary, the shared three-year-cycle of Bible readings used across many different denominations from multiple nations around the globe. If you would like to engage with your own lectionary resources in preparation, we are currently in Year C.

**April 3 John 12:1-8** 

**Mary Anoints Jesus** 

**April 10** Matthew 20:17-28

James & John Seek Honor

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 14 John 13:1-17, 34-35

The Last Supper

Maundy Thursday

April 17 John 20:1-18

The Resurrection

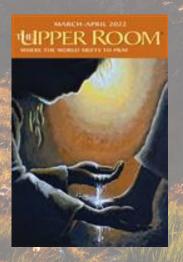
Easter Sunday

April 24

John 20:19-31

**Being Sent by Christ** 

Kirking of the Tartans



The March-April <u>Upper Room</u> Devotionals are available!

Copies can be found in the vestibule & narthex.

# Holy Week Worship Opportunities

## **April 10 Palm Sunday**

Worship 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

The children will gather in the Narthex prior to the service to receive palms and then parade through the sanctuary during the singing of the 1st hymn.

## **April 14 Maundy Thursday**

Worship 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary
A service of communion ending with Tenebrae.

## April 15 Good Friday

Ecumenical Service 12:00 noon Sacred Heart
This service is presented by the Bearden Area
Ministerial Association.

April 17 Easter Sunday
Worship 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

## **Upcoming Events**

#### Maundy Thursday Communion Service

On Thursday, April 14th we will celebrate the sacrament of communion at a service commemorating Maundy Thursday. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word maundatum, which means "commandment". It refers to the Last Supper when Jesus, after washing the disciples' feet, instructs them, "I give you a new commandment. As I have done for you, you also should do for one another." The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel, last approximately an hour, and end with a brief Service of Tenebrae (or "Darkness") as we turn towards Good Friday.

#### Kirkin' o' the Tartans on April 24th

On Sunday, April 24th, we will celebrate our Presbyterian Scottish heritage with a Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service during worship. "Kirkin" comes from "kirk," the Scottish word for church, so the phrase literally means the "Churching of the Tartan." Most people, however, take it to mean "blessing" of the tartans and the families, regions, and regiments they represent.

#### The Flowering of the Cross

Everyone is invited to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" on Easter Sunday morning! Bring flowers from your yard, garden, the store, or even the side of the road with you to worship. Then on Easter Sunday morning prior to the service, come and place your flowers on the cross as you enter the sanctuary before you take your seat. Following the service (weather permitting), the cross will be carried outside for all to see and have their pictures made with. This will be the first time since 2019 that we will be able to do this in person, so we know it will be a special treat this year!



Some people claim the origin of this ceremony dates back to the Proscription Act of 1746 placed by the victorious English over the defeated Scots after the Battle of Culloden (1745). Scots outside the British military were forbidden to wear traditional Highland garb. Legend says that Scots would hide a swatch of their clan tartan when going to church services and touch it at a specific time during the services to recommit themselves to the Lord and their Scottish heritage.

In actuality, the Kirkin' o' the Tartans was created by Dr. Peter Marshall on April 27, 1941, at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C. In those dark days for Britain in World War II, Dr. Marshall, pastor of the church and twice chaplain of the United States Senate, wanted to raise funds for British War Relief and revitalize the pride of Scottish Americans in their heritage.

## **Meet our Elder Nominees**



My name is Zachary
Burch, but please call me
Zach. I have been a
member of various
churches my entire life,
however 2nd Pres is the
first one I have been
deeply involved with as
an adult. I am part of the
discipleship committee,
recently lead a
Wednesday Bible study,

and am on the rotation for teaching Elementary Sunday school. Personally, I have met my two best friends at this church. I am very excited to become more involved with 2nd.



My name is Lisa Henley have been a 1 member of Second Presbyterian Church since the late 1990s. I grew up Johnson City, TN, where I was a member of Presbyterian Covenant Church. When I came to UT. I found Second Presbyterian as it was the closest PCUSA church to

where I lived on campus. I immediately felt at home and the rest, as they say, is history! I have been married to my husband, John, for 20 years. We have two boys, who I'm sure most of you know, Dale [17] and Neal [14]. We are so grateful for this community of faith to raise our boys in. I am in my 26th year of teaching in Knox County Schools. Currently, I serve as the instructional coach at Amherst Elementary. I am humbled and grateful for your confidence in me to serve the church for the



Elizabeth Seastrunk lives in Knoxville with her 7-pound dog, Oscar, and has been a member of Second Pres for a little over two years. She is the proud mother of two successful adult children, Jacob [28] and Elizabeth [26]. She serves on the Second Pres Preschool Board and helps with live

video streaming on Sunday mornings. Elizabeth currently teaches business and marketing courses online through Edmentum and is also the Professional Learning Coordinator with the North Carolina State Department of Education. She taught grades 6-12 face-to-face in North Carolina for 14 years in Cherokee and Henderson Counties. She holds a B.S. in Financial Management from Clemson University, an MAT in Business Education from Winthrop University, and holds National Board Certification in Business Education. Elizabeth is excited about the possibility of serving our church as a Session member.



second time as an elder.

Terry L. Weaver, Ph. D. is originally from Miami. Florida yet has lived in Tennessee since 1979. He is married Kav Isbell to Weaver from Maryville, Tennessee. Terry taught at Carson Newman for nine vears then at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee until retiring in 2014.

Terry has served as an elder at both First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City, Tennessee and First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Tennessee. Terry is grandfather (Pop) to Finley Kennedy and Dad to Patricia Kennedy. Terry looks forward to serving Second Presbyterian Church and its congregation.

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Matt Casey 04.04

Laura Dodson 04.06

Dean Farmer Audrey Johnson 04.07

Frances Johnson 04.09

Natalie Pruitt
04.11

Mary Howard 04.15 Laura Turner Ginny Williams 04.19

Gerald Cook 04.21

Faye Penmore

Dick Dodson
Dale Henley
04.23

Anne Armstrong

Ann Simpson 04.28

If we inadvertently missed someone ... Happy Birthday!
Please help us update your records at the church
so we'll have your special day on file next year!

### **New Family Worship Area**

Last month a number of our young families approached the Worship and Discipleship teams with an interesting request. During the pandemic, as worship was virtual, they found great joy in having the chance to worship together as a family. Coming out of the pandemic, they realized this was a practice they wanted to continue. They did some research and found that a number of congregations are creating "Family Worship Areas" in their sanctuaries so that parents and their young children can worship together. These areas include tables and activities for the children, along with some rocking chairs and other adult seating options so parents can hold their children during worship, if necessary.

Both the Worship and Discipleship teams were impressed with their presentation and with the idea itself. So we have decided to implement a Family Worship Area in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, April 24th. This area will be down front, just in front of the pulpit. Depending on the response and participation, this may eventually include the lectern side. (You may have noticed some of our young families have already begun sitting in this area to get their children used to the idea.)

Research has shown that such Family Worship Areas help children to be more engaged during worship, as well as allow parents to have more to discuss with their children following worship, and throughout the week, about what goes on during worship. It also helps children to feel more included as members of the Body of Christ.

The nursery will still be available for those parents of young children who wish for a more traditional Sunday morning worship experience, while the Family Worship Area will be available for anyone who wishes to worship together as a family. Holly Grimm will be providing activities for the children that allow them to engage the theme for the day in an age-appropriate manner. Our Children's Worship bags will also still be available for those families wishing to sit further back in the pews.

We are excited about this opportunity to find new ways to engage our young disciples and their parents. We are thankful that our young families felt empowered to reach out and communicate their needs and we are grateful for the opportunity to meet those needs. We know it will be an adjustment for some, but the congregations we have spoken with all say that after the initial adjustment, it has brought an incredible amount of joy not just to the young families, but to the entire congregation!



#### **New Member Sunday**

On Sunday, March 20th, we welcomed 11 new members into our fellowship.

From left to right, they are:

Back row: Linda Cook, Gerald Cook, Leonard Bailey, Pat Bailey, Andrew Butler

Middle row: Rebecca Kite, Janis Smith, Kathy Tallent, Kirsty Bleyl

Front row: Susan Jacox, Cameron (and Garrett) Kite

#### **Need a Nametag?**

We will be ordering nametags for these new members, to make it easier for all of us to get to know one another.

If you have lost or misplaced your own nametag and would like another, please email the name(s) to Bonnie Smith in the church office (bsmith@2ndpres.org).

She'll place this order on Monday, April 11th, and will let everyone know when they arrive.





# NO FOOLIN'

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH has confirmed three meetings before summer, 2022:

April 12 May 10 June 14

All Second Church women and friends are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00-11:30.

(Men, as always, are welcome as well).

\*The grateful experience of being "together again"!

\*Making a joyful noise for the Lord with song and study.

\*Learning about one specific mission.

The April 12 gathering will host Kristi Whitehead, Knox County Program Coordinator of Isaiah 117 House. She will present a program on the current status of state services for children in foster care in Tennessee and the work of the nonprofit Isaiah 117 House in the foster care program.

# Dolls Donated to Isaiah 1:17 House

On Wednesday, March 2nd, the Arts & Crafts Group was able to deliver our first batch of dolls to Isaiah 1:17 House. Kristi Whitehead came to the church and was given 8 dolls, as well as the action figures and other toys for boys that had been donated by church members.

The 18" dolls each had hand-made pajamas, play clothes or a "fancy" dress, and each of the baby dolls also had a matching blanket to go with the clothes that came with them.



If you would like to learn more about Isaiah 1:17 House, Kristi will be speaking to the Presbyterian Women at the April 12th meeting (10 a.m. at the church).

Next meeting of the Arts & Crafts group will be April 28th at 10 a.m. Come join us!





We are already hard at work, outfitting the next group of dolls.

The church is invited to donate additional toys for the boys who are served by this organization.

Thanks to the Presbyterian Women's group for funding the purchase of the dolls, and for donating additional money to help with the material for the clothes.



#### **Welcome Bonnie Smith**

Bonnie Smith is our new Church Administrator. Bonnie comes to us by way of her hometown of Macon, GA, where she and her husband Mark have lived for the past 20 years. They moved to Lenoir City in December, making what Bonnie refers to as their first "semi-retirement" move (Mark being the retiree!)



Bonnie brings a diverse business background to 2nd Presbyterian, including physician practice management, managed healthcare, hospitality/sports management, and church administration. For the past four years, she served as the assistant administrator at Vineville United Methodist Church in Macon.

She and Mark have two adult sons and daughters-in-law in Columbus, GA, and Lynchburg, VA, all of whom are classically trained musicians. She is an enthusiastic pickleball player, and also loves to read and help tend the family's four rescue cats.

She is excited to be part of the team, and looks forward to meeting and working with the staff and members of 2nd Pres. Her new email is bsmith@2ndpres.org. However, don't worry: if you accidentally send something to Audrey, it will come to Bonnie as well.



# April 13 at 11:30 a.m. Buckingham Clubhouse Marianne Thuesen will be reviewing The Chilbury Ladies' Choir by Jennifer Ryan. Brink your lunch and drink. We would love to have others join us in this book group at Second! Call Margaret Sullivan at (865) 588-3103 if you are interested or want more information.



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on both

Palm Sunday (April 10th) and Easter Sunday, April 17th.

This offering is the single, largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs.

#1

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-cause disasters.

#2

**PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM** takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

#3

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.



# Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders April 3 following worship

Following worship on Sunday, April 3rd, we will have a brief congregational meeting to elect elders to the class of 2025.

The names that are being placed into nomination by the Congregational Nominating Team are:

Zachary Burch
Lisa Henley
Elizabeth Seastrunk
Terry Weaver.

The new class of elders will be ordained and installed on Sunday, April 24th, during the worship service.

# New Organizational Structure Information Session April 3

There is one more Organizational Structure Information Session left and it is on Sunday evening, April 3rd.

A food truck from Oishi (Asian-Fusion) will be present at 5:00 p.m. for those who wish to share a meal and fellowship together.

The information session will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Chambers Room.



#### **Knox County Juvenile Court**

Timothy E. Irwin, Judge Charles Susano, Clerk Heidi V. Garrett, Court Director Terry Brown, Court Director Mary A. Lindsey, Court Director

Irene B. Joseph, Magistrate James Y.' Bo' Reed, Magistrate Robin P. Gunn, Magistrate Stacy Eckard, Magistrate Angela Blevins, Magistrate Stanley C. Briggs, Magistrate Michael E. Simpson, Magistrate Robin Gresham, Magistrate

March 2, 2022

Second Presbyterian Church 2829 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37919

Dear Parishioners:

Once again, I continue to be amazed by the support and generosity of Knox County citizens for the Juvenile Court Stuffed Animal Drive. I wish everyone could witness the relief and comfort these toys bring to our children who are generally frightened by the circumstances that causes them to be in Court. Rest assured that the stuffed animals we have received, and purchased, will be put to good use. Your recent donation has already made children smile.

Thank you for responding to our call for help.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Irwin, Judge Knox County Juvenile Court

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March 22, 2022

Second Presbyterian Church 2829 Kingston Pike Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Friends in Christ,

While the temperatures at Massanetta have been mostly COLD so far in 2022, our hearts are warm with gratitude because of you. The last two years have not been easy for any one, and that has been especially true in camp and conference ministry. But because of the generosity of people just like you, Massanetta finds herself thriving.

2022 is the 100th anniversary of Presbyterian ministry on these sacred grounds. We plan to celebrate All. Year. Long. Of course we will celebrate what has happened in the past. Because we are grateful for the ways God meets people here and for how lives are forever changed. But we are also celebrating stepping boldly into a second century of ministry. Now, more than ever, our ability to do that relies on the generosity of the Massanetta Community. Because you invest in our mission, "to be a place for all people to experience God through renewal, discovery, and hospitality," Massanetta continues to be such a place for all who come through our doors.

Generosity 2021 saw a return to in person summer ministry, and welcoming of Afghan refugees rough our partnership with Church World Service. We are slowly seeing the return of church retreats and other guest groups. We can't wait to see what is in store for us in 2022. With your help, we will be changing lives for another 100 years. Your gift of \$500 is making that happen even as we speak. Thank you.

In Christ,

Thank you 2PC/

Rev. Clayton Rascoe **Executive Director** Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center

# **Updates from the Session**

# Highlights from the March 2022 Stated & Called Session Meetings

- Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.
- Received the Treasurer's Report
- Approved the request for a baptism by the Roberts family.
- Adopted the Policies and Procedures manual.
- Elected Suzanne White as Treasurer-Elect.
- Approved a \$5000 distribution from the Mission Designated Fund to be added to the \$5000 from the Service and Outreach Budget for support to the Ukrainian people in the amount of \$10,000 form Second Presbyterian Church.
- Received into the membership of this congregation Leonard and Pat Bailey, Kirsty Bleyl, Rebecca Kite, and Kathy Tallent by reaffirmation of faith, and: Andrew Butler, Gerald and Linda Cook, Susan Jacox, Cameron Kite, and Janis Smith by letter of transfer.

# FEBRUARY BUDGET REPORT

	FEBRUARY YTD		BUDGET	
TOTAL GIVING	\$77,835.13	\$144,738.01	\$780,570.00	
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$61,612.70	\$114,098.34	\$784,242.10	
EXCESS/(SHORTAGE)	\$16,222.43	\$30,639.67		

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Communion Sunday  9 <sup>45</sup> a FSF Sunday School  Class  11a Worship  Congregational Meeting  5p Food Truck  6p Information Session	4	5 10a Organ Search Committee 5p PreSchool Spring Program 5p Facilities 6p Care & Compassion 6³p Boy Scouts	6 2p Compassionate Cuisine 5 <sup>45</sup> Wednesday Night Dinner 6 <sup>3</sup> p Wednesday Night Lenten Study	7	8 Church Office Closed  2p Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal	9 10a WestView Community Day
Palm Sunday 9 <sup>45</sup> a FSF Sunday School Class 11a Worship	11 6p Discipleship (Zoom)	12 10a Presbyterian Women 6³p Boy Scouts	13 12p 2 <sup>nd</sup> Readers Book Club 5 <sup>45</sup> Wednesday Night Dinner 6 <sup>3</sup> p Wednesday Night Lenten Study	14 6p Maundy Thursday Service	15 Church Office Closed 12p Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Sacred Heart	16
<b>17 Easter Sunday</b> 9 <sup>45</sup> a FSF Sunday School Class Flowering of the Cross 11a Worship	18 Easter Monday Church Office Closed  12p PreSchool Board Meeting	19 6p Session 6³p Boy Scouts	Deadline for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition (May) 2p Compassionate Cuisine 5 <sup>45</sup> Wednesday Night Dinner 6 <sup>3</sup> p Study: Gospel of Mark	<b>21</b> 2p Budget & Finance	<b>22</b> Church Office Closed	23 10a New Elder Orientation
<b>24 Kirking of the Tartans</b> 9 <sup>45</sup> a FSF Sunday School Class 11a Worship <i>Installation and Ordination Class of</i> 2025	25	<b>26</b> 9a FISH 6³p Boy Scouts	27 5 <sup>45</sup> Wednesday Night Dinner 6 <sup>3</sup> p Study: Gospel of Mark	28 10a Art & Crafts	29 Church Office Closed	30



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#### **ELDERS**

#### **CLASS OF 2022**

Dean Farmer Margie Gill Patricia Kennedy Marty McLean

#### **CLASS OF 2023**

Tracy Horton Neal Peebles Charles White Tim Wright

#### **CLASS OF 2024**

Ileen Cheek Joe Clarke Angela Jones Mary Kay Sullivan

#### MINISTRY TEAMS & MODERATORS

#### Worship & Celebration

Margie Gill Ileen Cheek

#### **Discipleship**

Patricia Kennedy Angela Jones

#### Service & Outreach

Tracy Horton Tim Wright

#### Care & Compassion

Marty McLean Joe Clarke

#### **Stewardship**

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