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Thought...



There's a podcast that I love to listen to when I'm driving around town. It's called *Stuff You Should Know*. The two hosts, Chuck and Josh, research and present 2-3 episodes each week which educate listeners on a wide variety of topics. They have a very good team helping them, so every topic is well-researched, and they always manage to inject a little humor into the episode.

They cover a wide range of topics and they've been doing the podcast since 2008, so there's quite a back catalog of episodes/topics to explore. Just this week I have listened to their most recent episodes, which were: *What Was the Skeleton Army?*, *Where Christmas Lights Come From*, *How Fireplaces Work*, *How Snails Work*, and *How Primitive Will Our Descendants Find Us?*

One of the reasons I love this Podcast is because I learn something new every time. Often the topic is something I didn't know anything about, but even when they cover something with which I am familiar, I learn something that I didn't know before.

On January 7, Pastor Sarah and I are beginning a 6-week sermon series on the book of Colossians. We are calling it *Christianity Made Simple* because we think that Colossians tells us "stuff we should know" about following Christ and being his disciples in the world.

The reason Paul writes to the Christians in Colossae is because they had begun to mix their own ideas and philosophies with Christianity. They

had decided that some of the teachings of Christianity went very well with their own ideas and philosophies, but other parts of Christianity didn't, and so they were just going to ignore those bits.

Paul writes his letter from prison to say, essentially, "Let me take you back to the basics." And what follows is a wonderful exposition of what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the world. Paul covers the basics of the Christian faith and we will, too: theology, God's will, the Gospel, ministry, spirituality, and living the Christian life.

In addition to the sermon series, the Wednesday Night Bible Study will also be studying Colossians in parallel with the sermons. So if you would like to come and engage the text more deeply and in conversation with others, I encourage you to gather in the library at 6:30 on Wednesday nights to discuss this wonderful book.

Our hope is that whether you are just beginning to follow Christ or if you have been a Christian for a long time, there will be something new to learn from this sermon series (pastors, included!). In fact, in researching the book of Colossians in preparation for the series I learned something I didn't know before; it was Dietrich Bonhoeffer's favorite book of the Bible!

I hope to see you on Sundays in the new year as we learn more new things, together!

Grace and peace...



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UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS & TOPICS

For the first 6 weeks of 2024 (until Lent begins), we are going to examine the first 3½ chapters of the book of Colossians. Colossae was a town of Phrygia in Asia Minor, not far from Ephesus. In response to wrong teaching by some unidentified persons, Paul writes this letter to help them understand what right faith looks like. It presents a strong and poetic image of the sole lordship of Christ, both in the church and throughout the whole cosmos. Christ is the unified and unifying power on which alone Christians are to depend. There is no stronger affirmation of the lordship of Christ in the New Testament. Because the letter is about right faith, we are calling this series ***Christianity Made Simple***.

January 7th	Colossians 1:1-8	<i>Christianity Made Simple: Theology</i>
January 14th	Colossians 1:9-14	<i>Christianity Made Simple: God's Will</i>
January 21st	Colossians 1:15-23	<i>Christianity Made Simple: The Gospel</i>
January 28th	Colossians 1:24-2:3	<i>Christianity Made Simple: Ministry</i>
February 4th	Colossians 2:4-23	<i>Christianity Made Simple: Spirituality</i>
February 11th	Colossians 3:1-17	<i>Christianity Made Simple: Living the Christian Life</i>



Jessica Lewis' Ordination Service

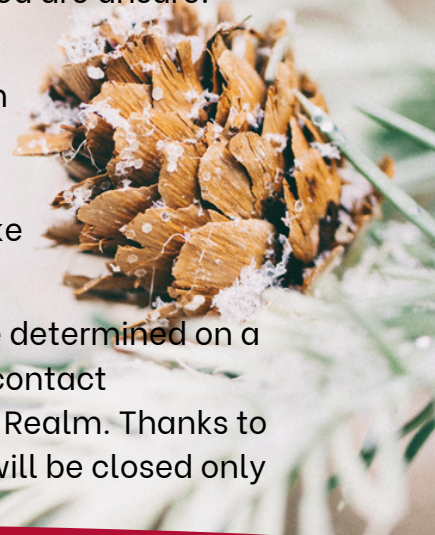
On Sunday, **January 21st at 2:00 p.m.**, Jessica Lewis will be ordained as a *Teaching Elder and Minister of the Word & Sacrament*. The service will take place in Lambert Hall (part of Clayton Center for the Arts) at Maryville College. All members of 2nd Presbyterian Church are invited to come and be part of this special worship service.

Second's Winter Weather Policy

Now that winter is upon us, here is a quick reminder of our winter weather policies for inclement weather. Please remember to check Realm or the website if you are unsure. If we know of any cancellations, we will post them there.

Sunday Worship: Worship will never be canceled due to weather, though there may be some last-minute modifications to the worship service. Please use your discretion, however, in deciding whether or not to come. Safety is of primary importance; stay home if you don't feel you can make it here safely. You can always join virtually!

All Other Activities (Choir, Committees, Fellowship, etc.): These will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The chairperson or director will make the call and contact participants, and any cancellations will be posted on the website and in Realm. Thanks to Zoom there is always the option of meeting virtually! The church office will be closed only in the event of extreme weather.



Un-Decorating the Church

On January 3rd we will meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. to take down the Christmas decorations.

Come join us!

01.04 DANA HENDRIX

01.05 FAY CARR

01.05 CATHY GRAY

01.05 SETH REYNOLDS

01.06 LINDA COOK

01.06 JEANNIE ULLRICH

01.06 NANCY WEIGEL

01.07 BRENTLEY BURCH

01.09 TIM WRIGHT

01.09 AMY CROSS

01.14 WAYNE KRABbenhOFT

01.15 MORTON ROSE

01.16 LESLIE TESTERMAN

01.17 GERRY TURNER

01.20 PETER ULLRICH

01.21 FRAN MCLEAN

01.21 SUSANNE WHITE

01.21 GRACE WARNOCK

01.22 MONICA CASEY

01.22 ARLEEN REILLY

01.27 LINDSAY WHITAKER

01.31 JESSE LIU

IF WE INADVERTENTLY MISSED SOMEONE...HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS SO WE'LL HAVE YOUR SPECIAL DAY ON FILE.



2ND WEDNESDAY @ 2ND PRES

This month's 2nd Wednesday program on January 10th will be led by Dick Dodson of the Faith, Science, and the Future Sunday School class. We will engage in a study/conversation that will be like what the FSF class does on Sunday mornings. The FSF looks at current events through the lens of faith to see what lessons there are for our own faith journeys. On Monday, January 8th, we will send out an email (and also a post on Realm) with the topic that we will discuss, along with some reading about the topic and questions to think about. Dick will then lead us in the discussion and reflection on Wednesday night.

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

The cost for the dinner is \$10 per person, with a \$25 family maximum.

The program will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m.

You may register in advance in the Realm app, or scan the QR code.

SCAN ME



Thanks so much to all who remembered our family with cards, emails, and gifts during the Christmas Season. We are grateful to have served this wonderful congregation for another year. – Tim, Tuesday, Seth & Lily Grace Reynolds

THANK YOU

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place in conjunction with the Souper Bowl luncheon following worship on **Sunday, February 11th.**

The luncheon and the meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Mark your calendars now!

SAVE THE DATE



NEWS FROM DAVID STULTZ



Greetings Second Pres Family!

I cannot believe how much time has passed since I had to depart from Second Pres. My time at Notre Dame was the perfect extension of my educational opportunities in Knoxville. Over the summer, I moved into a new apartment in Farmington Hills, MI (finally one that is all to myself), and I hung up the drawing of Second Pres signed by the staff. I thought to myself how I could not have made it this far without the outpouring of love and support from the staff, choir, and congregation, not to mention the valuable musical experience for 3.5 years. I miss being there almost every day, and I continue to think about and pray for the music program. That organ will always be one of my favorites I have ever played!

I would love to share with you a little about my new life up here in Michigan. After Notre Dame, I wanted to see a continuation of church work, possibly in the Catholic Church because of how much I enjoyed playing for the ND basilica. One of the doctoral organ students at ND is from Detroit, and we met last year. He connected me with a music director searching for a music associate at a parish near the Detroit area. I went through the audition process around the same time I was considering a DMA program at the University of Michigan. Over the summer, I was excited to accept the position as Associate Director of Sacred Music at St. Hugo of the Hills Parish in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan which decided where I was going to school. I was surprised and blessed to hear that St. Hugo's is one of the most affluent parishes in Michigan with over 3,500 registered families. There are two organs on the campus: the main sanctuary has a four manual Zimmer from 1970 (refurbished with a new console in 2005), and the absolutely stunning Stone Chapel from the 1800s has a 1935 Casavant in perfect condition with two manuals and echo division. I play 3 out of the 6 daily Masses that happen at 8:30 everyday in the chapel, and I play several of the 5 weekend Masses in the main church. I have also been put in charge of the handbell choir which I immensely enjoy conducting. The director, Mitchell Garcia, and I share the commitments for the Children's Choir and the adult Liturgical Choir. On top of all that, this parish averages 2 weddings and at least 2 funerals every week. There is also a wonderful, playable carillon tower given by the Tiffany family – Wilda Tiffany is buried with her cat under the carillon! I am extremely grateful for this job and the experiences I'm getting.

One of the challenges I have navigated this fall is the distance between church and school: over an hour during the day with traffic. The coursework is a whole new level, and I am doing my best to stay on top of things. My primary instructor is Nicole Keller, and I am taking organ improvisation lessons with a very prominent composer and concert artist named Balint Karosi. I cannot begin to tell you how much I have enjoyed working with Prof. Karosi. He is one of the few organists ever that has recorded all of the Bach keyboard works, several of which can be found on YouTube, and he is one of today's pioneers in historical improvisation and early performance practice. Improvisation has become an enormous passion for me, and I know that I am in the right place right now because I did not know Karosi would be a professor at U of M (just for this year) until months after I had accepted my offer of admission. I am just so thankful!

I hope you all are doing well. I really miss everyone so much. Hopefully, I will be able to visit Knoxville soon. Happy fall!

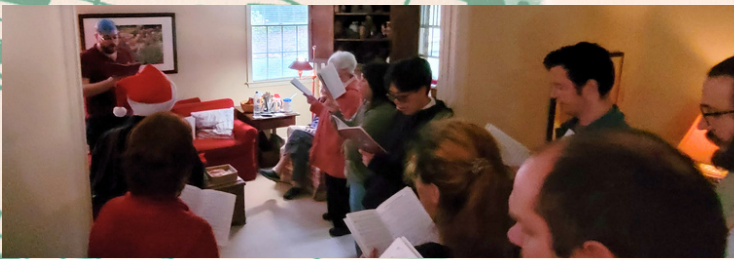
CAROL-SING ALONG

December 13th





CAROLING - 12/17





ANTI-RACISM STATEMENT

At its General Assembly this past summer, the PCUSA added to the Book of Order a requirement that all PCUSA congregations have the following policies in place: a sexual misconduct policy, a harassment policy, a child and youth protection policy, and an antiracism policy. Second Presbyterian Church already had the first three policies in place. In September the Session appointed Monica Casey, Angela Jones, and Terry Weaver to draft an antiracism policy. In November the Session adopted the following anti-racism policy:

We who call Second Presbyterian Church home are committed to non-violent ways to bring about justice and end racism. We stand with those who call for an end to unjust and discriminatory policies and practices, both explicit and implicit, and racism in all its forms. Second Presbyterian Church will make it a priority not only to avoid acts of injustice and racism, but to actively become anti-racist and more just through education, preaching, intentional practice, and acts of social justice.

God did not choose one people over another. Indeed, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act and now is one of those times. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity, and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these situations.

In Peace and Grace, the Session of Second Presbyterian Church Knoxville, Tennessee (PCUSA), as part of the universal Church of Jesus Christ, is compelled to bear witness to Christ's commands to love, honor, and care for all people. We know that as children of God all are equal and worthy of love and respect.

West View Elementary Mini – Soccer Field

A dusty, dirty, muddy, eyesore area at *West View Elementary* has been converted into a mini soccer field with the help of 2nd Pres. The kids will be able to play on the new artificial turf when they return to school in January. Soccer is a huge recess time activity, and the kids will have a much better place to play now. What a great way to start a new year.

Construction of the field not only included the artificial turf surface but also underlayment, leveling, drainage improvement, and improvements to the border of the adjoining playground area.

This was made possible in large part by funding through the GO Team provided by the congregation of 2nd Pres. This is just one of many ways our offerings extend our mission outside of the walls of our church into the community, the nation, and the world.



The **GO Team** is looking for volunteers for

**KARM lunch on
Wed, January 17 from 11 am- 1 pm.**

2nd Pres needs seven volunteers.

If you haven't served at KARM before, please take this chance.
If you have, please consider volunteering again.

Contact Leonard Bailey at 865-207-4947 or lbailey@chartertn.net
to sign up or learn about more opportunities to serve in the next year.



December at SECOND

VIENNA LIGHT ORCHESTRA



RETURNS TO 2ND PRES FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS!

What a beautiful evening at Second Pres! As Advent prepares us for the blessed birth, this concert set the stage for a truly Merry Christmas!



HAPPY *New Year*



FROM THE STAFF AT
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on January 1st and 2nd in observance of the New Year's Holiday.

NOVEMBER BUDGET REPORT

	NOVEMBER	YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	\$48,406.62	\$764,721.37	\$784,417.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$58,024.02	\$704,886.93	\$819,176.00
EXCESS(SHORTAGE)	(\$9,617.40)	\$59,617.40	(\$ 34,759.00)

01. JANUARY ➞ 2024 ➞

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01 Office Closed NEW YEAR'S	02 Office Closed 5:00 p.m. Facilities Support (Zoom)	03 Un-decorate the church 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)	04 1:00 p.m. GO Team (Barbour)	05	06
07 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Sunday School Class 10:30 a.m. Worship	08 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour) 12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Mtg (Zoom) 5:30 a.m. Session Workshop Budget and Finance (Barbour)	09 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. Worship Team (Barbour)	10 11:30 a.m. Second Readers (Library) 6:00 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Dinner & Program (FH) 7 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	11	12	13
14 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Sunday School Class 10:30 a.m. Worship	15 Office Closed MLK	16 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Zoom)	17 9 a.m. Realm 101 (Small Conference Room) 10 a.m. Realm 102 (Small Conference Room). 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)	18 10 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227) 12:00 pm. Realm 101 (Small Conference Room) 1 p.m. Realm 102 (Small Conference Room).	19	20 4:00 p.m. Deadline 2nd Edition Articles
21 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Sunday School Class 10:30 a.m. Worship	22 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour)	23 9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (FH) 1:00 p.m. GROW team mtg	24 10 a.m. Realm leaders training (Small Conference Room) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)	25 1 p.m. Realm leaders training (Small Conference Room)	26	27
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The events included in this calendar will take place as listed if we are in COVID Phase Green or Yellow, BUT NOT if Red.
Please see the home page and calendar on our website, 2ndpres.org with up-to-date information on COVID Phase changes and new criteria, as well as real-time calendar updates.



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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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