

Second Edition

JANUARY 2022 ISSUE

On Second Thought...



On Sunday, January 2, we will conclude our sermon series for Advent/Christmas, *Making Room...* The theme for that Sunday is *Making Room for the World* and is built around the traditional text for the Sunday closest to Epiphany, the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem. Even though we will celebrate Epiphany on this Sunday, the *actual* date of Epiphany is twelve days after Christmas, January 6.

The date celebrates both the visit of the magi to Jesus shortly after his birth and Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means "manifestation". It symbolizes the revelation of God in his Son Jesus Christ to the world beyond Israel. In the West, Christians began celebrating Epiphany in the 4th century. Up until the 19th century, it was more important than Christmas Day.

In other parts of the world Epiphany is still an important day in the church calendar, observed with a special worship service in which the lights are turned off, candles are lit, John 1 is read, and Christ is invited into the lives of those who have gathered. There are many Epiphany traditions that are observed by families in their homes, as well. Often families do what is described above, except they go from room to room in the house, inviting Christ to fill every space in the home. Chalking of the doors of the home is also a common tradition. Families take chalk of any color and write on or above their doors a formula:

first 2 digits of year + C + M + B + last 2 digits of year
(so for this year: 20 + C + M + B + 22)

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the traditional names given to the magi - Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar. Second, they abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem, benedicat*: "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross. Taken together, this inscription is a request for Christ to bless the homes so marked and that he stay with those who dwell there throughout the year.

Other Epiphany traditions include: dining on roast lamb; baking *Rosca de Reyes* (Three Kings Bread) and hiding a small statue of baby Jesus inside (whoever finds it throws a party on Feb 2, Candlemas Day, the celebration of Jesus being presented in the Temple); children leaving their shoes out to be filled with gifts; swimming in the ice cold waters of the local river or lake; and wassailing, going from house to house and singing carols while drinking wassail (warmed ale, wine or cider, blended with spices).

In many liturgical traditions, Epiphany is a season, starting on January 6 and continuing until Ash Wednesday, when the 40 days of Lent begin. Though not as popular in the United States, and especially in the Protestant tradition, Epiphany gives Christians the opportunity after the celebration of Christmas to ask, "So now what?"

In Advent we turn inward and reflect on how we can make room in our hearts and lives for Jesus' coming. At Christmas we celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world. And in Epiphany we are sent out with the light of the beauty of the glory of Jesus in our hearts and on our faces to announce the Good News. Epiphany is where "O Come Let Us Adore Him" becomes "Go Tell It on the Mountain". *The light has shone in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. A new day has come.*

Epiphany reminds us that carrying the light of Christ into the world is not for the faint of heart. We are sent out into a dark and weary world. Shining the light of Christ into the world is an act of courage and defiance. Holding up a light in a dark place is a dangerous thing to do - we risk exposure, we can become a target for those powers that thrive in the dark.

Yet we also draw to us all of those who need to feel the hope and warmth the light of Christ brings. As the Apostle Paul wrote: *It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of the darkness" who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

God's call to us in Epiphany is to hold up a candle, to radiate the light of Christ in our lives, in our relationships, and as a church. We are being invited to make that move from coming and adoring to going and telling. Both are necessary. To emphasize one over the other is to distort the Gospel.

So in this new year I invite you to think about how we might radiate the light of Christ, as a congregation and in our individual lives. I look forward to hearing your ideas!

Grace and peace...

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Upcoming Sermon Texts and Topics

Following Epiphany, we will return to 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.

January 2nd	Matthew 2:1-12	Making Room for the World (Epiphany)
January 9th	Luke 3:3-18, 21-22	John Baptizes in the Jordan River
January 16th	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes
January 23rd	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ezra Reads the Book of the Law
January 30th	Jeremiah 1:4-10	The Calling of Jeremiah to Ministry

Guest Preacher on January 16th

**Welcome
Colleen
Earp!**



On Sunday, January 16th, our guest preacher will be Colleen Earp, Director of Programs at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center. Colleen is passionate about creation care, including people, and finds being in community with nature and one another in a place apart to be the perfect setting to practice loving neighbors and enemies alike.

Originally from New Jersey, she earned a BA in Geography from the University of Mary Washington, an MS in Geography at Rutgers University, and has recently completed her M.Div at Union Presbyterian Seminary. She has also served as a Young Adult Volunteer in the PCUSA, a yearlong chaplain residency at UVA Medical Center, and has taught courses in environmental geography. Colleen will be giving us a preview of this summer's Middle School Camp theme by looking at The Beatitudes.

January Birthdays



Dana Hendrix 01/04

Leslie Testerman 01/16

Fay Carr 01/05

Gerry Turner 01/17

Cathy Gray 01/05

Peter Ullrich 01/20

Seth Reynolds 01/05

Fran McLean 01/21

Jeannie Ullrich 01/06

Susanne White 01/21

Nancy Weigel 01/06

Monica Casey 01/22

Amy Cross 01/09

Arleen Reilly 01/22

Tim Wright 01/09

Jean Frazier 01/26

Morton Rose 01/15

Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

During the months of January and February, Kathy Duggan will lead an informal discussion of the Gospel of Mark. Sandwiches, drinks, and snacks will be served beginning at 6:00, followed by a group discussion at 6:30. Text or call Kathy Duggan at 865-441-8683 if you plan to attend so we can have enough food. If you are not a planner, come anyway and we won't let you starve! We would love to have you, reservation or not. We will try to arrange childcare if you let us know in advance. Otherwise, children will be welcomed and appreciated. We will start on January 5th!



January 5th

Mark 1-2

January 12th

Mark 3-4

January 19th

Mark 5-6

January 26th

Mark 7-8

**The January-February
Upper Room Devotionals
are available!**

**Copies can be found in the
vestibule & atrium.**





**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**ATTENTION WOMEN
OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!**

**MARK YOUR JANUARY CALENDAR
FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
FROM 10:30 -12:00**

The Leadership Team of Presbyterian Women invites you to the Fellowship Hall on January 11 for a time of fellowship and discussion about the future of the organization named Presbyterian Women. Our own local PW plans to reactivate itself fully during 2022 and seeks your input as its membership continues its vital role in mission outreach and Bible study within our church membership and the community.

Coffee and tea will be provided. Bring your own sandwich for lunch and come to enjoy fellowship and a renewal of church friendships.

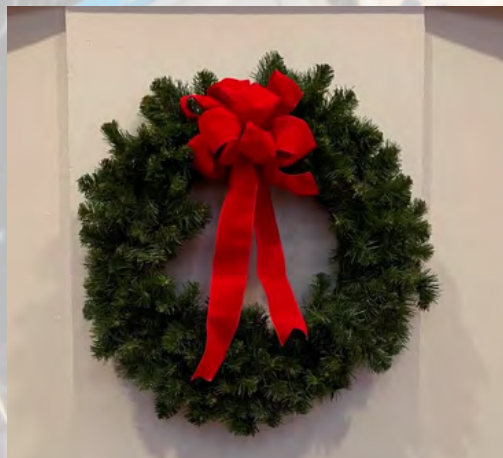
Please know that the PW Leadership Team is well aware of and sensitive to the challenges of Covid and its variants! Masks and social distancing will be required during the meeting for all participants.

The Arts and Crafts Circle of Presbyterian Women will be continuing in 2022 with their mission project with the Isaiah 1:17 House for abused children waiting for foster placement.

PW has provided funding for the project of making doll clothes for dolls to be donated to the home and you will be hearing more about this caring program later. Cheryl Ragsdale, the chair of this circle, invites church participants to volunteer with this program. (865-684-8999).

Cheryl has now begun to collect superhero action figures and transformer vehicle toys for the male children at the home. Consider this request as the stores replenish their toy supply after Christmas.

The Church Decorating Committee decorated the church with trees, wreaths, and live poinsettias for the Christmas season. When you see Ileen Cheek, thank her and the circle for their hard work at Christmas time.



YOUTH THANKSMAS ♥



JANUARY BRUNCH!

The Care and Compassion Ministry is sponsoring a brunch before worship on January 9 and YOU are invited!

Coffee, hot cocoa and orange juice will be provided and members are asked to bring a brunch dish - breakfast casserole, fruit, pastries, etc.

This will be a fun event and a relaxing way to get together after the holidays.
Hope to see you there!

NEW RECEPTION COORDINATOR NEEDED

As many of you know, Caroline Buckner has been Second's reception coordinator for many years. Understandably, Caroline is ready to "hand off the baton" to a new coordinator at this time. While many of the ladies of the church have ably assisted Caroline over the years, we do need a new leader for this important ministry to step forward.

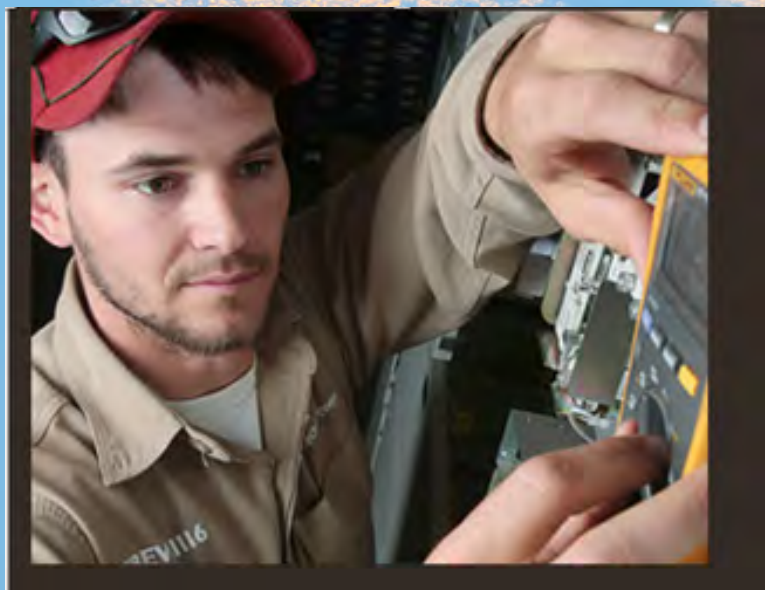
If this is an area of service you would be interested in, or if you'd like more information, please contact either Marty McLean at mclean1605@gmail.com or (423) 677-7414 or Joe Clarke at jclarke859@gmail.com or (865) 335-0421.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH MISSION CHRONICLE

THE MORGAN SCOTT PROJECT

Second Presbyterian Church is blessed to provide support to The Morgan Scott Project. This is a program of Cooperative Christian Concerns that provides a common, multi-denominational base for churches, agencies, and individuals to identify the problems of and provide the solutions for people in peril in Morgan & Scott Counties. In these Tennessee counties, 29% of families fall under the poverty line. The project assists with the basic needs of families through activities, training, and support to help break the cycle of poverty and enable people to help themselves. Some of the assistance platforms include:

- Food pantry & supplies
- Free medical clinic - every other Friday by the Free Medical Clinics of America
- School supplies for children
- Home repairs
- Christmas gifts
- Dental clinic - located in Huntsville, Tennessee
- Thrift store
- Emergency Aid on a case-by-case basis for items such as hearing aids, glasses, food, utility bills and medical costs
- New Light Programs - job training at Tennessee College of Applied Technology and for those wishing to go to college. Help with transportation, fees, tuition, books, testing and baby-sitting.
- Garden supplies - vegetable seeds, plants and fertilizer are provided to more than 350 families each year to grow their own food.



SECOND'S WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Due to Covid last year, we didn't need to really worry about this. Provided we do not return to Covid Phase Red this year, we would like to remind you of our winter weather policies for inclement weather!

Sunday Worship: Worship will never be cancelled due to weather, though there may be some last minute modifications to the worship service. Please use your own 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!

Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study: The Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study follows the Knox County Schools schedule. If Knox County Schools are closed or dismissed early, then these activities will be cancelled. For those without kids, please remember to check on this. Sometimes school is cancelled and there's no snow to be seen!

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

Annual Congregational Meeting - Save the Date!

Covid Phase permitting, our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place in conjunction with the Souper Bowl luncheon following worship on Sunday, February 13th.

The luncheon and the meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now!

Thank You

Thank you so very much to everyone who remembered our family with cards, emails, and gifts during this past Christmas Season. We are so grateful to serve such a wonderfully loving congregation!

- Tim, Tuesday, Seth & Lily Grace Reynolds

NOVEMBER BUDGET REPORT

	NOVEMBER	YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	\$63,220.48	\$698,712.04	\$788,556.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$52,297.67	\$644,635.91	\$788,556.00
EXCESS/(SHORTAGE)	\$10,922.81	\$54,076.13	---



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Communion Sunday
9⁴⁵a FSF Sunday School
Class (Barbour Room)
11a Worship

3

6³p BSF

4

9a Staff Meeting
10a Organ Search
Committee
5p Facilities
6p Care & Compassion
6³p Boy Scouts

5

2p Compassionate Cuisine
6p Wednesday Night
Dinner
6³p Wednesday Night
Bible Study

6

10a Arts & Crafts
1p Service & Outreach
4p Budget & Finance
Committee

7

Church Office Closed

8

9

9a Brunch
11a Worship

10

6p Discipleship
6³p BSF

11

10a Presbyterian Women
Gathering
6p Worship Ministry
6³p Boy Scouts

12

12p 2nd Readers Book Club
6p Wednesday Night
Dinner
6³p Wednesday Night
Bible Study

13

14

Church Office Closed

15

16

9⁴⁵a FSF Sunday School
Class (Barbour Room)
11a Worship

17

12p Preschool Board Mtg
6³p BSF

18

9a Staff Meeting
10a Organ Search
Committee
6p Session Meeting
6³p Boy Scouts

19

2p Compassionate Cuisine
6p Wednesday Night
Dinner
6³p Wednesday Night
Bible Study

20

10a Arts & Crafts

21

Church Office Closed

22

23

9⁴⁵a FSF Sunday School
Class (Barbour Room)
11a Worship

24

6³p BSF

25

9a FISH Pantry
6³p Boy Scouts

26

6p Wednesday Night
Dinner
6³p Wednesday Night
Bible Study

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Church Office Closed

29

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9⁴⁵a FSF Sunday School
Class (Barbour Room)
11a Worship
1p Knoxville Opera
Rehearsal

31

6³p BSF

The events on this calendar will take place if we are in Covid Phase Orange, Yellow, or Green.

Alternate plans will be communicated by the church office or the coordinator of that event if we return to Phase Red. Please see the home page of our website (2ndpres.org) to determine what Covid Phase we are in.



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*Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace,
we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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Marty McLean

CLASS OF 2023

Tracy Horton
Neal Peebles
Charles White
Tim Wright

CLASS OF 2024

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Mary Kay Sullivan

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Margie Gill
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Discipleship

Patricia Kennedy
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Service & Outreach

Tracy Horton
Tim Wright

Care & Compassion

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