

SECOND EDITION

MARCH 2024



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Thought...



This month we journey with Christ towards the cross. During this Lenten journey we will continue to reflect on and wrestle with questions that our Lord and Savior asked his followers. Perhaps the most important of these questions is the one we will be looking at on March 10th: *"Who do you say that I am?"* Indeed, how we answer this question has important ramifications not just for our own spiritual journey, but for our spiritual witness in the world.

On Palm Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the waving of palms and the parade of children. During worship, however, we will look forward to Good Friday when the disciples fall asleep while Jesus is praying. *"Why are you sleeping?"*, he asks. We will reflect on whether or not we, too, are sleeping when Jesus calls us to stand watch with him.

On Maundy Thursday we will gather for a somber celebration of communion as we remember the Last Supper. At that supper, Jesus washes the feet of the Twelve and then asks, *"Do you know what I have done for you?"* We will reflect on whether or not it is even possible for us to truly comprehend what Jesus has done for us.

On Good Friday we are going to do something we haven't done since I've been here. We are going to have our own Good Friday Noontime Prayer Service. For those who prefer to attend the Community Service at the Cathedral, feel free to do so. I have always found that service a bit problematic, however. With so many pastors speaking and the brightness of the cathedral and

the noisiness of the service, both before and after, it has never felt like the correct tone for Good Friday to me. So we will gather in the chapel at noon on Good Friday for a much more somber, much quieter, much more reflective service with way fewer words and way more silence. If you think this service is for you, I would love to see you there.

Finally, on March 31st we will celebrate Easter Sunday! This is my favorite service of the year - the flowered cross, the triumphant hymns, the bright colored clothes, the ancient liturgical Easter dance! It just doesn't get any better!

That morning we will be pondering Jesus' question to the women at the tomb, *"Why are you weeping?"* This is a great Easter question for us to remember all year, especially this one. The beginning of 2024 has not been the best for those of us here at 2nd Presbyterian Church. We have lost a number of good friends to the Church Triumphant. I think we all feel the sadness of their loss. At least, I do.

But we are Easter people! And while we might be sad for ourselves, we do not weep for them! We rejoice that they are now with the Lord and awaiting the glorious and glad reunion that we will have in the life to come. This is good for us to remember in the midst of so many deaths.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And through his faithfulness, we are guarded by God's power so that we can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time!

Grace and peace...

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UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS & TOPICS

During the month of March, we are continuing our 2024 Lenten series, Jesus' Most Pointed Questions.

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| March 3rd | John 6:52-69 | <i>Jesus' Most Pointed Questions:</i> Does This Teaching Offend You? |
| March 10th | Luke 9:18-24 | <i>Jesus' Most Pointed Questions:</i> Who Do You Say That I Am? |
| March 17th | John 11:17-27 | <i>Jesus' Most Pointed Questions:</i> Do You Believe This? |
| March 24th <i>Palm Sunday</i> | Luke 22:39-46 | <i>Jesus' Most Pointed Questions:</i> Why Are You Sleeping? |
| March 28th <i>Maundy Thursday</i> | John 13:1-16 | <i>Jesus' Most Pointed Questions:</i> Do You Realize What I Have Done for You? |
| March 31st <i>Easter Sunday*</i> | John 20:1-18 | <i>Jesus' Most Pointed Questions:</i> Why Are You Weeping? |

***Just to be clear, even though March 31st is a 5th Sunday, we will not meet in the Fellowship Hall due to it being Easter.**



MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

On Thursday, **March 28th** we will celebrate the sacrament of communion at a service commemorating Maundy Thursday. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, 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 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and will last approximately an hour. We will end with a brief Service of Tenebrae (or "Darkness") as we turn our thoughts towards Good Friday.

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 the store, your yard, garden, or even the side of the road with you to worship. Then on Easter Sunday morning before the service, come and place your flowers on the cross as you enter the sanctuary before you take your seat.

After the service, weather permitting, we will have our Fellowship Time outside, between the sanctuary and the chapel.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| March 24 | Palm Sunday | Worship | 10:30 a.m. | <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| The children will gather in the Narthex before the service to receive palms and then parade through the sanctuary during the singing of the 1st hymn. | | | | |
| March 28 | Maundy Thursday | Worship | 7:00 p.m. | <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| A service of communion ending with Tenebrae. | | | | |
| March 29 | Good Friday | Prayer Service | 12:00 Noon | <i>Chapel</i> |
| A noon prayer service based on the passion narrative. | | | | |
| March 31 | Easter Sunday* | Worship | 10:30 a.m. | <i>Sanctuary</i> |
| *Note: Even though this is a 5th Sunday, worship will be in the sanctuary. | | | | |

03.06 DOUG MATTHEWS

03.08 ALLY MCLEAN

03.11 JAN BARBER

03.12 BETH ROBERTSON

03.14 TERRY WEAVER

03.15 JACK LEWIS

03.17 JOHN GILL

03.20 BO WALL

03.22 NANCY MONTGOMERY

03.23 SYDNEY JONES

03.25 CHARLOTTE KLIEMAN

03.30 MARIANN THUESEN

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IF WE INADVERTENTLY MISSED SOMEONE...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS SO WE'LL
HAVE YOUR SPECIAL DAY ON FILE.



Memorial Service for

Dr. Tom Sullivan

We will gather at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16th
to celebrate and remember the life
of Dr. Tom Sullivan.

The family will receive friends and loved ones at
Cherokee Country Club following the service.



Cherokee Country Club
5138 Lyons View Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

Spring Forward into Daylight Saving Time

**Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m.
on Sunday, March 10th.**

Remember to set your clocks
ahead one hour before going
to bed on Saturday, March 9th,
or you'll be an hour late for worship!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MARCH SCHEDULE



Presbyterian Women moves ahead with the second half of its study year on **Tuesday, March 12, from 10:00-11:45 a.m.**, following their usual format of hymn singing, mission outlook, and Bible study.

All church members and visitors (male and female) are invited to the meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

The Bible study this year focuses on the book of Acts describing the early church's reaching out to the "least of God's children"—those who have been ostracized from the Jewish culture and faith. In March, PW will study Acts 8:26-40, a description of the first known African Christian embracing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Also, please mark your church calendar for the second Wednesday evening dinner and program meeting of the month on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:00. PW is sponsoring the adult portion of the program. Pat Martick will be providing a hands-on demonstration of how to make sleeping mats (from plastic shopping bags) for the homeless.

2ND WEDNESDAY

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Our next 2nd Wednesday Dinner program will be on March 13th.

We are excited to have a special speaker, Pat Martick, a local Samaritan and an active participant with the "Under the Bridge Dream Center." Pat spoke at the most recent Presbyterian Women gathering at our church and will be educating us on the bedrolls/mats which are handmade and distributed to our homeless neighbors. She will also give a demonstration.

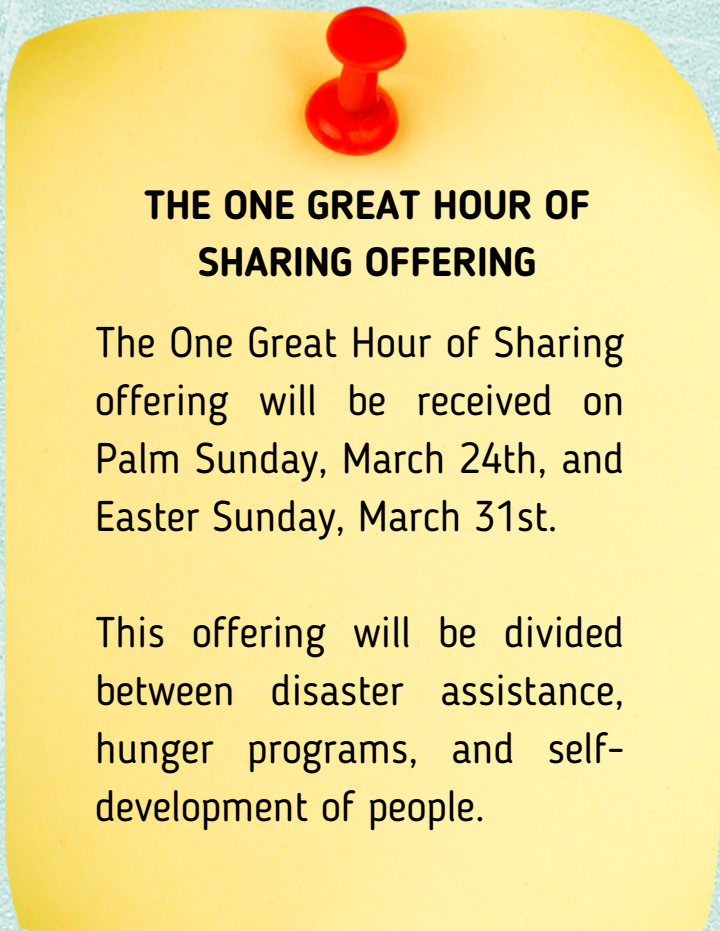
Please plan on joining us!



PRESCHOOL *Spring* **MUSICAL**

**The Preschool's
Spring Musical will be held on
Tuesday, March 26th
at 5:30 p.m.
in the sanctuary.**

Join us!



THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Palm Sunday, March 24th, and Easter Sunday, March 31st.

This offering will be divided between disaster assistance, hunger programs, and self-development of people.

GO TEAM REPORT

The GO Team is responsible for extending the ministry of 2nd Presbyterian beyond the church both locally and globally through financial donations and volunteer activities. The team depends on the congregation's generosity to fund their efforts. They are open to receiving recommendations for donations and volunteer opportunities.

The GO Team provides monthly reports to the congregation on their charitable donations and volunteer activities.



February Disbursements

- Presbytery of East Tennessee - \$1,100. This will be the monthly disbursement for the year for a total of \$13,200.
- Montgomery Village Ministry - \$2,000 (represents 1/2 of total anticipated disbursement for 2024). Montgomery Village Ministry is an interdenominational ministry located in the Montgomery Village apartment community of South Knoxville. The ministry hosts children's programs by Vestal and Mountain View Methodist Churches, St. Paul's AME Zion Church, and Emerald Youth Foundation. The ministry also assists residents with their needs and concerns.
<https://www.facebook.com/MontgomeryVillageMinistry/>
- West View Elementary School - \$251. 30 Whiteboard/Clipboards and markers, 20 sets of multiplication flash cards, and a large supply of Lysol wipes. The Clipboards and the flashcards were for the 3rd grade classes. The West View Community Schools Coordinator distributes a wish list each month to the West View Partners. 2nd Pres is a longtime partner and is represented by the GO Team at the monthly partner meetings.

Volunteer activities for Late January and February

- **January 29** – 4 volunteers served lunch at KARM. 301 lunches were served. Serving along with us were some residents from Heartland Services adult group home in Sevierville. A great experience!
- **February 6** – 5 folks from 2nd Pres took the "I had no idea" tour of KARM facilities. A truly eye-opening experience with information about other volunteer opportunities and other ways to interact with KARM.
- **February 21** – 6 Volunteers served at Love Kitchen portioning and packaging 592 meals for next-day delivery to the homebound and serving 220 meals outside at the fence that day.

Special Offerings – Christmas Joy - \$3,451

GOing and Serving in 2024 – Watch for upcoming volunteer opportunities at VMC, KARM, Love Kitchen, West View, and others in upcoming weekly newsletters. Coming up in March and April – VMC and KARM.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY STATED SESSION MEETING, ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

- Received the Treasurer's Report.
- Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.
- Elected Nancy Montgomery as Clerk for a one-year term and Susanne White as Treasurer for the 2nd year of a 3-year term.
- Elder Joe Clarke is the chair and Elder Lisa Henley will serve on the Nominating Committee. Approved holding a Congregational Meeting on March 3, 2024, to elect two at-large members to the Nominating Committee.
- Approved the purchase of equipment and installation of same to replace/upgrade and significantly add to the existing camera surveillance and burglar alarm systems.
- Approved the completion of the purchase of a humidifier ordered in 2023 but not delivered/installed until 2024.
- Approved the PCUSA Special Offerings for 2024 including One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace & Global Witness, and Christmas Joy.
- Approved the request by John Penmore that he and Rachael's daughter, Ruth, be baptized on April 21, 2024 by Reverend Sarah Morgan and a friend who is a PCUSA Pastor.
- The Congregation approved Reverend Tim Reynolds' Terms of Call for 2024 at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.
- The Congregation elected Mancil Milligan, President, Nancy Montgomery, Secretary and Susanne White, Treasurer of the Corporation, at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

JANUARY BUDGET REPORT

| | JANUARY | YTD 2024 | BUDGET 2024 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| TOTAL GIFTS | \$166,594.24 | \$166,594.24 | \$833,965.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$56,817.14 | \$56,817.14 | \$841,294.00 |
| EXCESS(SHORTAGE) | \$109,777.10 | \$109,777.10 | (\$ 7,329) |

March 2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 3 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Childrens Church 5 p.m. Small & Mighty Youth Group (Gym & Youth Group) | 4 3 p.m. Budget Finance Support Team (Zoom) 5:30 p.m. Preschool Staff Small Group (Youth Group) | 5 4:30 p.m. CONNECT team (Barbour Room) 5 p.m. Facilities Support Team (Zoom) | 6 2 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library) | 7 1 p.m. GO team (Barbour Room) | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Childrens Church | 11 5:30 p.m. Preschool Staff Small Group (Youth Group) | 12 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall) 6 p.m. Worship Team | 13 11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse) 6 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Dinner & Program 7 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary) | 14 | 15 | 16 2 p.m. Dr. Tom Sullivan Memorial Service (Sanctuary) |
| 17 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Childrens Church | 18 9:30 a.m. CCR & R (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting (Barbour Room) 5:30 p.m. Preschool Staff Small Group (Youth Group) 6 p.m. Preschool Board meeting (Zoom) | 19 6 p.m. Session meeting (Barbour. Room) | 20 9:30 a.m. REALM Class (Small Conference Room) 2 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium) 4 p.m. Deadline for 2nd Edition 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library) | 21 10 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227) 12 p.m. REALM Class (Small Conference Room) | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Childrens Church | 25 5:30 p.m. Preschool Staff Small Group (Youth Group) | 26 9 a.m. FISH pantry (Fellowship Hall) 1 p.m. GROW team meeting (Zoom) 5:30 p.m. Preschool Spring Musical (Sanctuary) | 27 10 a.m. REALM leaders training (Small Conference Room) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library) | 28 1 p.m. REALM leaders training (Small Conference Room) | 29 | 30 |
| 31 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Childrens Church | | | | | | |



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