

SECOND EDITION

OCTOBER 2023



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Thought...



This is an exciting time of the year if you are a sports fan. The football season is ramping up in the high school, college, and professional ranks. Major League Baseball is heading into the home stretch and the playoffs are about to start. The excitement of the biennial Ryder Cup golf match between Europe and the USA is about to begin. (Set your alarm clocks or DVRs, though. The match is being played in Europe!)

Outside of sports, there is plenty to be excited about, as well. The temperature and humidity are more moderate this month, allowing folks to get outside and enjoy the East Tennessee weather. Soon, the leaves will be changing and we will be witness to the breathtaking transformation of the trees shedding their summer greens for a glorious tapestry of reds, yellows, and oranges. Fall festivals will be plentiful and the laughter of children and their families will abound as they stroll through pumpkin patches and corn mazes. It's also a great time to visit one of our many Farmer's Markets where apples, pears, beets, arugula, grapes, peas, pecans, and tomatoes are all in season.

Speaking of excitement, we can all share in the excitement of some members of our church family. Two new babies will be joining our faith family this month! John & Rachel Penmore are expecting a baby girl, while Cameron & Becca Kite are expecting a baby boy. Both will have made their appearance in the world by the time the next 2nd Edition goes to print. And as the old Ginsu Knife commercial used to say, "But wait! There's more!"

Our own Jessica Lewis recently graduated from seminary with her Master of Divinity degree. Not only that, she has also passed all of her ordination exams and requirements and has been certified "ready to receive a call." Additionally, the Committee on Ministry has approved her work with the Maryville College MAST Program as a validated ministry of the Presbytery. This means she can be ordained to that position once she has been approved at the November meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee. One of the requirements of being in a validated ministry is that the minister must be involved in a local congregation, meaning that Jessica and her family will continue to be part of the mission, ministry, and fellowship of the 2nd Presbyterian Church! (Exciting, indeed!)

Scripture says we are to rejoice with those who are rejoicing and weep with those who are weeping. This congregation does both of those very well, but we've done a lot of weeping with those who are weeping recently. So I thought it would be good to lift up those who are rejoicing this month so that we can rejoice with them! What are you excited or rejoicing about? Let us know so we can rejoice with you!

Grace and peace...



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Upcoming Sermon Texts & Topics

We are continuing our sermon series on the book of Daniel this month, looking at how Daniel teaches us to live faithfully as God's people in a land in which God's people are not in control, where worship of God is not at the center of public life, and where the cultural expectation is that everyone will bow to the will of the culture. On Reformation Sunday (October 29th) we will begin a 5-week series entitled F.A.I.T.H., an examination of the 5 essential doctrines of grace, as articulated by John Calvin. (These are often referred to as T.U.L.I.P.)

October 1st	Daniel 6	Daniel: The Lions' Den
October 8th	Daniel 7	Daniel: The Four Beasts
October 15th	Daniel 8 - 9	Daniel: The End of Exile
October 22nd	Daniel 10 - 12	Daniel: The Hope of God's Sovereignty
October 29th	Ephesians 2:1-10	F.A.I.T.H.: Fallen Humanity

Funeral Service for Jerry Young

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of Life for Jerry Young will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, October 21st at 4:00 p.m.



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Our next 5th Sunday Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 29th. Worship on these Sundays is a little less formal and gives an opportunity to be together in a different way than usual.

We hope you will join us!

Happy Birthday!

10.01 COLE TURNER	10.08 CHERYL RAGSDALE
10.03 TAMMY AKERS	10.10 THERESA STONE
10.03 GEOFF DUGGAN	10.11 LILY REYNOLDS
10.04 JOHN BUTLER	10.16 JUSTIN LATTIMORE
10.04 SANDRA BUTLER	10.25 ARLYS MILLIGAN
10.05 ED BATTS	10.25 ANN WALLACE
10.05 MARK TURNER	10.26 JIM COTTON
10.06 TAYLOR DODSON	10.28 SUNNY SWEITZER

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



2ND WEDNESDAYS @ 2ND PRES

This month's 2nd Wednesday program is to be decided.
Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and will be catered by Take Out Thyme.
The cost for the dinner will be \$10 per person, with a \$25 family maximum. You can register and pay in your Realm account (Events tab), or use this QR code to go directly there!



We hope you will join us for
2nd Wednesdays @ 2nd Pres at 6:00 p.m. on October 11th!

TRAINING CLASSES



Bonnie Smith is offering free training classes this fall on our new congregational connectivity app, Realm. Classes for anyone will be held on the 3rd week of the month. Classes for leaders of groups are the 4th week of the month.

Although you can pre-register, you do not have to sign up for these classes in advance.

See the church calendar for specific dates and times.



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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WILL MEET ON OCTOBER 10 AT 10 A.M.

Mark your calendar for the second Tuesday, October 10, when men and women of Second Presbyterian Church will gather for their second meeting of PW's study year in the Fellowship Hall. We invite all who can come to be with each other in hymn singing, mission news, and Bible study.

This year the Bible study will concentrate on encounters with Jesus as described in the books of Luke and Acts. In October we will focus on Jesus' attitude on chronic illness as he reached out to those who suffered.

Join us for study and fellowship—united in the knowledge of God's love and mercy

WOMEN'S RETREAT

COMING IN NOVEMBER !!!

**Join other women— members and visitors— of
Second Presbyterian Church for our very first
one-day women's retreat.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
9:30 A.M. - 2:45 P.M. AT THE CHURCH.

This retreat is a unique opportunity to join together for spiritual growth and to experience the joy of Christian fellowship.

The retreat leader will be the Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis who has served as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, since 2015. She received her Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary and recently received her doctorate from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She lives in east Knoxville with her two preschool foster sons and two dogs.

Loftis will explore the book of Psalms with us as a guide in seeking connection with God and each other. Often words are not sufficient to express ourselves—she will use various creative expressions to embody our praise and lament through movement, visuals, comments, and music. The retreat's ultimate purpose is to study together to know God better through his Word.

(If you have questions and need further information, contact Helen Grant, Moderator, Presbyterian Women. Presbyterian Women of Second Church will begin registration for the retreat early in October. Look for registration forms on the church's website and scattered near entrances to the church. The retreat fee is \$25.00, scholarships are available if needed).

FISH NEEDS DRIVERS

Our once-per-month Fish food distribution serving Knox County is in need of drivers.

Recently, we have lost some of our regular delivery folks for various reasons. The number of households we can serve is limited only by the number of people (two to a vehicle) that are available to deliver.

This is only once a month -- always the fourth Tuesday -- for just a couple of hours mid-day. Please think about how your schedule might allow you to join this vital effort that directly helps those with this most basic need.

Please contact Dick Dodson at rtdodson52@gmail.com or 865-414-7413.



SCHOOL COUPON BOOKS

School Coupon Books are being sold to benefit West View School.

In-church sale dates: **Sunday, Sept. 24th, and Oct. 1st** before and after worship in the Atrium.

Cost per book \$20 (Hard copy + code to digital download for Android or iPhone).

Please consider donating books via teachers to children unable to purchase them.

Sandra Butler will sell, take orders, and deliver:

sandyb446@comcast.net or (865) 659-4416 cell

3RD ANNUAL PRESCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

It's that time of year to begin planning the
3rd Annual Preschool Fall Festival
happening on **October 25, 2023,**
in Hudson Hall (the gym).

We are inviting anyone in the congregation
to set up a booth and pass out candy or do an activity
for the 2nd Pres preschool families (approximately 80
children 6 weeks-5 years of age).

Examples of booth themes may include a favorite
children's book, song, movie, or activity.

Please let us know if you will be contributing to the fun
so we can plan accordingly.

Please contact Linda Sue Byrd @
lsbyrd@2ndpres.org / 865-310-0355 or
Holly Grimm at hgrimm@2ndpres.org/ 865-243-6353.

Can't man a booth? You can still help by sending in bags of individually
wrapped candy (NO NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE).

A collection box will be in the atrium starting 10/8.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2023 STATED SESSION MEETING

- Received the Treasurer's Report.
- Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.
- Approved the Ordination and Installation of Doug Barbour.
- Approved sending \$500 to Frank and Nancy Dimmock and \$500 to Les and Cindy Morgan - our retired Missionaries.

AUGUST BUDGET REPORT

	AUGUST	YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	\$45,269.33	\$598,348.41	\$784,417.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$58,126.93	\$502,888.69	\$819,176.00
EXCESS (SHORTAGE)	(\$12,857.60)	\$95,459.72	

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour) 10:30 a.m. Worship	2 10 a.m. Staff meeting (Barbour Room) 3 p.m. Budget & Finance Support Team (Zoom) 4:30 p.m. Cross Ministries Board Meeting (Barbour)	3 4:30 p.m. CONNECT TEAM (Barbour) 5 p.m. Facilities Support Team (Zoom)	4 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)	5 1 p.m. GO TEAM (Barbour) 6:00 p.m. Childhelp Foster Family Services (Fellowship Hall, Gym)	6	7
8 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour) 10:30 a.m. Worship	9 12 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)	10 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall) 6 p.m. Worship Team (Barbour)	11 11:30 a.m. 2nd Readers Book Club (Library) 6 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Dinner & Program (FH) 7 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	12	13	14
15 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour) 10:30 a.m. Worship	16 10 a.m. CCR&R (Fellowship Hall) 10 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour)	17 6 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour)	18 9 a.m. Realm 101 (Small Conference Room) 10 a.m. Realm 102 Small Conference Room) 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)	19 10 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227) 12 p.m. Realm 101 (Small Conference Room) 1 p.m. Realm 102 Small Conference Room)	20 4 p.m. Deadline 2nd Edition	21 9 a.m. AGO Student Encounter (Sanctuary) 4 p.m. Jerry Young Memorial Services 6 p.m. Young Family Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
22 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour) 10:30 a.m. Worship	23	24 9 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall) 1 p.m. GROW Team Meeting (Zoom)	25 10 a.m. Realm leaders training. 5:30 p.m. Preschool Trunk and Treat (Gym)	26 1 p.m. Real Leaders Training (Small Conference Room)	27	28
29 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour) 10:30 a.m. Worship (Fellowship Hall)	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

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 & 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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