SECOND EDITION January 2017



On Second Thought...

I'm writing this the week before Christmas, so even though this is going to be in January's The Second Edition I'm still in the Advent frame of mind. I've been thinking lately about my favorite Christmas songs – not hymns...songs. In fact, I think that next year I might do an Advent sermon series on hymns and songs of the Christmas season. (Someone remind me of that in September, would you?)

Anyway...I think my favorite Christmas song has to be The Little Drummer Boy. Not because it has a great melody – it doesn't; the melody is boring and repetitive. Not because I have ever heard a version that gets me all warm and tingly and into the Christmas spirit – it doesn't. (For that I would pick Happy Holidays, It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year, or anything from The Carpenter's Christmas album!) No, the reason I love The Little Drummer Boy is because of the story. As a musician and a Christian, I think there is no better story in the world.

It's the story of a boy who wanted to give something to Jesus. So he does the only thing he knows how to do – he plays his drum for him. He offers Jesus his music. Not only that, the boy "plays his best" for the baby Jesus because he knows Jesus deserves the best he has to offer. It doesn't say he played perfectly or that his playing was admired by all who heard it; it simply says he played his best. The Little Drummer Boy didn't have anything fancy to give (like the gold, frankincense, or myrrh of the Wise Men), but that didn't mean that the boy had nothing to give. This boy, undaunted by the gifts that others brought, takes the one thing he knows how to do, does it the best he can, and says proudly, "This is my gift to Jesus." What's cooler than that?!?!

We each have something to offer God. Too often we are reluctant to give of ourselves because we look at what others are doing and feel that we can't compete. But what we have to give should not be compared to what others are giving. God gives each of us spiritual gifts to use in service to his Kingdom. Some are very visible and receive a lot of attention, others are behind the scenes and are often seen by no one except God, but all are important and necessary for God to fulfill his mission. We have what God gives us and, like the Little Drummer Boy, we are called to use our gifts to the best of our ability because God deserves the best we have to give.

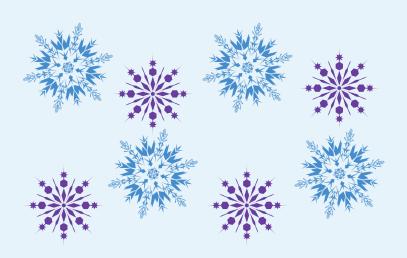
If the story of The Little Drummer Boy were true, I like to think that God loved his gift more than any other. After all, anyone can give gold, frankincense, or myrrh; the Little Drummer Boy gave a part of himself. And he did it not because he felt like he had to, but because he wanted Jesus to know just how much he loved him.

My prayer for you this year is that you will offer Jesus the best you have to give. Even if you only identify one thing that you can do for God in the coming year, do it to the best of your ability. Don't do it to impress others, do it to express your love for God and your gratitude for all God has done for you. When you do, God will be glorified, you will be fulfilled in ways you cannot possibly imagine, and this community will be richer as a result.

I am looking forward to learning about and hearing about your gifts in the coming year...and to playing in God's orchestra together!

May God's grace and peace fill your lives in the coming year!





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worship

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany has been celebrated since the 4th century and commemorates the visit of the Wise Men from the East to the baby Jesus. (No, they were not at the stable but arrived later when Joseph, Mary and Jesus were already in a house. *Matthew 2:11*) In Hispanic and Latin culture it is known as Three Kings' Day. Epiphany, from the Greek meaning "manifestation", signifies God's Word being made manifest to all nations and peoples with the arrival of The Magi. Epiphany completes the twelve days of Christmas (you know the song!) and it has historically been a major feast day for Christians worldwide, especially in Orthodox churches. It isn't that well-known or celebrated among American Protestants, however, because its origins and celebrations are often confusing and varied.

Much of the confusion about Epiphany comes from a calendar controversy in the Middle Ages. Julius Caesar instituted a calendar in 46 BC that we know as the Julian calendar. When the dates for Christmas, Epiphany, and Easter were set by the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, this was the calendar they were using. This calendar, however, was flawed. Caesar's astronomers had incorrectly calculated the solar year, something astronomers figured out a few hundred years later. While the difference wasn't much, each passing year compounded the error. So, for example, in 45 BC the Vernal Equinox fell on March 25th, but by the time the Council of Nicea determined the date of Easter the equinox was falling on March 21st.

Scholars and astronomers were aware of the problem and debated what to do about it for centuries, but nothing was

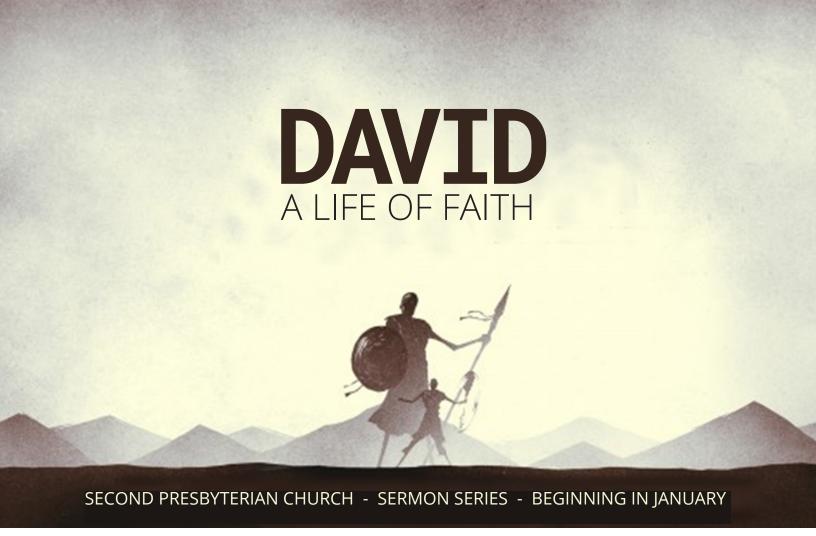


done. Finally, in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII officially adopted a corrected calendar, called the Gregorian Calendar. The solution was that 10 days would be eliminated from that calendar year, bringing the Vernal Equinox back to March 21st, and the calendar went from October 5th directly to October 15th. But not everyone adopted the new calendar!

Catholic nations adopted the new calendar but Protestant and Orthodox nations did not. Even though they admitted the Julian calendar was flawed, they did not want to be seen as accepting the authority of the Pope. So by the end of the 16th century the nations that did not adopt the Gregorian calendar were a full 10 days ahead of those that did not! More than 100 years passed before Protestant nations slowly began accepting the Gregorian calendar. Orthodox eastern European nations waited even longer, with Greece being the last to do so in 1920.

England and Scotland switched over in 1752. By then 11 days had to be dropped and the calendar went from September 2nd to September 14th overnight. Many rural people defied this change, however, and clung to the old dates for their feast days and celebrations. December 25th had become January 5th and so that is when they celebrated Christmas. They called this "Old Christmas" and we still hear many Appalachian folk refer to this today. By the time eastern countries adopted the Gregorian calendar, "Old Christmas" and Epiphany fell on the same day, which was January 6th. So now we celebrate January 6th as Epiphany and for most Orthodox Christians this day is also their celebration of Christmas. Some Orthodox Christians, however, still celebrate Epiphany twelve days later on January 19th.

For Protestants Epiphany is still an important day. As January 6th doesn't always fall on a Sunday, however, many let it pass without any recognition at all. Epiphany is usually celebrated on the first Sunday in January when the Body of Christ is together in worship. We rightly celebrate with our Christian brothers and sisters that Jesus is the Lord of all nations, that the Word was made flesh, and that Jesus' baptism was the beginning of his revelation to the world!



New Sermon Series: David - A Life of Faith

The story of David is the largest narrated single story in the Bible. We know more about David than any other person in Scripture. Perhaps this is because David is so...human. David's story covers the entire range of what it means to be human in all our glory and in all our imperfection. Yet, it isn't David's humanity alone that interests us, it is David's experience as a human being relating to God that holds such wonder for us. David embraces the fullness of the human experience as

he deals with God, from becoming aware of God, to responding to God, to becoming fully alive before God. David deals with God on every level. David teaches us that we can't be fully human without God. For Christians, the David story anticipates the Jesus story and the Jesus story assumes the David story. Join us on Sunday mornings beginning in January as Pastor Tim examines the story of David, from beginning to end, to discover what David's life of faith has to teach us about our own lives of faith.

SECOND'S WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Now that winter is here it's probably a good time to remind everyone of our policies for inclement weather!

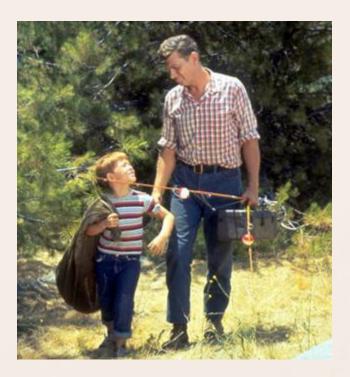
SUNDAY WORSHIP: Worship will never be cancelled due to weather. Please use your own discretion, however, in deciding whether or not to come. Safety is of primary importance; stay home if you don't feel you can make it here safely. You can always watch on the website!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: The Wednesday Night Dinner and Classes follow 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. The church office will be closed only in the event of extreme weather.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



Mayberry comes to Second

On Wednesday nights in January and February Pastor Tim will be teaching a class called Faith, Life and Mayberry. The focus will be on what we can learn about faith and life from the Andy Griffith Show. Each week we will watch an episode of the beloved television series, then Pastor Tim will lead us in a discussion of what theological themes and discipleship lessons are found there.

fellowship & congregational care

High-Five Award

Starting this month we will be highlighting a particular member of the congregation each month for their service to Second Presbyterian Church. January's High Five goes to **Bobbie Denton**. Bobbie has served in many different ministries here at Second through the years. Currently she can be found around the church making sure things run smoothly, keeping things clean, greeting and welcoming people to worship on Sunday mornings, serving on the Congregational Care and Nominating Committees, serving at Westview Elementary, and helping with the lunch bunch and Presbyterian Women activities. When not at the church, Bobbie visits our shut-ins regularly, gifting them with her delicious chocolate chip cookies. Thanks, Bobbie, for your dedication, warm smile, and generous heart! High Five!





Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs

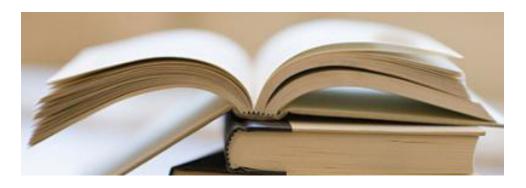
Our Wednesday night dinner and activities schedule will resume on January 11th with dinner at 5:15 and classes at 6:00. The Women's Covenant Group and David Goslee's class will resume their respective curricula. Pastor Tim will be teaching *Faith*, *Life and Mayberry* in the Fellowship Hall.

2nd Readers

When? Wednesday, January 18

Where? TBD Time? 3:45p.m.

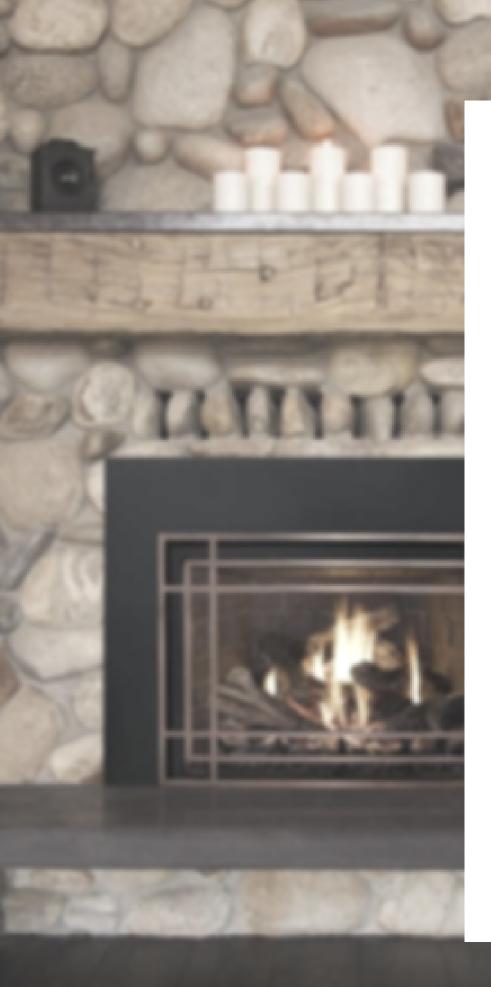
Title: An Invisible Thread Author: Laura Schroff Leader: Catherine Beals





January Lunch Bunch

Great Smoky Mountains - with Tom Harrington on Tuesday, January 3 at 11:30 a.m.



FIRESIDE CHATS WITH TIM

Our Fireside Chats continue in January. These small group meetings will be hosted both in homes and at the church and are an opportunity for deeper conversation in a more intimate setting than large group functions allow. Each meeting is being hosted by a member of the congregation and is limited to no more than 15 people.

Coffee and light refreshments will be served and each meeting should last around 90 minutes. At the meetings Pastor Tim will be asking questions about our experiences at Second Presbyterian Church and about our hopes and dreams for the future of our congregation. This is a wonderful opportunity for Tim to get to know us and to learn our stories. It is our hope and desire that everyone will attend one of these meetings.

The schedule of meetings, along with the location and the hosts, can be accessed on the church website. You can sign up on the website, in the atrium on Sunday mornings, by calling Sarah Doyle at the church, or stopping by the church office during the week.

Food & Friends Begins January 15th!

Beginning January 15, all young adults are invited to join Food & Friends each Sunday following worship. Food & Friends is an informal lunch gathering at a local restaurant that is hosted by member volunteers and paid for by the church. The invitation is open to anyone 18 to 29ish, in college or not, single or married. The member host will be announced in the bulletin and those interested in going to lunch will meet in the Atrium following worship. Rides will be available for those needing transportation. Anyone interested in serving as a host should contact Dana Hendrix (dhendrix@aol.com) or Tim Reynolds (treynolds@2ndpres. org) to volunteer. Host orientation meetings will take place on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 10:00am and Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 5:00pm at the church.



Cave the Dates

Presbyterian Women Lunch January 10, 2017 - Lunch 11:30 (\$10)

Back by popular demand! WordPlayers, a Company of Christian theatre artists, will be back for an encore performance featuring a new skit and a new theme for Playback. This was a lot of fun last year. Plan on being present for the Encore.

Happy Birthday!

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gifts, or goodies this Christmas season. Our family feels blessed and grateful to serve such a loving and generous congregation.

TIM, TUESDAY, SETH & LILY GRACE REYNOLDS



Before There Was A Second Presbyterian Church

PART 3: The Journey of the Scots-Irish to the Appalachian Frontier

Co-Chairs, Arvilee and Helen Grant

[Part 3 is the last article in this very brief summary of Second Presbyterian Church's "prehistory". Beginning in February, 2017, Second Edition will begin printing monthly articles describing snippets of Second Presbyterian Church's life in its 200 years in the Knoxville Community. The February article will introduce the church's founder and first minister, Isaac Anders.]

For the first one hundred years of America's English settlement most immigrants settled on land along America's eastern sea coast. In spite of many probes into the western interior, the coastal settlers were confronted by an immense mountain range which paralleled the Atlantic coast several hundred miles inland from New England toward the Gulf Coast. The Indians called this range the Appalachians and there were few passes through these mountains which the white man had great difficulty finding.

In 1716 the Virginia Colony sent an exploring party to the highest of the most eastern Appalachians to learn what lay beyond this range. The party viewed a vast unsettled land to the west as far as the eye could see. The group immediately claimed the land for England and sent a small party to investigate further. After much hacking through thick forest, they came to a river which the Indians called Shenandoah and nearby they found signs of an Indian trail which they later learned to be a southern trading path by several Indian tribes. This path, usually no more than 3-4 feet wide was called the Great Warrior's Path to Carolina. To the north the path led into Maryland, through central Pennsylvania and southward into southern Virginia to the Carolina uplands. The Great Warrior's Path

proved to be one of the most valuable Indian trails that the white man used in settling the early western frontier.

In 1775 Daniel Boone succeeded in finding a pass through the Appalachians near the North Carolina colony—this pass came to be called Cumberland Gap through which Boone blazed the Wilderness Road, thus providing a way for settlers traveling on the Great Warrior's Path to branch off to travel west toward what later came to be Kentucky and Tennessee.

For most of the time that England occupied colonial America, the English authorities were usually careful to befriend the Indians and usually succeeded in maintaining a good relationship by buying land with trade goods and by abiding by treaties to honor the division of property. The English were so successful in this effort that most tribes sided with the English against the French and later with the English and against the settlers in Revolutionary times. Before the War, the settlers usually were left alone by the Indians as long as the settlers stayed within the boundaries set by the English treaties.

By the mid 1700s the Scots-Irish had begun a large scale exit from Ulster, Ireland. Most departed from the ports of Belfast and Londonderry and headed to Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania Colony that was founded by the Quakers who welcomed the Presbyterians. Families were packed in small, overcrowded sailing ships for a dangerous voyage usually lasting eight or more weeks. Each person was limited to carrying on the trip a little clothing and perhaps a few tools. As the numbers of Scots-Irish



immigrants in the Pennsylvania Colony quickly increased, the promise of cheap land further south led many to continue their exodus from Ulster and Scotland into America's new Appalachian frontier via the Great Warrior's Path. However, by 1744 this path was no longer just an Indian trail. It gradually was widened and was renamed the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road to the South and the Southwest. Although many of the immigrants were delayed in their journey because of their need to serve from 3-7 years as indentured servants in order to pay passage debts and to survive financially, they moved as quickly as possible to the frontier.

Nearly all the Scots-Irish moving along the wagon road were Presbyterians, mostly staunch followers of John Knox. Many Presbyterian ministers had joined the exodus and immediately began to preach on reaching Pennsylvania. In 1707 a presbytery was first formed of seven Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania and New England. In 1717 the Presbyterian Synod of Philadelphia—the first in America—was established.

Following the Presbyterian tradition of support for an educated clergy and education in general, the Presbyterians ... "started schools. As the parsons were their best educated men, they taught the youth as a part of their ministry. In time the schools they started in their congregations grew to be common schools for all. Later some of these became academies, and a few became colleges. In this way, Presbyterians did more to start schools in the South and West than any other people." [The first full-fledged Presbyterian college and theological seminary in the colonies eventually became Princeton University. Later the Scots-Irish began Transylvania and Centre Colleges in Kentucky and in Tennessee Maryville College, the predecessors of the University of Tennessee and George Peabody College for Teachers.]

Although there was some division in the Presbyterian denomination, the Presbyterian doctrine proved to be very appealing to the frontiersmen who liked the Scots-Irish's bravery, their democratic principles, their pragmatism and independence, and impatience toward class distinctions.

In addition to the Presbyterian advocacy for education, the Scots-Irish took an active interest in colonial political affairs. They were critical of English policies in Scotland and Ireland before they immigrated to America and most tended to support actively the American Revolution. As the English writer, Horace Walpole, stated, "Cousin America has run off with a Presbyterian parson and that is the end of it."

SOURCES: The French Broad-Holston Country, East Tennessee Historical Society; The Great Wagon Road, by Parke Rouse, Jr.; and Our Most Priceless Heritage, by Billy Kennedy.

church business

Highlights from the December Joint Session/Deacons Meeting

- Received reports from the Deacons and church committees as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Received a report from the Nominating Committee.
- The Session approved a request from the Presbyterian Women to have the Presbyterian Women Presbytery Spring Gathering at the Church on Saturday, April 22, 2017 and to serve Communion.
- The Session approved a request from the Presbyterian Women to open a checking account at First Tennessee Bank in the name of Presbyterian Women that would piggy back on, but not be commingled with, the Church's main account. This would enable a reduction in charges and a lower balance to be maintained.

- The Deacons approved sending the remaining funds in the Deacon's 2016 budget to the Presbytery to be used for those in need as a result of the Sevier County fires.
- The Session approved sending any funds given to the church for those in need as a result of the Sevier County Fires to the Presbytery to support those affected.
- The Session approved a gift in appreciation to members of the Second Presbyterian Church Staff.

Church Financial Report								
Period ended Nov. 31, 2016	Jan-Nov. 2016 Actual	Jan-Nov. 2016 Budget	2016 Annual Budget					
Pledged Offerings	\$424,812	\$425,669	\$464,366					
Non-pledged Offerings	\$94,650	\$27,500	\$30,000					
Preschool	\$32,193	\$29,333	\$32,000					
Other	\$137,992	\$131,463	\$143,414					
TOTAL GIVING	\$689,647	\$613,965	\$669,780					
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$600,873	\$613,965	\$669,780					
NET	\$88,774	\$0	\$0					



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"Ruling elders, together with teaching elders (pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships."
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Cleston Jones John Reynolds Laura Turner

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2019 CLASS

Jim Ford Angela Jones Lily Wu

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"The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress."

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