

# SECOND EDITION

January 2019

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS  
**SECOND SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
SECOND SUNDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL



# On Second Thought...

As we stand on the brink of a New Year, let us take a moment to look back at the year that was. Let us pause and review our lives as we lived them in the Year of Our Lord 2018. Let us look to the year-gone-by and take stock of our lives, grade ourselves on our successes and failures, and determine our direction for the coming year. Then let us make our New Year resolutions so that we may do better in the year to come.

***What a bunch of bunk!*** We are Christians! We don't live in the past! Paul wrote, *"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."* (Romans 6:3-4) As baptized children of God we should not spend our time looking back on our lives, grading successes and failures, and focusing on what has been. We are called to a new life, focused on the future – a future that belongs to God.

For Christians, January 1st should be no different than July 17th – with the exception of the bowl games! For us, every day is a forward-facing day in which we are called to respond to God's grace by being welcoming, faithful, and hopeful witnesses to the love and forgiveness that is found at the foot of the cross upon which Christ Jesus died. The plain and simple fact is that in our baptisms we are marked and claimed as God's own. In our baptisms we are freed from slavery to sin so that we may live lives to God. In our baptisms we are dead to the past and alive to God in Christ Jesus. The only resolution we need to be concerned with is resolving to live for him!

Now, this does not mean that we should forget our past. Indeed, God's grace means so much more to us when we remember our past and realize that we are not captivated by it. But while we are called to

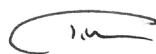
remember our past, what we don't do is get bogged down in it or beat ourselves up over it. This takes power away from God! We repent and ask to be forgiven and then we get on with the business of living for God and not for ourselves. *"The*

*death Christ died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God."* (Rom. 6:10) What an amazing and wonderful thing that is!

Still...it seems we need to do something to mark the transition from 2018 to 2019, especially as we enter the third century of the ministry of Second Presbyterian Church. I suggest that this is a wonderful time to renew our covenant with God. While God has always been faithful to his covenant promise, we have not. We constantly sin (the actual translation of the Greek word for sin is "miss the mark") and do not uphold our part of the covenant. So we must always look for occasions and markers in our lives when we can take the opportunity to renew our baptismal vows to God. Let us then, remembering the mercies of God and the hope of his calling, take the opportunity of the New Year to examine ourselves by the light of the Spirit, that we may see where we have "missed the mark" in our faith and practice, and give ourselves anew to God so that we may be focused on the life to which we are called – a new life in Christ, redeemed from sin, and consecrated to God.

Happy New Year!

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim





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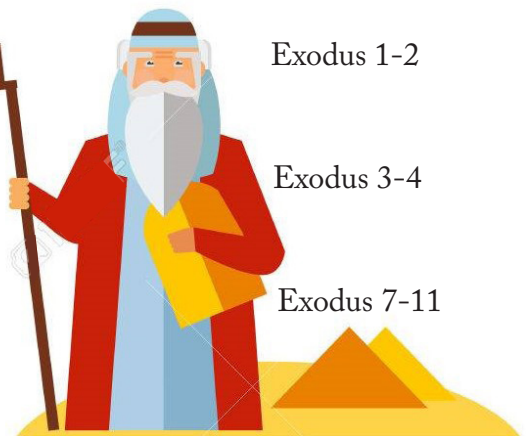
## *Journey through the Wilderness*

### New Sermon Series Begins January 13th

On Sunday, January 6th (Epiphany), we will conclude our *Sing We Now of Christmas* sermon series with the arrival of the Magi at the house where Jesus and his family were staying. The hymn will be, appropriately, *We Three Kings*. Then beginning January 13th and continuing through March, Pastors Tim and Sarah will be exploring the book of Exodus on Sunday mornings during worship. Entitled *Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness*, this sermon series will take us through the entire book of Exodus as

we follow the journey of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, through the wilderness, right up to the edge of the Promised Land. The book of Exodus contains some of our most beloved stories: the birth and calling of Moses, the Ten Plagues, the parting of the sea, the giving of the Ten Commandments, the incident of the Golden Calf, and God's covenant with Israel. Join us as we journey through the wilderness with the Israelites from now until Palm Sunday and experience God's faithfulness again and again.

Jan. 6th	<b><i>Sing We Now of Christmas: We Three Kings</i></b> Who were the Magi and what did they want with Jesus?	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan 13th	<b><i>Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness</i></b> The Birth of Moses	Exodus 1-2
Jan 20th	<b><i>Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness</i></b> The Call of Moses	Exodus 3-4
Jan 27th	<b><i>Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness</i></b> The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7-11





# SECOND SUNDAYS AT 6

A simple line drawing of a clock face with a circle and tick marks for hours. The hands are positioned to show 6:00.

Our first *Second Sunday* alternative worship service will be held on January 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Designed to be an interactive and experiential worship service that engages the senses, as well as the mind and spirit, these worship services will offer participants a different way to engage the presence of God's Spirit than regular, traditional Sunday morning worship does. The intent is not to replace or compete with worship on Sunday morning, but to complement it. This service will also allow those who are not able to come to worship on Sunday mornings, or those for whom worship in the sanctuary on Sunday morning may be intimidating, to gather in community with others to experience God's presence in a more intimate and non-traditional way.

Our January *Second Sunday* service will be a *lectio divina* service. What is *lectio divina*? Well, first of all, it's Latin for "holy reading." It's meditative, it's Christian, and it's ancient. It is a prayerful,

reflective reading of God's Word as divine revelation, as the "very speech of God." *Lectio divina* allows a group to contemplate a selection of Scripture in a meditative way. Participants are invited to reflect on a passage in silence and then are guided in sharing words, phrases, thoughts, feelings, and questions from their time of reflection. The intent is to leave worshipers collectively open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as God's Word is heard. Sometimes *lectio divina* is called "listening with the ears of the heart."

The service will be simple: a few songs, a few prayers, and at the center of the service, where a sermon or homily would usually be, we will practice *lectio divina* together. We hope to see you in the chapel on Sunday, January 13th for *Second Sundays at Six!* Coming in February: Carson Newman's Christian contemporary vocal ensemble *Redemption*. And in March: Taizé worship led by members of UKirk @ UTK.

## Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs Resume January 9th

Our Wednesday night dinner and activities will resume on January 9th with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Even though it's not a *first* Wednesday of the month, it's the first Wednesday we'll be back! So we'll be having our *Church Family 'Round the*

*Table* program. Since January 6th is Epiphany, the day when we celebrate the arrival of the Magi, our theme will be *Epiphany*. Everyone is invited to bring a baby picture with them to show to their table!

## Deadly! – A New Wednesday Night Study

This past November, a news report on WVLT said that Knoxville had been ranked #32 on a list of the "Most Sinful Cities in America." (Las Vegas, of course, ranked #1.) The criteria used to compile the list was interesting. Using data on violent crime, DUI arrests, adult entertainment per capita, and other public records, cities were ranked according to their levels of anger, jealousy, excess, greed, lust, vanity, and laziness. In case you don't recognize these – they are known as the Seven Deadly Sins! But why are these seven sins considered "deadly?" What do they encompass? And how did they come to be?

Join Pastor Tim in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays in January and February at 6:05 p.m. to find out! We will be looking at each of the so-called Seven Deadly Sins to see what they are all about, why they have been lifted up as the most dangerous sins, and what it all means for Christians living in the world today. Pastor Tim doesn't promise that coming to the class will help Knoxville's ranking on the list, but he does promise that you will find it interesting!



## Second's Winter Weather Policy

Now that winter is here it's 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.

## 5 The High Five Award

This month the High Five Award goes to Ileen Cheek.

Ileen coordinates our meal ministry to the students at UKirk, making sure they are fed on the 4th Wednesday of each month and during Welcome Week.

She serves as a host, along with Jimmy, for our Food & Friends ministry and has served as chair of the Presbyterian Women. Ileen leads the team responsible for decorating our sanctuary for Easter and Christmas. She arranged the lilies and hydrangeas for Easter and prepared the cross for the Easter flowering. This past Christmas, Ileen and her team made both the sanctuary and fellowship warm and festive for all the services and events we had, and she arranged the poinsettias that adorned the



chancel. Ileen also spearheaded and coordinated the creation of new Chrismons by members of the congregation for our Chrismon Tree, replacing the ones that had deteriorated due to age. Thanks, Ileen, for using your gifts to create an environment where we can experience God's blessings!





## Westview Mitten Tree

Thank you to everyone who put hats, gloves and mittens on the Westview mitten tree! These items were donated to the Westview Elementary Clothes Closet. Your donations are appreciated by the students during this winter season.



## Stuffed Animals

The church collected 50 stuffed animals and Second Readers Book Group collected 114 stuffed animals for a total of 164 stuffed animals to go to Juvenile Court. Thank you to everyone who participated in this 200-A-Month project!



## Preschool Reading

The SPC Preschool is looking for volunteers to come read to the children once a month on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Books will be provided but if you have a childhood favorite you are welcome to bring that as well! Sign up in the atrium. Readings will begin on January 9, 2019.

## Save the Date!

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place in conjunction with the Souper Bowl luncheon following worship on Sunday, February 4th. The luncheon and the meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now!

## Small Groups

Are you interested in joining a small group for fun, food and fellowship? Congregational Care wants to hear from you to see if this is a desired avenue in getting to know each other in a connective way. If this speaks to you, please contact Nan Sweitzer at [nansweitzer@comcast.net](mailto:nansweitzer@comcast.net).

## Thank you!

Thank you so very much to everyone who remembered our family with cards and gifts during this past Christmas Season. We are so grateful and humbled to have the privilege to serve such a generous, compassionate, and thoughtful congregation.

*- Tim, Tuesday, Seth & Lily Grace Reynolds*

## 2nd Readers

When? Wednesday, January 16th

Where? Church

Time? 3:15 p.m.

Title: *The Illegal Gardener*

Author: Sara Alexi

Leader: Liz







## *january birthdays*

Betty McCollum 1/1

Dana Hendrix 1/4

Jack Boyd 1/5

Fay Carr 1/5

Cathy Gray 1/5

Seth Reynolds 1/5

Jeannie Ullrich 1/6

Nancy Weigel 1/6

Amy Cross 1/9

Tim Wright 1/9

Marjorie Reynolds 1/10

Beverly Gilmer 1/11

Morton Rose 1/15

Leslie Testerman 1/16

Gerry Turner 1/17

Mary Porter 1/20

Peter Ullrich 1/20

Fran McLean 1/21

Frieda Sims 1/21

Monica Casey 1/22

Arleen Reilly 1/22

Willis Mashburn 1/25

Jean Frazier 1/26

# thank you



*The 200th Anniversary 200-a-Month committee thanks the congregation for your generous response to the project in 2018. Many have benefited from your caring.*

## stewardship

### Church Financial Report

	Jan-Nov 2018 Actual	Jan-Nov 2018 Budget	2018 Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$457,606	\$449,552	\$490,420
Non-pledged Offerings	\$75,924	\$50,417	\$55,000
Preschool	\$18,333	\$18,333	\$20,000
Other	\$139,493	\$131,725	\$143,700
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$691,356</b>	<b>\$650,027</b>	<b>\$709,120</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$655,429</b>	<b>\$701,887</b>	<b>\$765,695</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$35,927</b>	<b>(\$51,860)</b>	<b>\$56,575</b>





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# JANUARY

*Sunday*      *Monday*      *Tuesday*      *Wednesday*      *Thursday*      *Friday*      *Saturday*

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		1 New Year's Day Church office closed	2 Handbells 4:30 Chancel Choir 7:00		
6 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Communion	7 Exercise Class 9:00 BSF 5:15	8 PW Bible Study 10:00 Worship Ministry 6:00 Discipleship Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	9 Exercise Class 9:00 DAR 12:30 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	10 Church office closed	11
13 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15 Second Sunday Worship Service (Chapel) 6:00	14 Exercise Class 9:00 BSF 5:15	15 Session Meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	16 Exercise Class 9:00 Symphony League 9:30 2nd Readers 12:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	17 PW Arts & Crafts 10:00	18 Church office closed
20 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15 Newsletter Submissions Due!	21 MLK Day Church Office Closed	22 FISH Ministry 9:00 PW House & Garden 10:00 Preschool Board 12:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	23 Exercise Class 9:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	24	25 Church office closed
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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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