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## SEPTEMBER SERMON SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 04

GENESIS 6:5-22, 8:6-12, 9:8-17; MT. 8:24-27  
THE RIGHTEOUS & THE WICKED

SEPTEMBER 11

GENESIS 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17  
FLOOD & PROMISE

SEPTEMBER 18

GENESIS 12:1-9  
THE CALL OF ABRAHAM

SEPTEMBER 25

GENESIS 39:1-23  
JOSEPH IN PRISON



# On Second Thought...



Sharing stories is a powerful thing. Our stories weave together to create the fabric of who we are. They have shaped us in ways, both seen and unseen. They have the ability to connect us with others and the ability to set us apart. Many are fun to share while others are difficult; but sharing our stories has a way of breaking down walls. It has a way of evoking empathy or joy or connection in a way that few other things can.

This past week, we had a leak in our garage that meant we had to unearth some, now soggy, boxes that had found their way into the recesses of the garage. The box that took on the most water held many of my stories. There were things like an entire book of CDs that tell the story of my musical tastes over the years, notebooks from seminars and classes that hadn't been touched in years. These things, mementos that it was probably time to let go of anyway. (I'll admit that I'm a bit of a sentimental pack rat, and sometimes it takes a thing being completely ruined before I'll agree to get rid of it. And even then, I'll probably do my best to salvage it!)

Then, there were the things in the box that were irreplaceable – the things that my boys will have to get rid of, because I won't be able to bring myself to do it. I lost a couple of those things, like the memoir that my great-grandfather wrote, and it makes me sick. (Don't worry. I do have a second copy of that. It's proudly displayed in my office!) But somehow, some way, my "notebooks" were protected by the book of CDs and the never-to-be-read-again notes taken at a long-ago seminar. The notebooks that my grandmother compiled over the years that mark nearly every coming and going in my life, were saved in page protectors (thank goodness) and in mint condition.

These notebooks tell my story. From a detailed schedule my mom left for my grandmother when she was keeping me overnight at about 11 months old to every song I attempted to play at my piano recitals, newspaper clippings about volleyball team victories (but only the victories), church bulletins from anytime I was involved in worship in any way, school pictures through the years, and a picture of me proudly showing off the one tiny carrot our garden had produced.

These page-protected pages tell my story, and I had such a great time pulling them out of the leak-soaked boxes, flipping through the memories, and recounting the moments and milestones that made me who I am. And, I wonder, what are these stories for you? What are the things that made you who you are, and what kinds of keepsakes do you have that remind you?

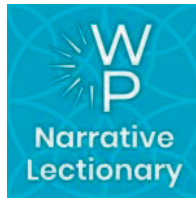
As people of faith, we are part of a much larger story of the people of God – a story that we recount in worship, in Bible study, in prayer. These stories, as much as those represented by the keepsakes that are tucked away in boxes in our garages and attics, tell us who we are and how we came to be who we are. These stories are the stories of the faithful who have gone before us and who are a part of the great cloud of witnesses that surround us.

Thanks be to God for the stories and the people and the memories that make us.

*Sarah*



# The Narrative Lectionary



No doubt by now you are familiar with the Revised Common Lectionary, the three-year cycle of Scripture readings used across many different denominations for Sunday worship. So what exactly is the Narrative Lectionary and what makes it different from the Revised Common Lectionary?

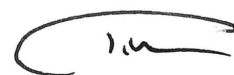
The Revised Common Lectionary was designed at a time when a majority of the culture grew up in and went to church and familiarity with the Scriptures was assumed. As a result, while the Revised Common Lectionary has united the church and given it a common structure, it doesn't present Scripture in a way that helps people who are unfamiliar with Scripture to become fluent in the first language of faith and understand that the story of the Bible is one continuous story about what God is up to in and with humanity.

So, beginning in 2010, two professors at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, in partnership with congregations across America, began to experiment with a new lectionary designed to follow the overarching narrative of the Biblical story over a 9-month period. Since it follows the Biblical narrative, it was called the Narrative Lectionary.

The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle of readings that are followed September through May of each year and are arranged in a narrative sequence to help people see Scripture as one story that has coherence and a dynamic movement. The texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation to the establishment of the early Christian church. The texts are chosen to show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture that proclaim what God is doing in the world. The stories tell of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption. In all these varied contexts, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life.

The Liturgical Calendar also informs the Narrative Lectionary. In the fall, the Narrative lectionary focuses on the Hebrew Bible, moving through the story of God's dealings with Israel and culminating in Advent with the prophets who speak of longing and hope. Readings from the Gospels (a different one each year) fit the movement from Christmas and Epiphany to the Transfiguration, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter. (Stories from the gospels differ each year, avoiding repetition and highlighting what is distinctive about each gospel's telling of the story of Jesus). Then, selections from Acts and Paul's letters trace the outward movement of the resurrection message in the spring, culminating on Pentecost with readings focusing on the Holy Spirit.

We will begin following the Narrative Lectionary in worship this month with Year 1, which follows the Gospel of Matthew from Christmas to Easter. We are excited about the opportunity this brings for us to make the biblical story a more vital part of our life of faith!







## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>Elizabeth Seastrunk</b>	09/01
<b>Bill Broome</b>	09/02
<b>Nan Sweitzer</b>	09/03
<b>Henry Casey</b>	09/04
<b>Clara Hardin</b>	09/06
<b>Jimmy Cheek</b>	09/07
<b>Donna Downen</b>	09/07
<b>Scott Farris</b>	09/11
<b>Drew Wall</b>	09/11
<b>Nancy Smythe</b>	09/12
<b>Jerry Young</b>	09/15
<b>Gil Turner</b>	09/17
<b>Harriet Campbell</b>	09/23
<b>Donna Matlock</b>	09/23
<b>Elsie Dodson</b>	09/24
<b>Lisa Henley</b>	09/24
<b>Brent Beals</b>	09/26
<b>Robert Morgan</b>	09/26
<b>Pam Turner</b>	09/26
<b>Kathryn Tallent</b>	09/27
<b>Brayden Beets</b>	09/29
<b>Linda Sue Byrd</b>	09/30

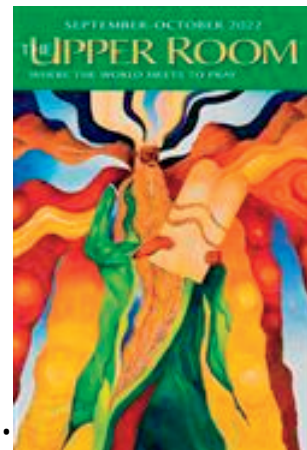
IF WE INADVERTENTLY MISSED SOMEONE  
... HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE YOUR RECORDS AT  
THE CHURCH SO WE'LL HAVE YOUR  
SPECIAL DAY ON FILE NEXT YEAR!

## 2nd Presbyterian Discovery Class

Our next Discovery Class will be held on four consecutive Sunday mornings, September 18th through October 9th at 9:45 a.m. in the Library/Fireside Room. The Discovery Class is for those who want to know more about being Presbyterian, more about 2nd Presbyterian Church, or who are thinking of uniting in membership with this congregation. Pastor Tim will lead discussions on Presbyterian theology, the history of 2nd Presbyterian Church, and how our congregation organizes itself for mission and ministry. At the conclusion of the class, those who are not already members will be given the opportunity to unite with this congregation in membership, should they so desire. A New Member Sunday will be held shortly thereafter. If you are interested in being part of the class or have questions, please contact Pastor Tim at [treynolds@2ndpres.org](mailto:treynolds@2ndpres.org).

The September-  
October *Upper  
Room* Devotionals  
are available!  
Copies can be  
found in the  
vestibule & narthex.







# **We're Welcoming Tim Back, Thanking Sarah and Having Lunch Together After Church on September 11th!**

Immediately after church on September 11th we're having a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall welcoming Tim back from his sabbatical and thanking Sarah for her exemplary service in Tim's absence!

We'll be having a Petros Chili and Chips Buffet with Petros, taco salads, chili and nachos with queso.

Reservations are requested, but not required. Simply call the church (865-532-2189) before 3:00 pm on September 8th. If you're willing to help provide dessert, please call Mary Farmer (865-525-2739), and leave a message.

Those wishing to give a note of thanks to Sarah (and a love gift if so interested) may leave it with Bonnie or Brittiany at the church or bring it to church on September 11th.

We hope to see you there!



## 2nd Readers

We will be meeting September 14, at the Buckingham Club House at 11:30 a.m. If others would like to join us, please feel free to do so. Bring your lunch and a drink. As a special treat, Helen Grant, a professional librarian, will be reviewing our book, *The Personal Librarian*. What a treat and thank you, Helen. Questions, call Margaret Sullivan (865)588-3103.



## YOUTH WASABI NIGHT JULY, 2022



## Calling All Knitters!

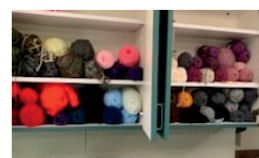
For several years the Arts and Crafts circle of Presbyterian Women have made hats to give to the children of Westview Elementary school.

This year, we are also making hats for the children served by Isaiah 117 House. However as you can see from the picture below, our stock is empty!



We have yarn to give you, but we need knitters. We would love for you to join us on the third Thursday of the month (September 16 coming up), but if you are unable to be there, please stop by the church and pick up some yarn to use at home.

The yarn is upstairs in room 227. If you need a pattern, I can supply that. Not a knitter? We have people who can help you learn! Contact Cheryl Ragsdale (865-684-8999) for more information.



## Flower Ministry

Reverend Sarah Morgan has been taking small flowers arrangements that have been made using the beautiful Sunday flowers when she goes to visit someone.

Usually four arrangements are made each week, which uses a lot of vases. If you have some medium size vases you no longer need, please bring them to the Church Office. They and you will be very appreciated.





Save the Date



**This is your personal invitation!**  
**Come and explore the 2022-2023 study of:**

Some of the best loved Christian hymns of all times. Led by John Lasater and piano.

Some of our local nonprofits who have dedicated their efforts in doing the Lord's bidding for the least of humanity among us.

Some of the gentiles in the New Testament who chose the Way (the name first given to followers of Jesus' teachings, taught by Helen Grant)

Join us on the second Tuesday in each month with a morning program. The sessions are sponsored by Second Church's Presbyterian Women but open to all women and men interested in Christian fellowship and study.

**September 13, 2022**

- Fellowship Hall
- 9:30-10:00 Fellowship and coffee
- 10:00-10:20 Opening prayer, Hymn Sing, and announcements.
- 10:20-10:45 Business and mission news.
- 10:45-11:30 Bible Study

All who wish to do so—bring a sack lunch, We'll stay in the fellowship hall after the meeting to dine and fellowship together.

**PLAN TO ATTEND!**  
**on Oct. 8, 2022**

A spiritual day-long retreat at the John Knox Center near Kingston, TN (about an hour's drive from Knoxville)

Nancy Dimmock will be the featured speaker. She and her husband devoted more than 30 years to mission service, much of it in public health ministries, in Africa.

This retreat is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women groups in the Presbytery of East Tennessee. Plan to carpool for the trip, wear your walking shoes, and look forward to a day at John Knox Center on beautiful Watts Bar Lake!

More details to follow.





**THANK YOU to everyone that helped prepare West View Elementary last week for the opening of school and for the student's school supplies!**





## Children & Youth Ministries

### Volunteer Opportunity:

Do you enjoy infants, toddlers and preschoolers? We have a volunteer opening just for you. Do you prefer Elementary age students? We have a volunteer opening for you too.

We provide the curriculum and materials and you provide the time. Volunteer times for these areas are on a 6 week rotation.

If you are interested, please contact Holly Grimm at [hgrimm@2ndpres.org](mailto:hgrimm@2ndpres.org) or 865-243-6353.

### The youth room is in need of a ping pong table.

One of the ways our youth connect is through activities like playing ping pong. If you have a ping pong table in great shape you would like to donate or know someone who does please contact Holly Grimm at [hgrimm@2ndpres.org](mailto:hgrimm@2ndpres.org) or 865-243-6353

*Congratulations to our PreK class of 2022!*



## School Coupon Book Sales

### TO BENEFIT WEST VIEW SCHOOL!

West View is a small (less than 300 students) school located "almost within eyesight" of Second where we to climb to the top of our bell tower. What a difference it makes to travel from Kingston Pike to Mingle Avenue at the foot of the News Sentinel on Middlebrook Pike! Night and Day!! 98% of children in this school need food for breakfast, lunch and many take home backpacks of food on weekends.

Please consider purchasing a School Coupon Book filled with coupons good at merchants selling groceries, food (restaurants), tires, oil, about anything we use daily. You'll easily recoup monies spent ... if used!

1. Books cost \$10.00
2. West View keeps 100%
3. West View will use all proceeds to up-date technology and to improve playground needs.

**SALE DATES September 15 – October 3**

**Contact: Sandra Butler**

**[sandyb446@comcast.net](mailto:sandyb446@comcast.net), (865) 584-4397**

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 2. You can also mail your offering to the church office.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world — and right here at home.

25% of this Offering goes to our Presbytery to join with other congregations' gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.

## Highlights from the August 2022 Stated Session Meeting

Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.

Received the Treasurer's Report.

Approved during the red covid precaution period the choir be limited to twelve singers. The singers could be student singers or members of the Congregation.

In light of Pastor Sarah Morgan's exemplary service during Pastor Tim Reynolds sabbatical, approved to offer the members an opportunity to express their appreciation to Pastor Sarah through a love offering to be presented to her at Pastor Tim's welcome back luncheon after church on September 11, 2022.

Approved a disbursement of \$2,500 to our missionaries, the Turks, from the Clara Rennolds Endowment Fund for active missionaries.

Approved the update to the Facilities Use Application with clarification of fee schedule and collection.

Approved a renovation of the interior of the Pre-School Building.

Approved to appoint an appropriate ad-hoc committee to review the "Financial Policy for Managing Church Spending" in the SPC Policy and Procedure Manual for possible renovation

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## JULY BUDGET REPORT

	JUNE	YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	<b>\$66,606.46</b>	<b>\$463,439.00</b>	<b>\$780,570.00</b>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<b>\$66,485.36</b>	<b>\$447,986.37</b>	<b>\$784,242.10</b>
EXCESS/(SHORTAGE)	<b>(\$121.10)</b>	<b>\$15,452.63</b>	<b>---</b>



# September 2022

**Church Hours**  
**Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm**  
**Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00 pm GO Team (Mary Chambers Room)	2	3 5:30 pm Karnes-Rice Wedding (Chapel)
4 <b>Communion</b> 9:45 am Faith, Science, & The Future Sunday 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)	5 <b>Church &amp; Preschool Closed in Observance of Labor Day</b>	6 9:00 am Staff Mtg. 5:00 pm Facilities Team (Zoom) 6:00 pm CONNECT Team (Barbour) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	7 2:00 pm Compassionate Cuisine Home Meal Delivery (Fellowship Hall)	8	9	10
11 9:45 am Faith, Science, & The Future Sunday 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00 Welcome Back Luncheon	12 6:00 pm GROW Team (Zoom)	13 9:30 am Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm WORSHIP Team (Zoom) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	14 11:30 am 2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Clubhouse)	15 10:00 am Arts & Crafts (Rm. 227) 12:00 pm Deadline Session Packet	16	17
18 9:45 Discovery Class (Library) 9:45 am Faith, Science, & The Future Sunday 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)	19 12:00 pm Pre-School Board Meeting (Zoom)	20 4:00 pm Deadline for 2nd Edition 6:00 pm Session Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	21 2:00 pm Compassionate Cuisine Home Meal Delivery (Gym/Hudson Hall)	22	23	24
25 9:45 Discovery Class (Library) 9:45 am Faith, Science, & The Future Sunday 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)	26	27 9:00 am Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall) 2:00 pm Budget Finance Team (Zoom) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	28	29	30	





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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,  
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

#### ELDERS

##### CLASS OF 2023

Tracy Horton  
Neal Peebles  
Charles White  
Tim Wright

##### CLASS OF 2024

Ileen Cheek  
Joe Clarke  
Angela Jones  
Mary Kay Sullivan

##### CLASS OF 2025

Zachary Burch  
Lisa Henley  
Elizabeth Seastrunk  
Terry Weaver

#### MINISTRY TEAMS & MODERATORS

##### WORSHIP

Ileen Cheek  
Elizabeth Seastrunk

##### GROW

Zachary Burch  
Terry Weaver

##### GO

Tracy Horton  
Tim Wright

##### CONNECT

Joe Clarke  
Lisa Henley

##### SUPPORT

Neal Peebles  
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##### Preschool Board

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