

SECOND EDITION

November 2017

*O give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures
forever.*

Psalm 107:1

On Second Thought...

The church calendar has two three-day seasons, if that's what you call them. They don't really have an official designation. All I know is that twice each year we celebrate three successive days in which something really holy and mysterious is going on. The first three-day season is Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday; it's always Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – a weekend. These three actually do have a specific name: *The Triduum*. It's a Latin term meaning "The Three Days." Very original.

The second three-day period is not always on a weekend, but it always begins on October 31 and ends on November 2. On these three days the church is very interested in dead people. Some might say that on All Hallows' Eve they actually see dead people. Unlike Easter, however, none of them are coming back to life. I am referring, of course, to the three days of All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day.

The first of these is celebrated in popular culture as Halloween and, by the way, why aren't Christians up in arms about the secularization of All Hallows' Eve?!?! Hey...this is *our* holy day! Stop cheapening it and commercializing it! Let's keep the hallow in Halloween!!! But I digress...

The night before All Saints' Day is hallowed in preparation for celebrating and giving thanks for the dead on the following day. This type of observance is shared by many cultures. *Día de los Muertos*, the Day of the Dead, is observed as a holiday by many Spanish-speaking countries around the world. In Mexico, it is a national holiday on November 1&2 with roots in religious practices thousands of years old. Relatives visit the graves of loved ones and families have celebratory meals in their honor. The Chinese celebrate *Qingming*, or Tomb-Sweeping Day, in early April. It's a day in which people pay respect to the dead by taking care of their gravesites or tombs, sweeping them, cleaning them, and planting flowers. It's a lot like Memorial Day.

When the Christian Church settled on November 1 as a special date for the Feast of All Saints, followed by a day to honor soon-to-be-saints, the Feast of All Souls, many believe it was because by the end of October and early November the earth is becoming barren, brown, and drab. Death seems to be approaching. The air is

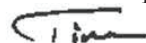
still and somber and cool. It's a good time to remember the dead while there's still a little bit of life left in the earth.

It's a good thing to remember the saints of the church, too – those who throughout the church's history have demonstrated remarkable achievements and made incredible sacrifices. We Protestants don't have official saints, but we are partial to Saint Francis and Saint Teresa of Calcutta, otherwise known as Mother Teresa. If we did have a formal canonization process we'd probably have a Saint Martin (Luther), a Saint John (Calvin), and Saint John (Knox) of Scotland. Reformation Day is also celebrated on October 31, a chance to remember their contributions to the life of the church.

On All Saints' Sunday, which is November 5 this year, we usually remember those who have died in the previous year, thank God for their contributions to the church, and remind ourselves that we are all, every one of us, saints. It's a good thing to do in the season of Thanksgiving that also occurs in November. This year, especially, as we stand on the brink of our Bicentennial Year, it's important for us to remember and give thanks for all those saints who have served God through Second Presbyterian Church and made it a beacon for God's Kingdom in the city of Knoxville for 200 years. Their contributions to God's Kingdom and this congregation have secured an enduring legacy for the glory of God and God's Kingdom in this community.

It's also a good time to remember that we stand on their shoulders as we continue to serve God in ways big and small. The best thing we can do to remember, honor, and give thanks for their lives is to live in such a way that 200 years from now we are remembered for the same generosity of spirit and lives of service as they are. Happy Halloween/All Saints/All Souls, and Happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful for *you*!

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim





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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 22 - NOVEMBER 26, 2017

SERMON SERIES
**THE LORD'S
PRAYER**



SERMON SERIES CONTINUES THROUGH NOVEMBER

We continue our series on The Lord's Prayer each Sunday in November.

<i>The Lord's Prayer:</i> Give us this day our daily bread	Matt. 6:9-13	Nov. 5
<i>The Lord's Prayer:</i> Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors	Matt. 6:9-13	Nov. 12
<i>The Lord's Prayer:</i> Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil	Matt. 6:9-13	Nov. 19
<i>The Lord's Prayer:</i> For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours forever	Matt. 6:9-13	Nov. 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 23rd, in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday.

DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK NOVEMBER 4TH!

Daylight Savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4th. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Wednesday night dinner and Bible study on Wednesday, November 22nd, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



Multi-talented Morton Rose constructed a beautiful wooden shield to keep the organ light from shining in the eyes of the congregation. Great to have an inventor in our congregation! Thank you, Morton.



James 1:19

The past month, we have been talking about how our words can leave a positive or negative effect on those around us. We have been using object lessons such as toothpaste to show how once you release your words, positive or negative, it is impossible to take them back. Just like it is impossible to get all the toothpaste back into the original container once it is squeezed out. We can make amends and ask for forgiveness for hurtful words, however, many times lasting marks will be left on the person. Our Bible verse focus has been *James 1:19*, "... Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger."





Being a Christian
is like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the
yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, hate, greed, etc.
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling
face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Angela Jones 11/02
Bob Cross 11/03
Imogene Posey 11/04
Joe Clarke 11/05
Bennie Myers 11/05
Ann Wallace 11/06
Robert Campbell 11/07
Rachel Rogers 11/07
Miller Callaway 11/09
Ed May 11/09
Marsha Grieve 11/11

Hannah Gard 11/12
David Eldridge 11/14
Parker Dodson 11/18
Bill Owen 11/18
Tom Sullivan 11/20
Mancil Milligan 11/21
Mary Nell Pruitt 11/22
Genna Bartlett 11/27
Jim Gray 11/29
Brick McCollum 11/29
Dorothy Thomas 11/29

NOVEMBER VISITORS

Kathie & Rich Anderson
Andrew, Chelsea, &
Charlotte Deal
Jim & Jennifer Claxton
Emma Claxton
Reeves Claxton
Yar Wei
Mike Marchant
Nancy, Amy & Lucy Reddick
Cheryl Rice
Susan Brackney
Joanne Mounger
Daniel Mounger
Lanie & Patrick Noel
Rachel & Matthew Littlejohn
Elizabeth Faulkner
Palmoa, Kater &
Michelle Oldham
Frank McClelland
Nancy Rust
Desiree & Chip Denton
Kylee Norris
Hunter White
Audrey Dwyer

Brad Nellis
Mary Reynolds
Reilly Harrison
Brooke Frohlich
Rion Steele
Katherine Rose
Dwight Yoakum
Steve Long
Henry Naff
Tracy Horton
Charlene Cotton
Mattie Campbell
Chris Poole
Maggie Foster
Sally Leshar
Kim Hudgens
Carter DePoy
Pam Tillis
Kathy & Charlie Graves
Patty Lovelace
Frances Harker
Mary Wynn Marks
Dennis Bailey

THE HIGH 5 AWARD



If you've ever been here at the church and seen a hooded figure with sunglasses lurking around in the bushes, don't be alarmed. You've actually seen the recipient of this month's High Five Award, **Dr. Neal Peebles!** Neal spends many hours on the church grounds making sure that leaves are raked, trees are trimmed, weeds are whacked, water is draining properly, and many other things to make this a beautiful and welcoming place. He is currently working with a landscape company to make sure the south side of the building is beautified prior to our Bicentennial celebration, and twice each year Neal coordinates and plans our church workday. But it's not

just outside where Neal contributes his time and talent. He currently serves as a liturgist, serves on the Facilities Team, recently completed a term on the Session, and during the Chili Luncheon was seen in the kitchen with his apron on making sure everything was ready to go and cleaned up afterwards so folks could enjoy a time of warm fellowship. This congregation also owes Neal a deep debt of gratitude as one of two elders on the Session that remained when the split occurred, and he shepherded and guided this congregation during a very difficult process, all the while retaining a dignified, loving, and graceful demeanor. Here's a big High Five, Neal! Thanks for allowing God to use you in service and for modeling what gracious, servant leadership looks like for the rest of us.

*The Presbyterian Women
present...
A Christmas Lunch
& Concert*

Please make plans to attend the Presbyterian Women's Christmas Lunch on December 12th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The O'Connor Center Band will be performing... you don't want to miss this! Lunch is \$10. If you are not in a PW Circle make a reservation by Thursday, December 7th by calling Mariann Thuesen at (865) 253-7653.

The following is an excerpt from a Tennessee Theater program dated July 3rd.

“The O'Connor Center Band (affectionately known as “The Amazing Geezer Band”) was established in September 2013. This early edition of the band consisted of 7 members: 3 trumpets, 2 clarinets, 1 trombone and the director, Linda Edwards. They performed their first concert that December and the group has been growing ever since to our current membership of 32.

The band is mostly made up of people who, once upon a time, played an instrument in their junior or senior high school band, some as many as 50+ years ago and there are a few players who have started from scratch, never having previously played a musical instrument or having prior musical knowledge. There are a couple of folks who are experienced musicians in other genres (dulcimer, vocal, piano) but who never played a wind instrument. They are doing it now.

There are two “kids” in the band (in their 50's) and the oldest performing member is 89. Almost everyone else has their Medicare card or close to it.

The band has practice one day a week (Wednesday mornings at 10:00) and there is a “Cadet” band (for true beginners or those who need to brush up on their horn) which meets at 9:00 on Wednesdays. The star of the Cadet Band is Buster. He is 98 years old and is learning to play the alto saxophone. So don't ever say you can't. The Amazing Geezer band is living proof that you can get off the couch, do something different and have the time of your life while making music with your friends.”

SUNSET GAP TRIP

Presbyterian Women Bobbie Denton, Catherine Beals, and Liz Peebles attended Sunset Gap "Thank You" Luncheon. They saw the new refrigerated food truck bought through the Thank Offering of the National Presbyterian Women. The truck enables Sunset Gap to purchase food for their Food Bank from wholesalers.

The delicious lunch was preceded by a lively address given by Dr. Duran Williams, great grandson of Ance and Betty Williams. Betty Williams, illiterate herself, wanted her children and grandchildren to be educated and became the driving force behind the Center. His tales of the Center's development and changes through the years emphasized the jewel this Center still is to those who live around it.

Our Presbyterian Women sent \$330 dollars along with food, clothing, and items for their Christmas shop from our congregation members. Thanks to all who helped Sunset Gap!



PW IN NOVEMBER

The Presbytery of East Tennessee will be gathering here for their fall meeting on Tuesday, November 14th. Thank you to the many volunteers who have stepped forward to welcome our fellow Presbyterians from across the region. Please keep in mind that there will be no circle or association meeting of Presbyterian Women on that day.

LUNCH BUNCH

African-American Spirituals will be the topic for the Lunch Bunch program on November 7, 2017. Dr. Loneka Battiste, Assistant professor in Music Education at the University of Tennessee, has done research on spirituals. A graduate student in music education at UT will accompany her. It is important for reservations to be made since the caterer is paid based on that number.

CHILI POTLUCK DONATIONS

The Congregational Care Ministry Team would like to thank everyone for coming to the Chili Potluck and bringing lots of food. We had 17 crock pots of chili! Additionally, we set up four more tables than originally planned! Our friends from Texas assured Kim that we did it right! A special thank you to Rachel for the posters and emails, Holly and the kids for the placemats, our young people for pitching in and helping so graciously, Neal for assisting with the blessing, Jim Ford for his heart to serve our shut ins with to-go plates, Justin for his calm and steady assistance, and of course your generosity in donating \$1,019 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance!!!

FLOWERS

We need flowers in November. If you would like to donate flowers to the church, please let Sarah know.

2ND READERS

When? Wednesday, November 15

Where? Church

Time? 3:45 p.m.

Title? *The Charm Bracelet*

Author: Melissa Hill

Leader: Catherine

2nd Readers Christmas Luncheon

When? Wednesday, December 20

Where? Caroline Buckner's home

Time? 12:00 p.m.



A Letter from Shannondale...

Dear friends,

Grace and peace to you in the most blessed name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Shannondale Homes of Tennessee needs assistance ministering to the spiritual needs of our residents and would like to present a ministry opportunity to you. Shannondale residents are seeking persons who would assist them in getting from their rooms to our Sunday afternoon Chapel services. This ministry could be filled by persons or a group from your church. This group could be a choir ministry, student ministry, senior adult group, deacons or other small group. [Thank you!]

This ministry would entail arriving at Shannondale HCC facility on Middlebrook Pike around 2:45 Sunday afternoon and helping wheel chair confined residents to chapel services from their room to our chapel on the 5th floor, then at the close of the service around 4:15 helping return them to their floor or room. These residents have expressed a desire to attend chapel, but simply can't get there and back.

October 10, 2017

If your volunteer group also would like to lead the worship, provide special music, or the devotional, or lead the whole service, we would be glad to schedule them to do so also.

We could use groups who would volunteer to minister once a year, or once a quarter, or even once a month.

If you would like more information, or a group would like to volunteer, would you please contact Renee Willingham, director of Chaplain services @ 690-3411 [or rwillingham@shannondale.com]

Thank you for your time and consideration of this ministry need. May our Lord bless you and your service.

Dennis Davidson, chaplain

THE VMC HOLIDAY STORE

For 22 years, The Volunteer Ministry Center will host the Annual Holiday Store program. It is a remarkable effort to enable those without Christmas shopping money to “earn” gifts for their loved ones by using their time and muscle to complete community service work which pays in points, redeemable at the Holiday Store. Community service opportunities are completed at various sites.

In 2016, the Holiday Store served 140 families, which translates to close to 600 total individuals!

In 2017, VMC hopes to impact even more families and individuals!

During the month of November, the Mission Committee is again asking members and friends to join with us in stocking the Volunteer Ministry Center Holiday Store.

The items should be new (in original packaging) and unwrapped. Your gift will be earned and given with great pride by someone who has worked to purchase it. There will be a special box marked VMC Store. Thank you!



VMC HOLIDAY
STORE ITEMS

2017



Children

- Clothing (boys & girls)
- Barbie dolls/dolls
- Books
- Cars and trucks
- Board games
- Legos
- Tea sets
- Sleeping bags
- Infant items
- Sport Balls

Teenagers

- Clothing (guys & girls)
- Sports Jerseys
- Anything from the small electronics list
- Makeup/Jewelry

Men & Women

- Clothing
- Fleece Wear
- Sweaters
- Gloves, hats, scarves
- Active wear
- Sleep wear
- Shoes
- Perfume/cologne sets/Bath Sets

Housewares

- Small tool sets
- Throws/afghans
- Kitchen items
- Cooking utensils
- Artwork
- Area carpets/rugs

Small Electronics

- Radios
- CD players
- CDs
- DVDs
- DVD players
- MP3 players
- Music for all ages

Miscellaneous

- Curling Irons
- Hair Dryers
- Wrist watches
- Sports equipment
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Purses/backpacks/tote bags
- Books for all ages

VISITATION MINISTRY LIBRARY

As my time in this position proceeds, I have been able to build a library of resources to share with the congregation. I have pamphlets on a variety of topics ranging from choosing an assisted living or an in home caregiver to dealing with Alzheimer's to elder abuse to Cancer support and even a Nursing Home checklist.

In addition, I have several books which can be checked out from my office:

1. *Second Forgetting: Remembering the Power of the Gospel During Alzheimer's Disease* by Dr. Benjamin Mast

2. *A Path Revealed: How Hope, Love, and Joy Found Us Deep in a Maze Called Alzheimer's* by Carlen Maddux

3. *Keeping Love Alive as Memories Fade* by Deborah Barr, MA, Edward G. Shaw, MD and Gary Chapman, PhD

4. *My Past is Now My Future: A Practical Guide to Dementia Possible Care* by Lanny D. Butler, MS, OTR and Kari K. Brizendine, PT

5. *When Words Fail: Practical Ministry to People with Dementia and Their Caregivers* by Kathy Fogg Berry

6. *The 36 Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementia, and Memory Loss in Later Life* by Nancy L. Mace, M.A. and Peter V. Rabins, M.D., M.P.H.

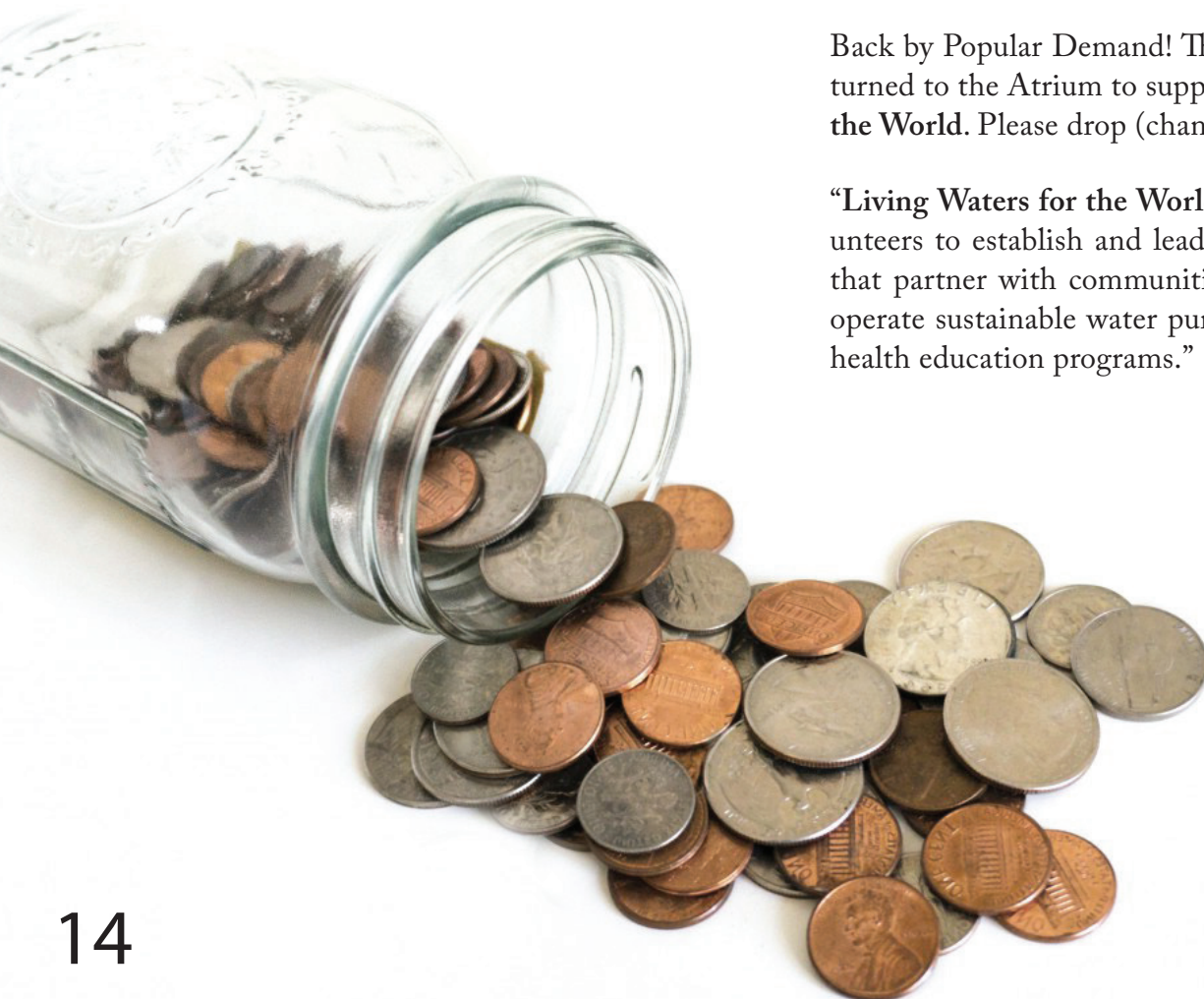
Please feel free to contact me for assistance on any of these topics and if you need something I don't have I'll be glad to research it for you.

-Jan Barber

SUPPORT CHANGE WITH YOUR LOOSE CHANGE

Back by Popular Demand! The Change Jar has returned to the Atrium to support **Living Waters for the World**. Please drop (change) in frequently.

"Living Waters for the World (LWW) trains volunteers to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to implement and operate sustainable water purification systems and health education programs."



GUEST SPEAKER COMING TO 2ND

The 200th Anniversary Committee is happy to announce a coming event linked to our anticipated celebration of our 200th anniversary in 2018. On Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 1:30 p.m., Second Presbyterian Church will host Dr. Joan Markel, an archaeologist and educator, who is currently the Civil War Curator at the University of Tennessee McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture.

Dr. Markel will be making a presentation on the subject of "Battle and Fort: General William P. Sanders Remembered." We hope that you read a recent article in the Second Edition on Second Church's 200th Civil War experiences and noted the fact that General Sanders was shot on the site of the present Second Church grounds and was buried in the cemetery of Second Church's second building at Union and Market Streets.

Dr. Markel has spoken before at Second Church and we look forward to having her as our guest in our Sunday morning worship service and for our covered dish lunch being served in the parlor immediately after our service. Be sure to bring your covered dish (more about this later) and plan on staying for her presentation in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear this amazing story of Knoxville's one Civil War battle, although we were an occupied city for the entire war.

Dr. Markel's presentation is free and open to the general public (but not the covered dish lunch). Be sure to invite your friends who are interested in this part of U.S. history to come and join us!!

HISTORY COMES ALIVE!

The 200th Anniversary events will be starting early in 2018 and from time to time, we will be welcoming guests from throughout the Knoxville community into our building. We need men and women who will serve as ushers and hosts and hostesses for some events.

To add to the fun of the celebration, these volunteers will be dressed in some type of period dress—that is, perhaps their present day attire that has been adapted to reflect any style of dress from the founding of the church in 1818, on.

We ask all to search your closets for an item or two that may resemble clothes of another time. For example, men's vests have actually changed little over the last 200 years. With a white dress shirt with a small collar you have the beginning of

a man's vintage dress outfit—only needing a different type tie and maybe a chain linked across his vest. Don't worry! There is a task group to help in creating your "costume."

Look for old costume jewelry, pocket watches and chains, necklaces, long strands of pearls, ladies hats, cameo pins, long skirts, etc., etc. Many friends and relatives might have just what you need.

Help us make the church's history come a little alive with walking, talking folks from our past!!!!

Please contact Helen or Arvilee Grant (865-693-1980) if you are willing to serve and have a little fun along the way!!!



Photo of the third building of Second Presbyterian Church at the corner of Church and Walnut Streets.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MOVES ON

Part One: The Third Building

Co-Chairs, Arvilee and Helen Grant

Knoxville's First Five Decades of the Twentieth Century

Second Presbyterian Church's third building served its congregation well from 1907-1957— exactly fifty years— with massive demographic changes in Knoxville, a rapidly evolving culture and society, the First and Second World Wars, the Great Depression, and the Korean War. During the first two decades of the 1900s, Knoxville's future looked bright with many projections of the city's becoming a vast metropolis. This never happened. As the Heart of the Valley describes it, Knoxville's booming prosperity near the end of the 1800s—built on railroads, wholesales, and the exploitation of limited mineral resources—began to fade.

Heart of the Valley posits that about mid-century three government institutions saved Knoxville. First, the Great Depression brought from the federal government the enormous TVA projects headquartered in Knoxville. Second, the creation of the "mysterious" new federal plants in Oak Ridge gave an infusion into Knoxville's economy. Thirdly, the steady expansion and improvement of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, renewed to some degree the Knoxville area's former vitality and spurred growth. These three institutions gradually attracted a more diverse and better educated population.

Second Presbyterian Church entered the twentieth century struggling with some difficult facility problems. The congregation had maintained well their second building, now forty years old, and had expanded it several times, but the space was proving inadequate for the size of the church's membership and its services. For several years the encroachment of business surrounding the site and the noise produced by it had caused concern. Prince Street (now Market Street) on the east side of the church property was

narrow and the city offered in 1901 to buy thirteen feet running the entire length of the block in order to widen Prince Street. The church agreed and lost the line of old trees and their shade planted in the area. Several graves in the church cemetery had to be removed to a burial lot in New Gray Cemetery.

The congregation was divided on what to do and the disputes over the dilemma grew until, in January, 1905, the congregation finally accepted one of many offers. The offer of \$137,501 for the large lot and buildings was an excellent price but the church did have to take care of the remains of the individuals buried in the church cemetery. Some remains were removed by relatives and the rest were contracted with Woodlawn Cemetery to remove remains and inter them. The church reserved the right to continue to worship on the property while a new site was selected and a third building could be built.

There is no doubt that the move was an emotional one for the congregation. Previous Second Church members had worshiped on this site since 1820 when the first small meeting house was built. The decision to leave the original site was, indeed, a watershed moment for Second Presbyterian Church and, in a sense, was another new beginning.

According to Her Walls Before Thee Stand, Second Church did well with their real estate transactions. The new building lot, plus all construction costs for the third church building, a manse built beside the church, furniture, rebuilding the church's original Ryder organ, one large stained glass window, and chimes came to a total of \$151,070.99, thus leaving the church with a relatively small debt.



Sanctuary of the third building of Second Presbyterian Church.

The new location was at the southwest corner of Walnut and Church Streets about two blocks south from Second Church's original site. (This space is now occupied by Lawson McGhee Public Library.) The church chose a Gothic style of architecture which was popular at the turn of the twentieth century. Its towering, stone, castle-like exterior and its massive cathedral ceiling in the sanctuary were in sharp contrast to the simplicity and gentle elegance of the second building with its slender steeple with one bell.

Dr. Robert Bachman, the current pastor, preached the last sermon at the second building site on September

23, 1906. (This sermon was published as his Historical Sermon, an excellent historical source on the history of Second Presbyterian Church. The congregation began worshiping in the third building in October, 1907.

The Walnut Street Church (as it was commonly called) was quite a transition for Second Church's congregation—everything new and bigger with basement and two stories. Although the building was spacious compared to the former building, that condition quickly changed. The membership grew steadily during the good and not-so-good economic times of the first half of the twentieth century.

During those fifty years in the Walnut Street Church the congregation's membership more than tripled to possibly more than 1,500. Eventually the manse was converted from a residence to church space. Every inch of the two buildings was put to use for multiple purposes.

As we write this chapter we are fortunate to have several church members with fond recollections of the Walnut Street Church, and we will pause to mention a few of the building's spaces from the viewpoint of our members' recollections.

The Sanctuary

The Walnut Street Church sanctuary was quite a change for the congregation with its cathedral ceiling and dark, soaring rafters. Over time those rafters collected soot from the polluted air of Knoxville's many coal-fed furnaces and the soot often fell on the worshipers. The sanctuary was built in a fan shape with no center aisle with the wide part of the fan with pews and narrowing toward the chancel area. Martha Riggins Brown remembers that the theological explanation was that the shape brought the congregation into relationship with each other as a testimony to the priesthood of each or all believers.

Perhaps one of the most remembered architectural features in the sanctuary was a **moveable partition** constructed with opaque glass windows. This partition was lowered into the basement area to gain access to a large multi-purpose room next to the sanctuary when extra seating space was needed for sanctuary seating or for special presentations. For example, a live nativity scene became an annual tradition at the Walnut Street Church. Leslie Testerman remembers that she and baby son John portrayed Mary and baby Jesus in 1955.

Many current Second Church members remember the **moving partition** as it slowly descended and usually gave a jerk and thump, pausing momentarily before completing its descent. John Matlock, re-

membering from his youth, referred to the movement as "an earthquake-like rumble. John Testerman remembered the lowering making a "grinding" sound. Bruce Foster says that the very heavy partition was lowered and raised by a large crank and cable that required manual operation.

One last remembrance about the **partition**—Martha Riggins Brown reported that as a teenager she and others often ran to nearby Todd and Armstead Drug Store between Sunday School and church service. As they raced back they chose to sit on the first row behind the **moveable partition**. As the **partition** slowly dropped open "it would stop, bounce, have to be raised slightly again before proceeding down into its recessed place. By the time it got all the way down, there were often a few teenagers giggling on the front row for the entire congregation to see."

The sanctuary had a large multi paneled **stained glass window** on the Walnut Street side of the church which depicted the resurrection of Christ. Our church histories state that this window was created by the famed Tiffany Company, but, at this time, we have not been able to confirm this. We are most fortunate that part of the windows from the third building have been preserved and they are lovely! We have concluded that at least three **stained glass windows** from the building were a part of the resurrection window and have been well preserved at the Church of the Savior, 934 N. Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 (the name of the church founded by those from Second Church who chose not to move to the fourth building in 1957.) [Many thanks to Craig Hendrix for leading us to this find!] These three windows featuring angels are housed on an interior wall each in its custom built case in the Church of the Savior sanctuary, and according to the pastor, John Gill, are much loved and appreciated by the congregation. The windows are back lit and the glass has a three dimensional look and touch—with an exceptional shaping of the glass, a technique developed by Tiffany (see accompanying photos).



Stained glass windows from the third building of Second Presbyterian Church now preserved at Church of the Savior.

Gill says that one stained glass window is presently in a very old Congregational Church in Deer Lodge, Tennessee, and it depicts Christ (perhaps ascending?)

Another stained glass window from Second's Walnut Street Church sanctuary was acquired by the Dempster/Smallman family and was installed in their house on Cherokee Boulevard, but, Mary Farmer confirmed that it deteriorated, was removed, and is now in pieces.

There is one stained glass window from the Walnut Street Church in the fourth building in the church library and is mounted in the door to the archives/workroom.

The Chimes of Second Church at Walnut Street.

According to Her Walls Before Thee Stand, another feature of the Walnut Street Church was the amazing number of bells in its bell tower. Along with the 2,100-pound, single bell from the second church building for the musical note E, there were nine new bells with a total weight of 11,400 pounds. In all, there were two bells for the note of D and two for the note of E. The other six bells each represent the notes of F, G, A, B C, C#.

Miss Elsie Bachman, daughter of the first minister at Walnut Street Church, is given credit for securing subscriptions for the purchase of these bells. They had to be rung manually by pulling on ropes attached to each bell and were accessible only by ladder. It

was said that on November 11, 1918, Dr. Vale, the minister at the time, climbed the ladder to the belfry in great joy to pull the ropes and ring the bells to celebrate the end of World War I. The chimes were finally electrified in 1946 and Second Presbyterian Church was often referred to as “the church of the chimes.” [Ed. note: The entire set of bells now hang in the tower in the fourth building on Kingston Pike and have produced magnificent peals of music on Sunday mornings to this day for all within hearing.]

The Downstairs All-Purpose Room

John Matlock remembers a unique activity in a room that for fifty years served many a meal and hosted many an event of all types of activities for all ages of members.

We quote John recalling one of his youthful church memories: “There were... evening meals in the downstairs room after youth events. We enjoyed... Dipping the drinking straw wrappers in the juice of the ever present baked beans and blowing them to the ceiling where they stuck. At first the sextons tried to clean them off the ceiling until they just gave up and the hundreds of wrappers that accumulated resembled a large chandelier. It was art.”

The Manse

Robert Campbell relates a unique memory of the manse. He recollects, “I was born in 1930, about three years after my grandfather, Horace Cady Wilson had left as pastor of Second Presbyterian Church. Many of my earliest recollections of this “old” church relate to our use of the manse—the former home of the pastor’s family... it was being used primarily for Sunday School classes and other special uses, including youth activities. As an aside, it was where my mother and father “courted” when my

mother’s family lived there during my grandfather’s pastorate.” Bob also recalls occasionally sneaking out from meetings to go to the drug store for some refreshment until time for church services.

Many of the memories from this stately church building are now lost to history, but those that have been salvaged are precious to us. The warmth and caring reflected in them are testimony to the priceless gift of Christian fellowship and the strength God shares with us through his Son and the Holy Spirit.



Color photo of Second Presbyterian Church from an old post card showing the resurrection window facing Walnut Street.

SOURCES: Heart of the Valley; a History of Knoxville, Tennessee, 1976. Her Walls Before Thee Stand: History of Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1818–1968, by W. Russell Briscoe and Katherine Buehler. A History of Second Presbyterian Church, 1818–1994, by Lowell L. Giffen, 1994. Historical Sermon, Preached by the Pastor, by Rev. Robert L. Bachman, 1906. Second Presbyterian Church Archives, and the sweet memories of present members of Second Presbyterian Church.

Highlights from the October Session Meeting

- Approved the Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on September 26, 2017.
- Received reports from the Deacons, Preschool and church committees as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Approved the transfer of John Rhinehart Fiet and Susan "Sue" Jane Fiet and Eugene "John" Watson and Kate Carter Watson to Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville.
- Approved the reimbursement of funds to the caterer for the Presbyterian Women Luncheon due to the theft that occurred on the Church property.
- Approved calling a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 29, 2017 to elect the At-Large members of the Nominating Committee.
- Approved the draw from the Session reserve fund to pay for landscaping services/materials by Earthadelic on the south and west sides of the building inside the driveway/parking lot, from the eastern most corner around to and including the western side yard.

Church Financial Report

	Jan-Sept. 2017 Actual	Jan-Sept. 2017 Budget	2017 Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$407,086	\$410,124	\$546,832
Non-pledged Offerings	\$58,621	\$22,500	\$30,000
Preschool	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$32,000
Other	\$73,454	\$80,193	\$106,924
TOTAL GIVING	\$563,161	\$536,817	\$715,756
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$496,306	\$544,130	\$715,756
NET	\$66,855	\$7,313	\$0

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Discovery Class 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Communion Food & Friends 12:15	BSF 5:30	Joy Singers 10:00 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Facilitates team 5:00 Line Dancing 5:00 Ministry Team meetings 6:00 Ministry Team meetings 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	Line Dancing 9:00 PET brown bag lunch 12:00 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Chancel Ringers 6:15 Bible Study 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	Church office closed Preschool Training - Barbour Room 12:00 TIPS 3:00	Church office closed	Church office closed
Discovery Class 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Dr. Markel - Lecture and Covered Dish 12:00 Food & Friends 12:15	BSF 5:30	Presbytery Meeting 8:00 Deacon's meeting 6:00 Personnel meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	Line Dancing 9:00 2nd Readers 3:45 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Chancel Ringers 6:15 Bible Study 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	Church office closed	Church office closed	Veteran's Day Work Day 8:00
Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15	The Cross Ministry Board meeting 4:30 BSF 5:30 Newsletter Submissions Due!	Joy Singers Rehearsal 10:00 PreSchool Board meeting 12:00 Line Dancing 5:00 Session meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Chancel Ringers 6:15 Bible Study 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	Church office closed	Church office closed	
Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15	BSF 5:30	Fish Pantry 9:00 Line Dancing 5:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Chancel Ringers 6:15 Bible Study 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	Knoxville Symphony Luncheon 10:00		



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2019 CLASS

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Tim Wright

2020 CLASS

Jimmy Cheek
Clara Hardin
Doug Matthews

Rev. Tim Reynolds,
Moderator
Nancy Montgomery, Clerk

"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."
PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0301

DEACONS

2018 CLASS

Sandra Butler
Charlotte Klieman
Marty McLean

2019 CLASS

Jim Ford
Angela Jones
Lily Wu

2020 CLASS

John Matlock
Kathy Thomas
Margaret Walther

Marty McLean & Angela
Jones, Co-Moderators
Jim Ford, Clerk

"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."

PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0201

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