

second chronicles



October & November 2026

Worship With Us

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

October Blessings in Worship

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What being a Christian ISN'T – We've turned following Jesus into something that the first disciples wouldn't even recognize. Together we will see that it's easier and harder than we may think

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Rev. David Wright, retired pastor of Gettysburg Church, will be our guest. Pastor Jeff has been invited to speak in New Jersey at the 200th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church at Pluckemin, where he served from 2000 to 2007.

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How People Like You Change the World – Second Church's mission is to "Make disciples who make a difference." This is how we help people become world changers.

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You are a Star in God's Talent Show! – Most of us are more comfortable in the audience than on stage. But what if we're ALL on stage and our whole life is a performance for an audience of One. We'll discuss who to deal with "stage fright", "imposter syndrome," and Christian "competitiveness and comparisons." After worship we'll have lunch and an actual talent show, just for fun! This is also the Sunday when we will present our 2027 Estimates of Giving.

5 Reasons for Thanksgiving: November Worship

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We'll thank God for role models in faith and celebrate Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, and the Lord's Supper.

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We'll thank God for veterans who served faithfully and courageously.

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We'll thank God for single people of all ages.

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We'll thank God for our members who've been part of our Second Family for 50 years or more.

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The First Sunday of Advent – We'll thank God for sending Jesus.

Many Voices, One Song Unites Hundreds of Presbyterians

Our Second Family was privileged to host the 41 congregations and New Worshipping Communities of the Presbytery of Carlisle on August 30. Here's what the numbers say:

- 520+** People participated on-site plus many more online
- 30** Congregations represented from Carlisle Presbytery
- 237** Italian ice cups served
- 52** Guests traveled 600 miles from St. James Church, Charleston, SC
- 110** Voices in the Unity Choir
- 9** Ringers in the pick-up chime choir for kids
- 34** Leaders with speaking parts
- 126** Length in minutes of the worship service
- 24** Youth involved in leading
- 96** People in Opening Procession
- 3166** Dollar amount raised for youth ministry in our Presbytery and Honduras

You can see more photos and videos from Many Voices, One Song on GrowWithSecond.org

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Second Church Has Got Talent!

See for yourself on October 25, following worship

Can you whistle through your nose?

Recite the alphabet backwards?

Sing in Swahili?

Flip a pancake in the air?

The Bible tells us that God gives everyone at least one talent. It might be goofy and unusual. Or common and practical (maybe you're tall enough to clean the top of refrigerators). Whatever it is, your Second Family wants to see it on October 25 at our Stewardship Celebration Lunch after worship. All kinds of acts are welcome: singers, trained animals, competitive cheer leaders, family skits, dancers, poetry readers, Dad joke comedians, magicians, Rubik's cube solvers, cup stackers, and more—no talent is too small or obscure. No one is too old or too young. 5 minute maximum length. Short acts and group acts are encouraged so we can include more participants! Music tracks (or karaoke) are welcome (may need to be edited for brevity). Acts should be appropriate for a Christian family setting including people of all ages.

Sign Up for the Talent Show at GrowWithSecond.org.

The Connect Card: It's Not About Accountability—It's About Caring

Each week, we are invited as a Second Family to fill out the Connect Card. We know many people may wonder, "Why should I fill it out? Does it really matter?"

The Connect Team discussed this question and wanted to share why we believe completing the Connect Card each Sunday is important.

Our church family is made up of people with busy lives, changing schedules, celebrations, struggles, and unexpected challenges. Sometimes a person may be absent because of illness, travel, work, family responsibilities, or other circumstances. Without a way to stay connected, someone may quietly miss worship or fellowship without anyone realizing that they need encouragement, prayer, or support.

Completing the Connect Card each Sunday helps us remain aware of one another and strengthens the relationships that make our church a family. It gives us an opportunity to celebrate joys, share prayer concerns, communicate needs, and let others know how we are doing.

The staff and Connect Team regularly review the attendance information—not to keep tabs on anyone, but to identify opportunities to reach out. If we have not seen someone in a while, we can connect with them and let them know they are missed. Likewise, when someone new to our church begins attending regularly, the Connect Team can reach out to learn whether they would like to become more involved in the life of the church.

Filling out the Connect Card takes only about two minutes. Your response helps us notice one another, stay connected, and make sure no one feels forgotten.

So, when you receive the weekly reminder, please take a moment to complete the Connect Card. It is not about keeping score. It is about building a caring, connected Second Family where everyone matters.

Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— The Connect Team

Extended Home Communion

November 1, 2026

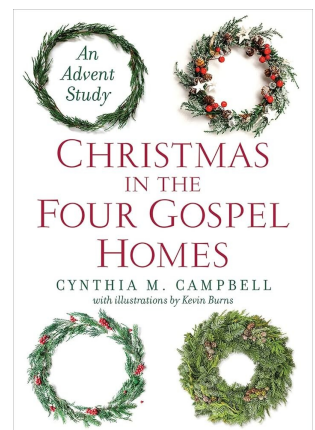
Immediately Following Worship

On the first Sunday in November, Deacons, Elders and Pastors will bring Communion into the homes of members who are not able to worship regularly at the church, we call this Extended Home Communion. The Deacons will reach out to those members or you can send an email to Vic-ki@growwithsecond.org.



November 29 - A new Advent Bible Study - Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes by Cynthia M. Campbell begins at 9am, led by Sarah Larouche

How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes, beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns reimagine each of the four Gospels as a house, which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel. Suitable for individual or group study, Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes creatively reimagines the season and inspires new and exciting reflection for Advent.



Save
THE
Date

November 29 - Second Serves at the Breakfast Table

Donate Food | Set, Serve, and Clean-up

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Children, Youth, and Families Ministry News

From Bekah Barlow, Director of CYF Ministries

Fall has been a busy time for CYF! SHINE! and SecondKids resumed Sunday School classes for the year. What a blessing it has been to have so many students with us this year and we ask for God's continued blessing on CYF at Second. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as we share God's love with these students!

Our activities this fall included a "Back To School Game Night" and we also visited residents at Sarah Todd Nursing Home and made Friendship bracelets with them! It is so wonderful to see our children and youth step up and serve so lovingly! They have made such a meaningful impact on the residents there and we will be continuing our relationship with the nursing home by having regular activities with the residents there. Other fall activities, including a Karaoke night, a family dinner and a night at Midway Bowl are coming up soon so CYF families should be on the lookout for those event details in upcoming emails!

With fall also comes the anticipation of the Christmas season and we are starting to plan for our CYF Christmas Program! This year, I would love to have a blended program with parents/adults, kids and teens having roles! The play and list of characters will go out soon with sign-ups and we will start practicing in October! Please let Bekah know if you and/or your child or teen would like to be involved in any way with the play! We can use you in all kinds of capacities and want to include everyone!!

I pray God's blessing on everyone in our programs and wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving! We have so much to be grateful for here at Second and I am so very thankful for each and every one of YOU!



DID YOU KNOW?

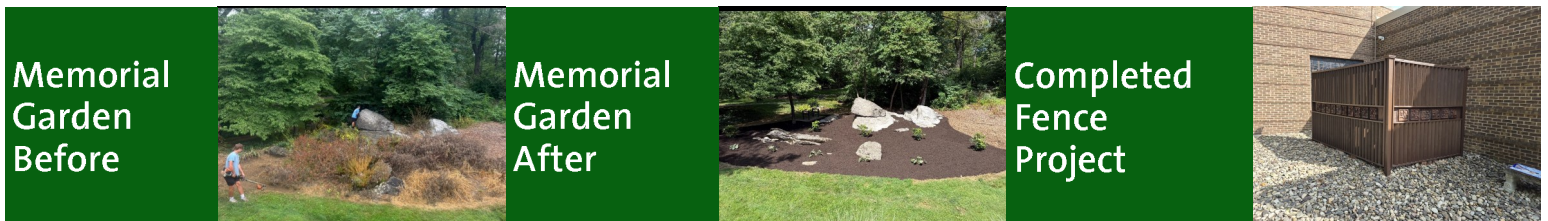
The leaves you see on the Memorial Tree and the names on the Generations Fund Plaque outside the Sanctuary Doors in the Narthex are provided by Parker Jewelry. They do this as a gift to our Second Family!

Next time you stop in, remember to say "thank you!"

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Facilities Updates: Over the summer, we made a significant upgrade to the landscaped area around the Memorial Garden. Here is a before and after picture to show the dramatic improvement. When you see Denny, give him a shout-out for his hard work on this project.



Another outdoor improvement the Facilities team made this summer was repair and refinishing of the mechanical privacy fence in front of the HVAC unit.

A Generous Gift Sets Our New Workshop in Motion—Our church facility and grounds are blessed to receive a new addition and a very generous donation. As many of you know, the mechanical room just off of Glory's Edge recently received a major upgrade with new, more efficient HVAC equipment. This modern update didn't just improve our heating and cooling—it actually cleared out enough physical space to allow us to put together a dedicated, long-desired church workshop. This new space will serve as the central hub for maintaining our beautiful facility, keeping up with grounds-keeping, and handling everyday repairs.

To help get this workshop off the ground, we have received a major blessing gift. Richard D. Wimer, father and father-in-law, of Denny and Sue Wimer, has generously donated a heavy-duty workbench, a sturdy vice, and a collection of various hand and power tools. Richard and his wife, Darlene are currently in the process of downsizing their home and will soon be moving to a cottage at Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home. Rather than selling or parting with these well-cared-for tools, they chose to invest them directly into the future and upkeep of our facility.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Wimers for this incredibly practical and thoughtful gift. Their generosity ensures that our Facilities team and volunteers will have the exact resources needed to keep our church running smoothly for years to come.



Incase You Missed It!



Sarah Hostetter Ordination Set for October 4

Sarah was our Coordinator of Ministries for Children, Youth, and Families for about 24 months while she completed her ordination requirements and expanded her family. About 2 years ago her husband, Andrew, also a Presbyterian pastor took a call as a chaplain in Lancaster. Sarah is now ready to be ordained a Minister of Word and Sacrament by Highland Presbyterian Church, where she is currently serving. She has invited her Second Family to attend, and Pastor Jeff will be participating in the October 4, 4pm, service. A dinner will follow. Bibleway Church is loaning us their 15 passenger van for the trip. There are 10 seats open in the van. Contact Pastor Jeff by email to reserve seats if needed (Jeff@GrowWithSecond.org).

A Festival of American Hymns

Sunday, October 18, 4 p.m.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
21 South Bedford Street
Carlisle PA 17013

Scan the QR Code
to Sign Up!

Everyone is Welcome | All Ages

Attend the Festival | Sing in the Choir

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Presbyterian Women is the women's organization of the PC(USA). Participate as deeply and/or broadly in the organization and its commitments as you wish.

PW of Second engages in meaningful missions work, social activities, and community.

Join your PW sisters for any or all these fun activities! Need a ride? You can always reach out and we'll pick you up :) Contact Lynn Kennaly/Diane Tokach, Co-Moderators.

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Women's Awesome Autumn Weekend

Away #17—Our annual retreat to Ocean Grove, N.J. for a weekend of quilts, history, fellowship, and food is Oct. 2 – 4th.

Fall Whale of a Sale is Oct. 17— Bring your gently used attic, basement and closet treasures starting at NOON Oct. 12th. All proceeds go to missions!!

Nov. 9th, 5:30pm is our meeting to plan for leadership/distribution of funds for 2027, make our annual award winning soup jars for the Deacons Thanksgiving baskets, put together our cookbooks, and have a pot luck!! Bring a small gift for the clients at Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties (list of ideas for this coming closer to the date). Join us in these meaningful projects and bring your own dinnerware!



Giant Gift Cards

These are available for sale in the Narthex on the 3rd Sunday of every month. They are great for buying gas, groceries and gift giving!

All proceeds go to mission.

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Celebration **Sunday** **October 25**

10:30am – Worship – God’s Talent Show – We’ll celebrate what God is doing in and through us and make our Estimates of Giving for 2027

Noon – Festive Lunch and “Second’s Got Talent”
(Talent Show Sign Up at GrowWithSecond.org)