

# **second** chronicles



**February & March 2025**



# What's Coming Up in Worship?

## BURNING QUESTIONS

**Pastor Jeff's *Burning Questions* sermon series continues.**

In January we looked together for answers to questions like, "When did Faithful people stop trusting Science?" and "Why does the Church keep talking about Race?" In the weeks ahead we will explore some more burning spiritual questions:

**FEBRUARY 2** – God is eternal, but what about the Church? Will the Christian Church last forever?

**FEBRUARY 9** – Does anyone take Hell seriously anymore? And what would it look like if we did?

**FEBRUARY 16** – Jesus said God's kingdom was on the way. What's taking so long?

**FEBRUARY 23** – Why is there so much evil in the world and what can we do to stop it?

**MARCH 2** – Didn't Jesus avoid politics? And shouldn't we, too?

*Look for a new sermon series for Lent to start on March 9.*

### Breakfast in the Narthex

We are trying something new. On Sunday, February 9th we are serving breakfast before Worship, a light breakfast of pastries, fruit, yogurt beginning at 9:15am. Join us for food and fellowship before Worship. We will stop serving at 10:00 so our volunteers have time to make it to Worship. Children are encouraged to meet downstairs at 9:30 for their own breakfast hour (same food as upstairs).

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# Second Family Annual Meeting – February 2

**Following  
10:30am  
Worship**



*Majoring  
in the Minors*  
A Study of the Minor Prophets

## New Sunday Morning Bible Study: Majoring in the Minors

Join Rev. Jim Richards, Rev. Lynn Schultz and Elder Mark Smith at 9am for a lively Bible study and discussion about the Minor Prophets. Class begins February 16.

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## Ash Wednesday

**March 5  
7:30pm**

Come for Prayer, Reflection, and Imposition of Ashes



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# Happy 192nd Birthday!

Second Presbyterian Church was founded on January 12, 1833. We are an off-shoot of First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, which was founded in 1733.

## Our Church Building is a Tool for Ministry

The Session has been trying a new system for making the building available to as many internal ministries and outside groups as possible while continuing to prioritize our core mission of making disciples who make a difference. Because of this we have been able to host many community groups and special events. Elder Pat Butler is our Building Use Volunteer who coordinates this ministry of hospitality.

You'll soon see some new carpet in the Rotunda (but it will look exactly the same). We use replaceable carpet squares that can easily be interchanged when stained beyond cleaning.

The Chapel is also getting new carpet! We've finally picked out the color, and we will be able to install it soon after it arrives. This project was funded by a generous gift from the family of Susan and Roberts McCrea.

The window replacement project for the Rotunda wing of the building will soon be fully completed. The 44 windows that were replaced in years past will have nail holes filled and trim and sills will be clear coated and polyurethaned.

The Safety and Security Team has continued to take steps that will benefit all of us. Several trees have been trimmed to lessen the chance of falling debris injuring someone or creating a tripping hazard. AED training is happening. And the Facilities Committee just received a generous grant from the GB Stuart Foundation toward the cost of upgrading the security around our main entrance.

## What is the "Every Member Offering"?



Our congregation is blessed to be part of a large and loving extended Presbyterian family, formally known as the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 2025 Second Church will be assessed \$34.04 for every confirmed member of our congregational family. This cost is based on the local, regional, and national expenses of running a denomination with global reach. The Session attempts to offset this cost (over \$17,000 in 2024) by asking every member to make an offering to cover their "per capita" assessment. When you give to the Every Member Offering you help us stay connected to over one million other Presbyterians who are doing God's will in creative and faithful ways. You can make your offering online through [GrowWithSecond.org/give](https://GrowWithSecond.org/give), or use the special envelopes in the pews (starting in March), or simply designate any offering for the "Every Member Offering."





## **Tres Rios Border Foundation Trip**



On Monday, February 24th, Rev. John Nelsen with the *Tres Rios* Border Foundation will greet Kathy Beck, Sandra Goodling, Julie Rhen, Melinda Sebring and Vicki Lantz in El Paso. The mission of the *Tres Rios* Foundation is to inform PC(USA) congregations about immigration issues and processes and connect them to real ministry and ways to help on the border and beyond. We want to understand root causes, understand immigration reform and the push/pull factors of global migration. We are exploring how Second Church in Carlisle, PA (almost 2000 miles away) faithfully respond to the issues of immigration at the border and support this ministry on the border.

## **Spread the Love! Gift Cards for College Students**

Sunday, February 9th is the final day to support this ministry of the Deacons. The gift cards are appreciated by our youth, and it's a great way to show them how much we care. Pick up a gift card or two in any amount and turn them in to the Deacons in the Narthex or place in Vicki Lantz's staff mailbox. The Deacons will be packaging and mailing the gift cards on the 9th.

## **Memorial Service Recordings Available —**

Grieving families may request that a service for a loved one be streamed and/or recorded. Sometimes they prefer not to. When a service is streamed it is available only through our website (not Facebook or our YouTube channel). When a service is recorded it is posted with the family's permission on the next business day to the "WATCH" section of GrowWithSecond.org.



## **MEMBER MINISTRIES AT SECOND CHURCH**



### **Presbyterian Women**

All women of Second Pres. (and friends) are invited to a tea hosted by Presbyterian Women! March 16th 12:30 - 2:30pm. The YWCA of Carlisle will have a presentation. We look forward to seeing all of you! Please RSVP to Lynn Kennaly ([dkennaly@yahoo.com](mailto:dkennaly@yahoo.com), 717.386.7004) or Diane Tokach ([drosen1057@gmail.com](mailto:drosen1057@gmail.com), 717.919.2680). Visit the hospitality cart March 9th hosted by PW for additional info.



# Buckets of Love – A Great Way to Respond to Natural Disasters



Some of you may remember in May of 2018, the Serve Team sponsored an all-church service project called Buckets of Love. The buckets were 5-gallon buckets and members were encouraged to provide all the items needed for disaster clean up. This project, spearheaded by the Serve Team, focused on filling 5-gallon buckets that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance distributes in areas facing natural disasters. The buckets provide cleaning supplies, trash bags, clothes lines, all the things one might need immediately after experiencing a major disaster. The Serve Team had secured the buckets in December 2024. Little did we know that with the devastating fires in California and the flooding in the south our decision would be so timely. There is an extremely specific list of items needed, and the Serve Team is at the very beginning of organizing. You can begin planning right now with a group of friends or family members to sponsor/fill one of the buckets which is valued at \$75. Please pray for all the people who have been affected by both disasters, the

emergency responders and keep your eyes and ears peeled for the list of items needed, deadlines and other ways you can help.

## Items to be collected for each bucket are:

- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose cleaning towels (Not paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 16-34 oz. bottle of liquid dish soap (antibacterial preferred)
- One 12-40 oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free preferred. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of heavy-duty, reusable work gloves (Such as Nitrile, cotton with leather palm, or all leather)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)



## Music Ministry

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A heartfelt thank you to our Second Children and Youth who helped tell the Nativity story. What a blessing you are to the church!!

A huge thank you to our dedicated singers and ringers for their blessing of music to contribute to a beautiful Advent and Christmas season. If you see one of these folks around, please extend a heartfelt thank you!! From Handel's *Messiah* to Hamden's *True Light* - what a joy to make music



*with these wonderful folks!*

**SECOND SINGERS:** Kathy Beck, Dave Bollinger, Sharon Galbraith, Susan Hartman, Lloyd Kappeler, Brynn Kelly, Susan Kennedy, Mike Maust, Alyanna Montgomery, Carol Pardridge, Dee Porschen, Mark Romig, Mary Sheaffer, Bill Spruill, Nelson Steffy, Diane Tokach, Michelle Trefren, Cindy Varner **SECOND RINGERS:** Linda Fargus (guest for rehearsals), Aaron Gibelius, Susan Kennedy, Alyanna Montgomery, Gretchen Naugle, Dee Porschen, Mark Romig, Bill Spruill, Lillian Spruill, Diane Tokach, Sue Wimer. **SECOND SUNDAY CHOIR AND GUESTS:** Elizabeth & Margaret Connelly, Aaron Gibelius, Leah Gibson, Tanner Holtry, Tim Hoy, Carmen Jimenez, Chloe Kappeler, Steve Keefer, Jeanette Mader, Liam McCartney, Denny Moser, Nick Reynolds (tenor), and **CANTATE CARLISLE;** AND OUR INSTRUMENTAL FRIENDS: Harold Edwards (trumpet), Megan Fenton (violin), Tanner Holtry (timpani), Thomas Gumby (drums), Liam McCartney (euphonium), and Gabe Spruill (percussion).

We pray that we can lift our voices as the apostle Paul said in Ephesians 5:19 : *Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.*

**Won't you join us in God's calling?** While these word counts don't carry the weight of the original language, it is interesting to see how many times these words appear in the NIV Bible (according to one source)...

...Music - 90x...Pray - 121x...Believe - 160x...Faith - 270x...Praise - 340x ...Love - 551x

I would be honored and blessed to guide you through a singing or ringing journey with us. Reach out to get involved and answer God's call! michelle@growwithsecond.org.

## **Rehearsals**

*Second Singers - THURSDAYS @7-8:30pm | Second Ringers - FRIDAYS @9:30-10:30am*

# **Children, Youth, and Families Ministry**

**Our Sunday Morning Children and Youth program now has a new name! "SecondKids"** (for 1st Graders to Fifth Graders) continues to meet weekly from 9:30 to 10:30 in Glory's Edge. Programming for the new year centers around Christian Affirmations for kids on the theme of "Who does God say I am?" Our first lesson of the series is "You are brave!" (Joshua 1:9) We learn the story of David and how brave he was to fight Goliath and how he defeated him with God's help. Following weeks will include: "I am loved," "I am special," "I am strong," "I am forgiven," "I am kind," and "I am a child of God."

Our **Nursery** is up and running and is open Sundays from 9:30 to 11:30am. We have also started a "Preschool Praise" program which happens during the older "Kids Praise" time with Michelle Trefren. Preschoolers (ages 0 to 5) learn age-appropriate worship songs and can do other bible activities in the nursery with Bekah Barlow.

**SHINE!** is designed especially for 6th graders through 12th graders. It prepares these students to shine for Jesus Christ in their schools, family, community, and the church. Pastor Jeff leads this experience on Sundays at 9am.



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## *Breakfast in the Narthex*



**February 9, 9:15 am**