

second chronicles



Summer 2026

Worship With Us

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Summer at Second – Worship Highlights

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Rev. Yvette Davis will be our guest preacher. She has been the Director of the Popel Shaw Center for Race and Ethnicity at Dickinson College for the past four years. Originally from Long Island, she is a graduate of New York University and Drexel University. She is ordained in the United Methodist Church and was previously the associate pastor in the Cookman Beloved Community Baptist Church. Rev. Davis is an historical re-enactor and active in the local

JUNE



Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey will be our guest preacher for the month of June. Bruce and his wife, Kate, are respected members of our extended Second Family. They moved to Central PA from San Diego several years ago to be closer to grandchildren after Bruce retired from leading a large PC (USA) congregation in that area. Prior to that they served together in Alaska and Arizona. Bruce has written several books and is a sought-after organizational consultant for congregations and businesses alike. He recently completed a time as the interim pastor of Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg. He has led our Social Justice Circle and introduced our congregation to his good friend, Rev. Marcellus Taylor, who has preached for us many times.

JULY

Pastor Jeff Gibelius will be preaching each Sunday in the month of July.



On August 2 Rev. Dr. Buz Myers will be our guest preacher. Charles (Buz) Myers Jr, is Emeritus professor at Gettysburg College, and former chair of Religious Studies there. He is an ordained PC(USA) minister known for teaching courses on "Death and the Meaning of Life" and promoting Jewish studies. He continues to serve actively in our Presbytery, leading the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and working with Pastor Jeff on the Coordinating Council. He has a special affinity for prison ministry.

AUGUST

On Sunday, August 30, Second Church will be hosting "Many Voices, One Song." We will worship that day at 4pm with hundreds of Presbyterians from across our area. There will be a giant unity choir, a brass ensemble and a combined offering of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Our guest preacher that day will be Rev. CeCe Armstrong, the Co-Moderator of the 226th General Assembly. This is the highest elected office in our denomination. There will be no 10:30am worship service that day; 4pm only, in person and online.



“You won’t be here always. Whatever gifts and whatever knowledge you have will live only if you hand it to the next person to keep it going. Legacy lives in the lives of those who follow you.”

THE REV. CECE ARMSTRONG



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AUGUST 30

4pm Worship | 5:30 Food & Fun

Join the Celebration!

Powerful Music | Inspired Preaching | Fun Fellowship

- * Children, Youth, and Adults singing together
- * Brass Ensemble
- * Guest Choir from South Carolina
- * The *Hallelujah* Chorus!
- * Guest Preacher: Rev. CeCe Armstrong
Co-Moderator of the 226th General Assembly

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– Thoughts from Pastor Jeff Gibelius

I'm really excited about two Second Church initiatives that are in progress right now. I hope that you'll be part of both of them.

The first initiative is renovation of the Sanctuary. In recent years we have repaired and rebuilt most every part of our building – from Glory's Edge and the Crossroads downstairs to the Rotunda roof and all the HVAC systems in between! But we haven't updated the Sanctuary in any way in more than 25 years. It's time to replace the incandescent lighting throughout. We can't get 300 watt bulbs anymore and even if we could they are extremely difficult to access in the ceiling. LEDs will save us on energy and replacement. In addition to being more efficient and attractive new fixtures will illuminate our worship space more evenly and effectively. We also need to "right size" our seating. We have enough pew seating for about 400 people when our regular worship attendance is around 125 in the Sanctuary (plus dozens more online, of course). By reconfiguring our seating we can make the Sanctuary feel more appropriate for today's congregation. We can also create more flexible space in the Sanctuary for our growing and creative music and children's ministries. Finally, we can restore the Sanctuary to its original well thought out design from more than 50 years ago: bright, clean, warm, and simple. This could mean replacing flooring with lighter colors, hiding microphones, cameras and other visual clutter, and installing new master dimmer controls for lighting. The Session is working on plans now. If you'd like to be part of the conversation, please see Elder Roger Serr, Chair of Facilities. This work has the potential to set-up the Sanctuary for generations to come.

The second initiative that we are working on right now is "Many Voices, One Song." Many of us have lamented how disconnected people are from one another these days. Many Voices is a worship event being held at Second Church; the goal is to unite hundreds of diverse Presbyterians in worshipping Jesus Christ. People in the Presbytery of Carlisle come from urban and rural, "red" and "blue", large and small congregations – what unites us is our common commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Many Voices will include lots of fellowship, food, and fun for all ages. Derry Church is sending a Brass Ensemble. The guest preacher is from South Carolina. The Synod of the Trinity is expected to be very supportive, too. I expect it to be one of the highlights of my over thirty years in ministry. Plan your summer calendar around this one in a generation event.

I will be on vacation and study leave from June 1 through June 28 and July 27 through 30. The Care Team, Vicki Lantz, and other staff members will know whom to contact in an emergency for pastoral coverage.

Facilities Updates—The Facilities Department will be working through the summer months on several outdoor projects. We will continue stone installation around the building to prevent mud splashing up on the windows and building. Weeding flower beds and keeping the landscape looking good will be ongoing through the summer

months. Sidewalk curbs will be repainted. We are planning on completing the shed roof replacement to remedy a year-long leak. Once the final location for the sculpture is chosen, we will install a concrete pad for its base. Indoor projects will focus on carpet shampooing and carpet tile replacements as needed.

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Opportunities to Serve and Connect at Second

June/July – Fill the Bus School Supply Drive

The Serve Team will once again collect school supplies to support the United Way's Fill the Bus Campaign. This campaign collects markers, pens, notebook paper, notebooks, glue, and all kinds of school supplies (see the attached list). In August, families are able to attend the Carlisle 4Kids event, where these supplies are distributed.



In 2025, more than 1,700 children and youth were registered to receive school supplies. There is a great need throughout the greater Carlisle area.

Please review the supply list, purchase new items, and bring them to the church no later than July 16. A collection box will be available in the Volunteer Center beginning at the end of June.

On July 17 and 18, United Way will hold the Fill the Bus Campaign at Walmart. Volunteers from school districts, churches, and other organizations will hand out flyers at the store entrance, inviting shoppers to purchase items from the supply list.

If you would like to volunteer at the United Way's Fill the Bus Campaign, please scan the QR code to sign up:

This is a wonderful way to support local children and families as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Fill the Bus School Supplies List

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August – Carlisle 4 Kids Volunteer Opportunity

The school supplies collected in July for the Fill the Bus Campaign are distributed at Carlisle 4Kids, which takes place at the Expo Center on August 11th. There are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the event. If you would like to help, please reach out to Vicki Lantz.

Second Church also participates at the Expo Center by giving away dye-free Otter Pops (ice pops with less sugar and no dyes) to families attending the event.

If you would like to sponsor a \$15 box (80-count), please sign up at Grow-WithSecond.org, give online, or place a check in the offering box. Be sure to write "Otter Pops" in the memo line.



Teams that will continue through the summer months:

Grounds help over the summer—mulching and weeding are the main focus—Denny Wimer is the lead.

Greeters—as people walk in the door—Julie Rhen is the lead.

Welcome Desk Greeter—as people look for information—Julie Rhen is the lead.

Hosts—think Usher, but it's about welcoming members into the Sanctuary, counting heads, perhaps helping Pastor Jeff by passing out or collecting papers, etc.—Sue Wimer is the lead.

Taking the offering box to the front—this is a good place for our children and youth to be involved. Sign up at the host station at the back of the church, ask one of the hosts if you cannot find it.

Valet—99.9% of the time it's simply helping members and guests out of their cars who have difficulty getting in and out or have a walker or wheelchair. Rarely, but it is in the job description you might be asked to park a car—Denny Wimer is the lead.

Contact Vicki Lantz for information about these opportunities at vicki@growwithsecond.org or 717-609-6113.



Community Meals

If you like to cook or be part of a team providing food to those in our community who need a meal.

Second Church provides Breakfast at The Breakfast Table to over 150 members on the 5th Sunday (3-4 times a year). Reach out to Vicki Lantz.

Community CARES welcomes meals and food donations, check out their website: morethanshelter.org

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carlisle offers a meal every Wednesday Night and welcomes new volunteers. They feed anywhere from 60-100 people. Second Church currently serves dinner on the 5th Wednesday of the month. Reach out to Roxanne Hagenbuch.

Diane Tokach leads a group of teams who provide meals for the Salvation Army's My Brother's Table.

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland/Perry and Safe Harbour, Inc. also look for meals. Grab a group of friends and provide a meal for the residents of these two organizations.

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English is our Second Language, Love is our First

A group of Second Church members and friends are exploring the possibility of offering classes that would help our friends and neighbors build and strengthen their English language skills. If you would like to learn more about this ministry or get involved, please contact Willa Jean Harner or Vicki Lantz.

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IN MEMORIAM

Bill Banks
Glenn Stambaugh
Don Hendrickson
Harry Sweely
Ginny Ehr
Rev. Bob Rhoades
Bob Osborne



Fran Quarles
Jim DeWire
Louise Timbrell
Sean Moyer
Bob Tate
Catherine Millary
Rev. Jim Richards

Music Ministries—Michelle Trefren, Director

SIGHT & SOUND
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LIVE ON STAGE

June 16th - Youth Arts Christian Choir (YACC), Second-Kids, and Shine! go on a Sight and Sound trip! Thank you to all of those who financially supported this trip! We are looking forward to this time to share faith, connect, and build memories.

Summer Pick-Up Choirs - Second Sundays

June 14, July 12, Aug 9
Rehearsal @9:30am
Email Michelle for practice tracks and music!



Want to get involved with the music ministry with instrumental or vocal music?

Reach out to Dir. of Music Ministries, Michelle Trefren - michelle@growwithsecond.org.

Many Voices, One Song Choir

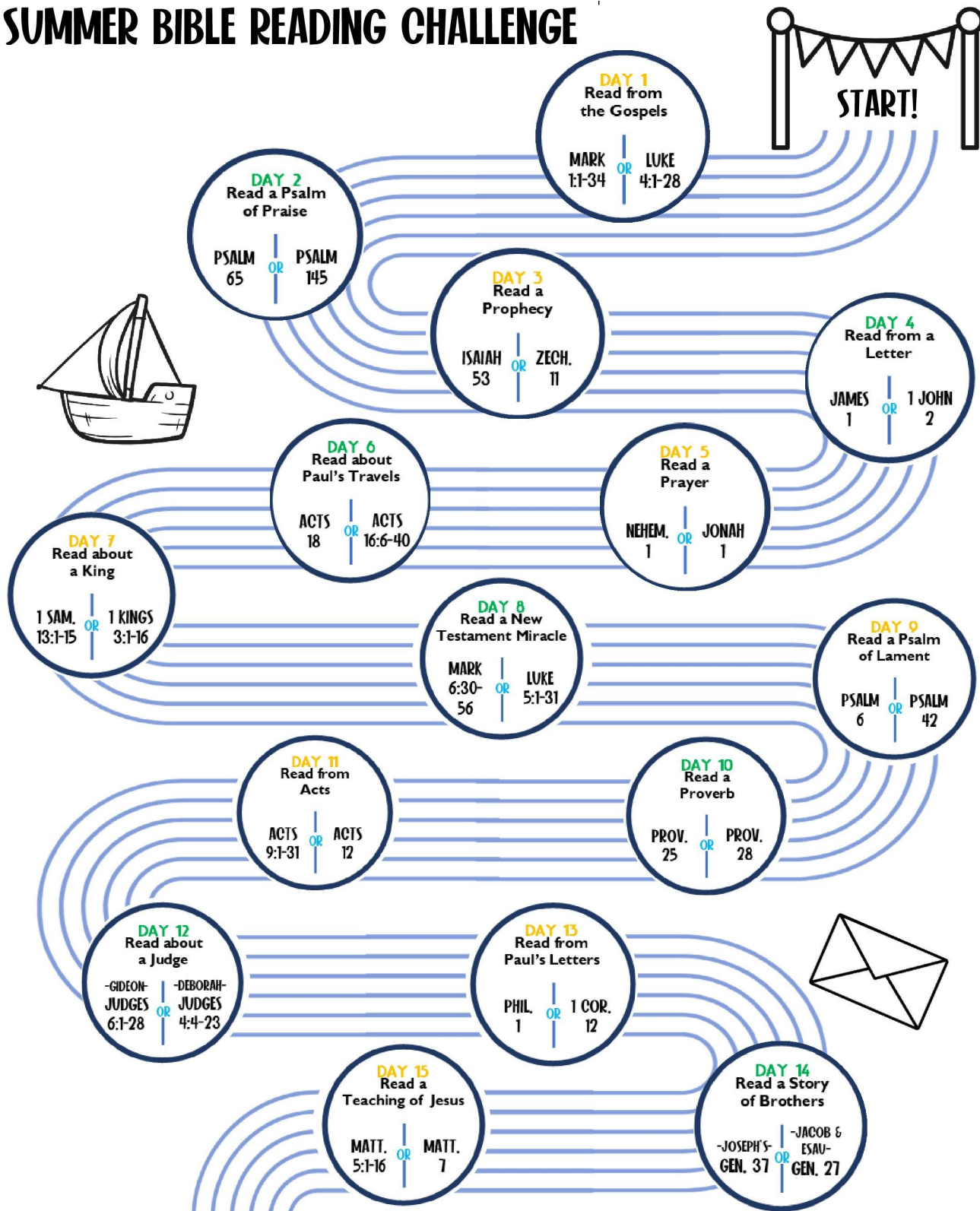
August 30, 4pm
Scan the QR code to sign-up to participate!



Children, Youth, and Families Ministry News— Bekah Barlow, Director of CYF Ministries

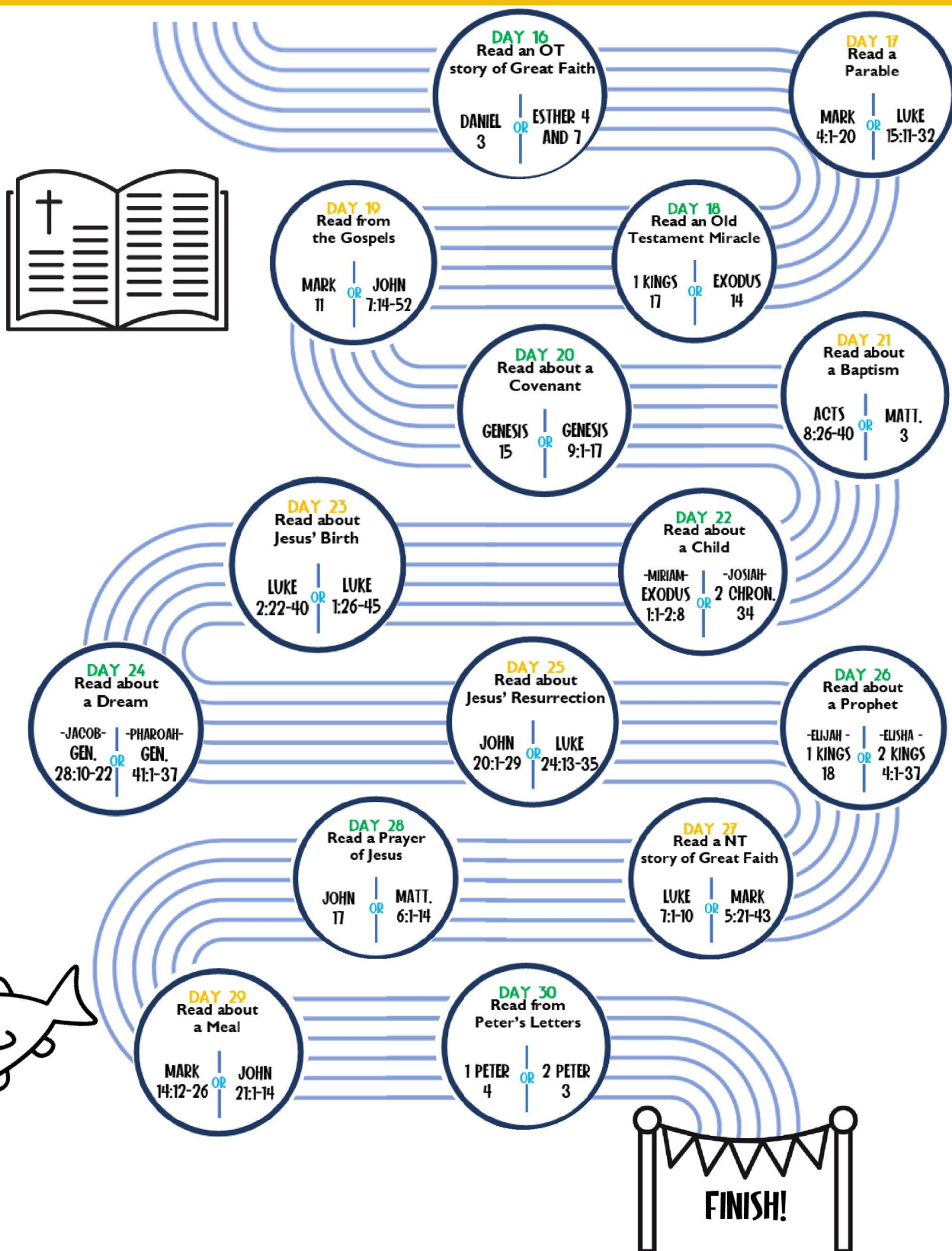
SecondKids wrapped up a great school year with our study of Heroes/Heroines of the Bible. I have been so encouraged by the spiritual growth in our littles this past year and watching them grow in their love for each other and Jesus has been so rewarding! The Nursery, SecondKids and SHINE! will be on break for the summer, after Sunday, May 31st and will resume in the fall. KidsPraise still meets every Sunday, all Summer. This summer, we plan to have several fun activities to keep our children and youth in touch and engaged such as a

SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE



pool party, fun nights and a trip to Sight and Sound in June! Keep an eye out for emails to sign up for these activities! God bless you all as you take a break from the hectic school year schedule and enjoy some family time together this summer!

P.S. With more time spent together at home, parents may want to take advantage of the time to plan some faith based activities with their kids. Here is a great article with some ideas! <https://www.faithward.org/faith-based-summer-activities-for-families/>





Staff Spotlight: Terry Brown, Treasurer

The Personnel Committee continues its efforts to familiarize the congregation with the crucial work of our staff by sharing information about Treasurer, Terry Brown. Terry is a valued lay staff member whose essential contributions to the operation of Second Presbyterian Church often occur behind the scenes and may not be visible to the congregation.

Professional Background and Experience—Terry joined the staff of Second Presbyterian in June 2023. He holds an Associate's Degree in Accounting from Yorktowne Business Institute (1997) and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Strayer University (2015). His career experience includes roles as Assistant Controller/Treasury Manager at White Oak Healthcare LLC in Baltimore, Maryland, and Director of Accounting at Broadmead, a nonprofit Continuing Care Retirement Community in Cockeysville, Maryland. Currently, Terry serves as Chief Financial Officer at Chapel Pointe in Carlisle.

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Family Life—Terry and his wife, Stephanie, reside in York Springs with their four children: Alexander, Nathanael, Benjamin, and Elizabeth. Alexander works as an IT tech at Chapel Pointe and enjoys cooking for the family. Nathanael is preparing to be a nature leader at Camp YoliJwa and finds fulfillment working with disabled individuals at Camp Hope. Benjamin is training to become a veterinary technician at Wilson College and is enterprising in breeding and selling geckos. Elizabeth, age 14, is currently in eighth grade. Stephanie, a preschool teacher, has homeschooled all of their children and enjoys playing board games. Terry's ideal leisure time is spent out of doors playing softball, hunting and gardening.

Role and Responsibilities at Second Presbyterian—Terry's primary responsibilities at Second Presbyterian include receiving, disbursing, and executing investment decisions with the church's funds, maintaining accurate financial accounts and records, and providing financial reports as directed by Session. Terry was drawn to the Treasurer's position at Second Presbyterian because of its foundation as a faith-based organization, and he has found fulfillment working with Pastor Jeff, the staff, and the congregation.

What Others Say About Terry:

"Terry is not only a great treasurer, he is a great person. He put himself through school at night and worked his way to the top of the field in long-term care. At Chapel Pointe during COVID he slept on site for many nights straight so that he could help relocate quarantining residents safely. Even though he is a full-time business administrator at Chapel Pointe he cares about the residents personally. He is the same way at Second Church. In his 'spare' time, after he has completed his day job, he manages our congregation's budget, bill paying, and deposits with a personal understanding that all the resources come from God and need to be used for God. We are blessed to have on our Staff someone with such a wonderful combination of faith and financial expertise." Pastor Jeff Gibelius

"Terry is great to work with as our church treasurer. He is accurate, responsive, and dedicated to keeping Second Pres finances in top shape. He thoroughly understands the financial and reporting needs of our congregation and is committed to our continued financial health. We are very fortunate to have his services. He joins a long line of treasurers who have faithfully supported our Second family." Jerry Wilkes, Chair Finance Committee

Terry Brown exemplifies dedication and service as he works toward the mission of Second Presbyterian: Making Disciples Who Make a Difference. The congregation is truly fortunate to have such a committed and skilled individual on staff.

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.

Co-moderators for 2026:

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Welcome to a *flourishing* Summer with PW in Second!

JUNE

6/15 Meeting and potluck picnic at church @ 5:30pm. Plant Swap (bring any plant to swap). Come put together a PW cookbook! Bring period products for the YWCA Period Pantry.

6/21 – PW Pop-Up! We'll collect items for Domestic Violence Services (DVSCP) at church.

6/23 – We'll provide lunch for the clients of DVSCP.

JULY

7/13 Potluck picnic at church @ 5:30pm. We'll have a speaker from DVSCP on women-centered topics. Bring period products for the YWCA Period Pantry.

AUGUST

8/09 PW hosts the hospitality cart.

8/10 – Potluck Picnic at church @ 5:30 pm. We'll have a demo from the owner of Wholesome Breads on bread making techniques. Bring an item for DVSCP.

8/11 – We'll provide lunch for the clients of DVSCP.

8/16 - PW Pop-UP! We will collect items for our own in-house Operation Sweet Freedom ministry.

8/22 – PW Gathering at Falling Springs Presbyterian Church. Let us know if you'd like to attend!



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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August 30, 4 PM

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