

What's First

at
Second Presbyterian Church
September 2023

Our Vision

*As members of Second Presbyterian Church,
We gather in worship;
We grow in God's Word;
We serve in Jesus' name.*

Session

Moderator

Rev. Susie Atkinson

Clerk of Session

Bettie Guthrie

Class of 2023

Carl Guthrie

Mark Stevens

Wendy Stevens

Class of 2024

Bettie Guthrie

Garland Harrison

Venable Johnson

Class of 2025

Alice S. Martin

Kathleen R. Mueller

Robert B. Mueller

Committees:

Building & Grounds

Carl Guthrie

Finance/Stewardship

Mark Stevens

Office & Personnel

Garland Harrison

Outreach

Elizabeth Schoeb

Wendy Stevens

Worship/Education

Alice Martin

Venable Johnson

Welcome to Our New Covenant Pastor - Susie Atkinson

The Covenant Pastor Search Committee are pleased to announce the arrival of our new Covenant Pastor. Susan "Susie" B. Atkinson will begin a six-month renewable term with Second Church on September 1. Many of you have already met Susie as she has led worship services several times this summer in a pulpit supply capacity, so at this point she is no stranger.

Susie is a native Virginian who grew up in Franklin where she graduated high school. Following secondary education Susie received her undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Mississippi State University where she was the director of the PCUSA Campus Ministry after having served in a similar capacity at Mississippi University for Women. In 2004 she completed her Master of Divinity degree at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond and was ordained in the Presbytery of the James shortly thereafter.

Before coming to Second Susie has held pastorates in both Virginia and Maryland. In addition to her campus ministry work she has availed herself of denominational education opportunities in dealing with conflict management, small church ministry and other critical pastor leadership development areas. Her breadth of experience will be a great advantage as she helps us to move forward during the challenging times our church and denomination face.

Susie and her late husband Bill have two children, daughter Angie who is a professional singer and son Tracy, a licensed professional counselor, who is married to Julie with grandchildren Preston 11 and Vaughn 7. Susie lives in the north side of Richmond near her grandchildren.

Susie's contact information:

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Henrico, VA 23228

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Welcome to Our New Covenant Pastor - Susie Atkinson - Continued

We are glad to welcome Susie aboard and know that all of you will extend a warm Second Church welcome to her. Please mark your calendar to attend a brief reception for Susie following worship service on September 3rd.

Pattie Bonham
Moderator, Covenant Pastor Search Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

September 3 Wayne Tucker
September 10 Karen Graham

September 17 Alice Martin
September 24 Mark Stevens

JUNE/JULY FINANCE REPORT:

Mark Stevens: Chair.

	June	Year to Date
Donations	\$ 9,270.00	\$64,634.24.
Expenditures	\$ 8,444.50	\$77,440.51
Gain/Loss	\$ 825.50	\$12,217.50
	July	Year to Date
Donations	\$12,745.00	\$77,968.01
Expenditures	\$ 8,249.16	\$85,689.67
Gain/Loss	\$ 4,495.84	\$ 7,721.66



"O sweet September, thy first breezes bring
The dry leaf's rustle and the squirrel's laughter,
The cool fresh air whence health and vigor spring
And promise of exceeding joy hereafter."

-George Arnold



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - Alice Martin, Moderator



The Presbyterian Women have been busy planning for another year of Bible Study, Mission work, and good fellowship. The Morning Circle will meet **Tuesday, September 5 at 10:30 in the church parlor.** The Bible Study this year will be “**Sacred Encounters – The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts.**” Anna Moore will be teaching our lessons this year. She taught the PW Bible lessons for many years at her previous church, so we are grateful that she will share her expertise with us!

September is here and Christmas is not far away. That means it is time for our traditional mission project **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.** We hope you will continue your enthusiasm for this most worthwhile project. Please see the list of items listed below.

**If you have not been coming to the PW Circle
PLEASE DO JOIN US--
you'll be glad you did!**

PW SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT: Gloria Summers OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



PW has joined the Witness and Service Committee for several years now working together on this project. We are hoping to fill 10 boxes this year. Listed below are items we need.

Children's toothbrushes nail clippers band aids sunglasses hair ties
combs jump ropes, balls, little cars
small games: card games, dominoes, checkers,
school supplies: pens, pencils, rulers, markers, paint boxes.

Please place items in the marked basket in the back hallway. These special boxes bring so much joy at Christmas time to children in need, so we are so grateful for your help again making this project a success.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, food and get well wishes during my recovery from hip replacement. It means so much to know that I am surrounded by family and friends.

Bless be the tie,

Bettie Guthrie

WORSHIP & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Alice Martin and Venable Johnson, Co-Chairs.

Good News!! September 3, our new Covenant Minister will be on board! The Rev. Susan (Susie) Atkinson, whom many of you have already met, will become a part of our Second Church family, and we are delighted to have her with us.

To help her getting to know our names, name tags will be on the table in McIlwaine Hall for you to use. Please pick up yours to wear as we give Rev. Atkinson a warm Second Church welcome.

The Fellowship Sunday School Class

will start again on

Sunday, Sept. 17 at 9:45

**Venable Johnson will lead us
in a study of "PROVERBS"**

Now, it's **QUIZ TIME !!** Here are a few
Bible questions to give you a chuckle....

Q. What kind of a man was Boaz before he was married?

A. Ruth-less!!

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He floated his stock while everyone
else was in liquidation!



You, too, could know these important facts!

Come join us on Sept. 17!!

SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Gloria B. Rose upon her death and to the family of Marcia Hale upon the death of her husband and our former pastor The Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Hale.

IN MEMORIAM

GLORIA JEAN BAKER ROSE

August 22, 1946 - June 29, 2023

IN MEMORIAM

THE REV. DR. DANIEL E. HALE

January 17, 1947 - July 31, 2023

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Vicky Barras
Rudy Rowland
5 Susan Lobaugh
6 Marlon Dance
10 Brandon C. Martin
15 Gerald Ellis
17 Sarah Smith
Robert Fitts
Carl Guthrie, Sr.



18 Dennis W. Hathaway
19 Robert Kropp
25 Samuel Mattocks
26 Ryan L. Fitts
29 Edward Iselin
30 Pattie Bonham
Theresa Moore

OUTREACH

Elizabeth Schoeb & Wendy Stevens

- ❖ Sick and Shut-ins – Please remember them with cards and calls.
- ❖ The Food Offering will be received on each Sunday of the month. The recipient is Downtown Churches United Hope Center

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Karen Graham, Chair.

Nomination Form for Session Class of 2026

2023	2024	2025
Carl Guthrie	Bettie Guthrie	Alice Martin
Mark Stevens	Garland Harrison	Kathleen Muller
Wendy Stevens	Venable Johnson	Robert Muller

The Nominating Committee is compiling a list of names for the Session Class of 2026. We would like your help. Please submit the names of individuals you feel would support the mission of the Church. Return this form by September 24, 2023. (Forms may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the Church Office.) We are searching for three candidates for the 2026 class.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<h1>September 2023</h1>					1	2
3 11:00 Worship Monthly Food Offering Received	4 Church Office Closed Labor Day	5 10:30 Morning Circle	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 Chancel Choir 11:00 Worship	11 10:30 Worship/ Education Committee	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:30 Chancel Choir 11:00 Worship	18	19	20 12 noon “What’s First” Deadline for <u>October</u>	21	22	23
24 9:30 Chancel Choir 11:00 Worship 12:15 Session	25 10:30 a.m. PWCT Meeting	26 8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast	27	28	29	30

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“School,
Effort, and
Play.
Trying your best
Each hour of the day,
Making new friends,
Being good as you can
Exciting discoveries,
Readng books with a friend.”
- Boni Fulgham

