

# What's First

at  
Second Presbyterian Church  
April 2020

## Our Vision

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

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

*"You Shall Be Called Repairers of the Breach." (Isaiah 58)*

In 1949 a variety of denominations sponsored a radio broadcast calling Christians' attention to the pain of the world after World War II. The program called folks to share sacrificially in their congregations the next morning. They responded so overwhelmingly that what had been intended as a one-time campaign became an annual offering – **One Great Hour of Sharing**. The gifts of this offering support three Presbyterian programs:

36% - Hunger Program

32% - Disaster Assistance

32% - Self-Development of People (Helping victims of floods, earthquakes, fires, droughts, wars, revolutions, etc.)

We will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on **Easter Sunday, April 12.**

## MEMORIAL LILIES



Lilies will be used to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Call the church office by **Friday, April 3** to notify Becky of your memorial listing. Please have your lilies at the church by **10:00 a.m.** on **Friday, April 10.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated **Sunday, April 5** and at the **Maundy Thursday Service, April 9**

## 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

	DONATIONS	EXPENDITURES
February	\$ 9,269.00	\$ 11,431.75
Year to Date	\$ 25,123.52	\$ 24,394.48

### Session:

#### Moderator

Rev. Arch Wallace

#### Clerk of Session

Bettie Guthrie

#### Class of 2020

Susan Crew

Bettie Guthrie

Carl Guthrie

Gloria Rose

#### Class of 2021

Karen Graham

Lindsay Gray

Diana Hollars

Dorothy Riggan

#### Class of 2022

Patricia Bonham

Jo Chamberlain

Dennis Harrison

Alice Martin

#### Committees:

##### Congregational Care

Dorothy Riggan

##### Building & Grounds

Carl Guthrie

##### Education

Gloria Rose

##### Finance

Karen Graham

##### Office & Personnel

Patricia Bonham

##### Witness & Service

##### Worship &

##### Celebration

Alice Martin

##### Stewardship

## THE PREACHER'S CORNER

The schedule for Worship for the month follows. You are encouraged to read the scripture before coming to Worship and to meditate upon their meaning as you consider the title of the sermon. The Reading with the asterisk will be the one emphasized in the sermon. (N.B. The pastor advises there can be changes in the scheduling, as circumstances require.)

April 5, Palm Sunday

Scriptures: Zechariah 9:9-10; John 12:12-19\*

Sermon: The Whole World Has Gone After Him

April 19

Scriptures: 1 King 10:1-9; Luke 24:13-35\*

Sermon: Why Is It So Hard To Believe?

April 12, Easter Sunday

Scriptures: Isaiah 25:6-9; John 20:1-18\*

Sermon: I Have Seen The Lord

April 26

Scriptures: 1 Peter 3:1-9; John 21:10-17\*

Sermon: He Will Forgive Even You

### Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, April 5** - Begin Holy Week with Worship

10:45 a.m. Children lineup for Palm Sunday Processional

11:00 a.m. Worship

**Maundy Thursday, April 9** - We remember the night our Lord was betrayed.

7:00 p.m. Communion Service in McIlwaine Hall

**Good Friday, April 10**

10:00 a.m. Lilies delivered to the church to decorate sanctuary.

**Easter Sunday, April 12** - We continue celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.

9:45 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received

**Reminder: Bring fresh flowers for cross at the front of sanctuary.**

### THE EASTER LEGEND

A little gray robin, as he was flying to the Holy Land, saw Christ hanging on the cross. His heart filled with sadness. He noticed the crown of thorns the soldiers place on the crucified Savior. The small bird, forgetting his timidity, flew down to remove a thorn from the brow of Christ.

As he did so, a drop of Christ's blood stained the little bird's breast. The robin, through his act of love, earned the red badge of courage. From this time forth, all robins have had red breasts as a reminder that one of them was kind to the Lord.

Gloria Fenderson Dance (Given to her by her Mother many years ago.)

## **SECOND CHURCH FUTURE COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Carl Guthrie, Chair.

The Church Future Committee met Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. with thirteen in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the breakfast provided by the Men's Group. Highlights of the meeting are: three Second members attended First Baptist, Trinity, and Tabb Street Church to attend their church services and to inquire about their daily staff functions. It was interesting to hear the information and will be helpful as we go forward. Rev. Wallace divided the attendee's into three groups and asked them to determine 4 top priorities out of 20 suggestions and then each group presented their thoughts.

Our March 21 meeting has been postponed because of COVID-19. We will let you know when the next meeting will be in the next month. In the meantime please consider joining our group as we discuss and learn about the future of our church.

### **PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC**

May we who are merely inconvenienced

Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors

Remember those who are most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making the rent.

May we who have the flexibility of caring for our children when their schools close

Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country

Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other

Let us find ways to be the loving embrace to our neighbors.

Amen

### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### **April**

1 Robin Hines

2 Betty Robinson

7 Davidina Tutwiler

9 Jean F. Gill

10 Gabriella R. Pemberton



11 Samuel N. Kirkland, Jr.

15 Russell Garrison

17 Shannon Groux Pemberton

18 Carole Ellis

23 Alice Kropp

28 Betty Malone



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CANCELLATIONS FOR PW**

**No Morning Circle meetings for April and May  
No Ruth Circle meetings for April and May**

**PW Area V Birthday Celebration for May 4 is cancelled.**

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN APRIL MISSION PROJECT “MARTHA FOR THE HOMELESS”**

April Mission Project is **food collection for Martha Merritt**. Mrs. Merritt is a Petersburg saint who has been helping provide food for the poor of our city for many years. We have recently added her outreach to our list of PW mission projects as she does a wonderful job of helping those who need it most. Please place non-perishable foods in the baskets in the back hallway. Thanks to each one of you for helping to make our mission work a success.

Gloria Summers, PW Mission Chair.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE**

Please continue to remember **our sick and shut-ins** in your prayers or with a card, call or visit. They look forward to these things. Let them know we care.

### **Hunger Corner**

The Monthly Food Offering will be received on **Sunday, April 5**. The recipient for this month is “Martha For The Homeless”.

**Congregational Care Committee Meeting: Monday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church library.  
Dorothy Riggan, Chair.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Gloria Rose, Chair.



“They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting “HOSANNA!”  
(John 12:13) What a wonderful way to celebrate the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem and our anticipated return to worship service in our sanctuary.



Join us on Sunday, April 5, 2020 as we take our palm branches and shout Hosanna in praise for our Lord and the start of Holy Week. This is not just for children; all who wish to participate are invited to gather in the Vestibule prior to the service to set our processional line.

The 2020 Camp Hanover season is just around the corner. There is a camp or retreat for every age, every interest, and every sense of adventure. Check the bulletin board in the rear hall for upcoming events and opportunities to share. Can't participate in a camp? Camp Hanover is also looking for volunteers with Sunday afternoons free who would like to help with registrations. Interested in a camp or retreat? The Education and Nurture Committee has funds available to assist with registration fees. Want to contribute to the mission of Camp Hanover? There is a list of suggested gifts that will enable Camp Hanover to continue to serve the youth and adults of the Presbytery of the James with fun, spiritual growth, and a deeper sense of community with others of faith.

Once again, the Youth of Second Presbyterian Church will present the service on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2020. Mark your calendars now to save the date as both a participant and to share this gift our Youth make to the congregation.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Karen Graham & Susan Crew, Co-Chairs.

As we at Second, and the Nation as a whole, navigate through the uncharted territory of dealing with COVID-19, there is uncertainty as to whether or not Second will be able to resume Sunday church services and other activities by the first of April. Despite these cancellations, the Finance Committee would like to remind you that the church continues to incur monthly expenses of such items as electricity, water, salaries, etc. To that end, we would encourage and request that you give prayerful consideration to continue to make your weekly offerings. The Finance Committee will be carefully monitoring our finances during this period. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us.

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS:** Bettie Guthrie, Clerk of Session Called Congregational Meeting of January 12, 2020 Stated Session Meeting January 26, 2020 Cyber Meetings February 11, 2020 and March 6, 2020

### **Called Congregational Meeting, January 12, 2020**

- \* Ordination and Installation of the Elder Class of 2022. Ordination of Joseph E. Chamberlain and Dennis J. Harrison was conducted. The Installation of Patricia P. Bonham, Joseph E. Chamberlain, Dennis J. Harrison, and Alice S. Martin was conducted.

### **Stated Session Meeting January 26, 2020**

- \* Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting December 22, 2019.
- \* December treasurer's report was received.
- \* Approved without exception the Clerk of Session, Bettie Guthrie for a term of one year.
- \* Approved without exception the Treasurer, Susan Crew for a term of one year.
- \* Approved without exception the 2019 Church Statistical Report by Clerk of Session.
- \* Approved without exception the Congregational Care Committee members: Donald Baird, Dianne Hack, Carroll Hathaway, Thelma Kirkland, Alice Kropp, and Dorothy Riggan, chairman.
- \* Approved without exception to re-establish a maximum spending limit for committee chairmen, to be increased from \$300 to \$500 with the exception of Building and Grounds. Any amount over \$500 will need Session approval.
- \* Approved without exception to apply \$2,045 from the Memorial Restricted Funds to the Chairlift/Elevator Fund.
- \* Approved without exception to purchase emergency medical equipment at a cost of \$2,500 (amount was approved by Session at the August 25, 2019 meeting). Cost of the equipment was raised from donations from the Memorial Gift families.
- \* Approved without exception the amended Sexual Misconduct Policy of Second Presbyterian Church to incorporate by reference the Sexual Misconduct/Harassment Policy of the POJ as approved June 14, 2016 with revision approved October 19, 2019 that will require mandatory training.
- \* Approved without exception the Finance Committee members: Pattie Bonham, Chairman, Peggy Baird, and Jeanne Johnson.
- \* Approved without exception the 2020 Church Holiday schedule.

### **Cyber Meeting February 11, 2020**

- \* Approved without exception the purchase of AED equipment in the amount of \$1,350.

### **Cyber Meeting March 6, 2020**

- \* Approved without exception the request from the Tucker family to use the church Sanctuary and McIlwaine Hall for the funeral/reception for Moses Tucker.

## **SYMPATHY**

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Moses Tucker upon his death on March 4, 2020.

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IN MEMORIAM

MOSES HENRY LEE TUCKER

APRIL 2, 1934 - MARCH 4, 2020

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### **Remembering Moses Henry Lee Tucker**

It is with heavy hearts that we tell our church family and friends of the passing of Moses Tucker our beloved sexton of 25 years. Moses had been a part of the church's staff for so long that it has been hard to imagine the building without his presence since his retirement at the end of 2019. His death on March 4<sup>th</sup> is even more difficult to grasp. All of us remember his friendly smile and kind manner as he faithfully went about his duties at the church. Any encounter with Moses always elicited a loving response whether you were a longtime member or the newest attendee.

Moses was proud of his association with Second Church and even prouder of his calling as a Christian. His devotion to his risen Lord was evident in his small office where an open Bible from a stack of well worn volumes could be found next to his small radio tuned to a regular religious broadcast. Even as we mourn his passing we give thanks for his time with us and rejoice in his promised entrance into the Church Triumphant. Funeral services were held here at Second Church on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember his family in your prayers. Condolences may be conveyed to his wife Mary and their children at 1219 Farmer Street, Petersburg, VA 23803 or 804-861-9361.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Louise Temple will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 5. Her address is:

Louise Temple  
9012 Farmoor Rd.  
Germantown, TN 38139

### **SECOND CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS**

As the April edition of the newsletter goes to press we want to update you on our corporate response to the coronavirus emergency. Following guidelines issued by the Presbytery of the James, the Session has cancelled all church gatherings until April 1. Our ministry of hosting AA meetings in the fellowship hall has been exempted from the cancellation policy for the time being. The facility has undergone a thorough cleaning with disinfectants which will continue until we reopen. Pending further guidance from Presbytery the church office remains open but it is advisable to call before coming in. Reverend Arch Wallace and Clerk of Session Bettie Guthrie remain on call at home for pastoral concerns. Further updates will be issued as events dictate.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="color: red; margin-left: 20px;">April 2020</h1>			<b>1</b> 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Handbells	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Deadline for Easter Lilies in Bulletin	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b> 9:45 Church School 11:00 Communion Monthly Food Offering Rec.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Handbells	<b>9</b> 7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion Service	<b>10</b> 10:00 Lilies Delivered	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Easter Sunday</b> 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship One Great Hour Offering Rec.	<b>13</b> Church Office Closed Easter Holiday	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 3:00 "What's First" Deadline for May 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Handbells	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Handbells	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 11:00 Worship 12:15 Session 2:00 Camp Hanover Fun Day	<b>27</b> 10:30 PWCT Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Handbells	<b>30</b>		

## April Schedules

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Closing/Security</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Counters</u>
<b>5</b>	Thelma and Sam Kirkland	Carl Guthrie	Rev. Wallace	Alice Martin	Venable Johnson, Jeanne Johnson Barbara Mangum
<b>12</b>	Carroll Hathaway & Shirley Laffoon	Carl Guthrie	Rev. Wallace	Ven Johnson	
<b>19</b>	Dianne Hack & Mona Ellis	Mark Stevens	Rev. Wallace	Wayne Tucker	
<b>26</b>	Garland Harrison & Susan Andrews	Michael Wright	Rev. Wallace	Karen Graham	

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