

What's First

at
Second Presbyterian Church
July/August 2020

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. 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

Joseph Chamberlain

Dennis Harrison

Alice Martin

Committees:

Congregational Care

Dorothy Riggan

Building & Grounds

Carl Guthrie

Education

Gloria Rose

Finance

Karen Graham

Office & Personnel

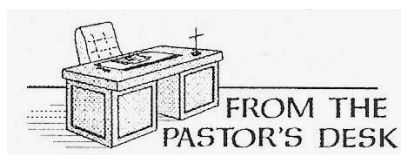
Patricia Bonham

Witness & Service

Worship & Celebration

Alice Martin

Stewardship



CHANGE

So much has changed in our lifetime. Can you remember party lines on your telephone or later having a rotary dial system? Can

you remember when a quarter was a big deal—a movie, popcorn and a coke, with change left over? Or, how about when artists sang a song you could whistle or you and the family would gather around a radio to listen to “The Great Gildersleeve?” Our memories of yesterday are so sweet. Life, in retrospect, seemed simpler, safer, special. We ask, when did it change? When did yesterday become today?

We think we are the only ones, the only generation to have experienced this progression into a new age. We aren't. I remember reading Plato's *Apology*, in which he presents the defense Socrates raised to the charges that Socrates had corrupted the youth of Athens with his new way of thinking and searching for the truth. The young people were going to the dogs, they were different, and Athens wanted things the way they were.

The generational change I observe is inevitable; it is the way each new generation asserts and achieves its independence. Yet, in spite of this inevitable change, one thing remains constant, unchanged, no matter how many new generations come: God loves us and will not let us go. Sure, we might say it in new ways; and, we might use new mediums to pass on the gift of revelation and understanding we have been given. But, beginning in Genesis and continuing through Revelation, Scripture teaches, God wants us to be together, to share eternity together, to walk together in the Garden of Eden and in the City on the Hill. A hymn we sing, *Immortal, Invisible*, has a line that echoes this truth about our God: “Naught changes Thee,” and it doesn't.

This virus shall pass, the restrictions and separations will end, and the Gospel will continue. The love of God for us cannot be taken away by the vagaries of nature. God's love will continue, unchanged, just like it always has. Paul sums it up best, “nothing can separate us from the love of God.” Nothing!

Soon!

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.)

July

July 5

Scriptures: Psalm 119:97-104
Matthew 5:17-20*

Sermon: Fulfillment, Not Replacement

July 12

Scriptures: Matthew 25:31-46
Genesis 6:9-22*

Sermon: Judgment

July 19

Scriptures: Genesis 8:15-22*
Revelation 7:9-16

Sermon: Never Again

July 26

Scriptures: Genesis 11:1-9*
Revelation 22:1-6

Sermon: Scattered

August

August 2, Communion Sunday

Scriptures: Isaiah 49:6-7;
Matthew 28:16-20*

Sermon: The Church's Commission

August 9

Scriptures: Proverbs 14:31, 19:17
Matthew 10:40-42*

Sermon: A Cup of Water

August 16

Scriptures: Numbers 27:12-23
Matthew 9:35-38*

Sermon: The Workers Are Few

August 23

Scriptures: Genesis 45:1-15
Matthew 15:10-20*

Sermon: What's In Your Heart?

August 30

Scriptures: Leviticus 19:15-18
Romans 12:4-21*

Sermon: The Measured Mile

WHO AM I?

The first glimpse of me in the Bible is when I was sent from Jerusalem by the Council of the Church to look into an issue in the Antioch Church. I went and realized the church needed a good preacher and teacher, and I went and found one—Paul- and coaxed him out of the hills to come and lead the church. Later I went with this man on my first Missionary Journey. I was good at reaching people and telling them about the Good News of Christ, but he was even better at it. He turned people on to Christ and hundreds came. I encouraged him and after we disagreed about John going with us on a second missionary journey, I suggested we split our efforts and I would go again with John. John turned out to be pretty special, as in time he sat down with his uncle Peter and learned enough from him to write a book. You call it Mark. And it was the first of our Gospels. In time the church came to call me the Encourager, and that was a gift the Lord gave me. Who am I?

Rev. Arch Wallace

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Alice Martin

The lazy days of summer are here, but the PW work goes on. Our traditional July mission project, providing lunches for Work Camp, was canceled due to COVID-19, but we are still asking you to bring canned or any non-perishable foods to church to help feed the hungry in our city. Knitters, please get those needles going again. Our local hospital loves those beautiful baby items you make!

Our wonderful Kay Snavelly, a PW Honorary Member, has moved to North Carolina, as most of you know, but she is still going to be with us via computer helping us with our PW Yearbook. Please check the information in last year's book to be sure it is correct. We hope to get the 2020-21 yearbook ready by mid-August. Kay was such a great Bible teacher and treasurer for the Morning Circle. She was also secretary for the PWCT and helped publish the brochures for the Lenten Services for 18 years! She is certainly going to be missed, but we plan to stay in touch often.



GET READY FOR FALL

Circles meetings will start in September
(Taking proper precautions, of course)
Morning Circle - Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at church
Ruth Circle – Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in members' homes

PW JULY/AUGUST PW MISSION PROJECT: Gloria Summers

July-August Tri-Cities Work-Camp: Cancelled.

OUR NEW WEBSITE: Carl Guthrie

Early in June, we welcomed our new professionally developed website.
<http://www.secondprespetersburg.org>.

Our web master is Mr. Joe Raucci, a gentleman with exceptional talents. Each week we are going to video the Sunday Sermon and the Message From the Step, they will be added to the website along with a hard copy of the sermon. The website is still under construction and we are considering adding the following sections:

Congregation health updates
Minute for Mission
Presbyterian Women - Circle news and the PW monthly missions
Presbyterian Men
Scouting Section
Special Events/Activities

Please take a few minutes to go over each section to see if we have missed something or you feel that we need to add and contact me at cbgup@aol.com.

WHO AM I? The answer is Barnabas. The answer to last months Who Am I was 'Lady Wisdom' from Proverbs 8 and 9.

CLERK OF SESSION UPDATE: Bettie Guthrie

It is hard to believe that we have been through three months of the most unusual experience of our entire lives. Yet, it is amazing to me to see and hear the hopefulness in our congregation's voices as we continue with social distancing due to COVID-19.

Donald Baird continues to call members to check in and ask, "you got a few minutes." Do a drive-by of the Garrison's beautiful backyard filled with flowers, ferns, shrubs, and love...COVID-19 has not slowed them down for a moment. Alice Kropp is an interim schoolteacher as she helps to keep Miles on track with his school studies. Ann Wright keeps in touch with church members and remembers them in her prayers. I could go on with accolades for our church family members, but I think each of you do an amazing job of keeping your sanity and Christianity during the pandemic.

Session voted to open our church doors (rear entrance only for now) for worship services. Building and Grounds has done an amazing job organizing and keeping everyone's safety as a top priority. Please continue to stay healthy and safe and we look forward to seeing you soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 to celebrate the July 4 holiday.
- * The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, August 2.

2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

	DONATIONS	EXPENDITURES	Gain (Loss)
MAY	\$ 7,820.00	\$ 9,570.40	(\$ 1,750.40)
Year to Date	\$72,165.57*	\$54,653.59	\$17,511.98

*Please note that the income totals include the \$15,500 loan/grant received from the SBA Paycheck Protection Plan.

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

5 Martha Churn
10 Timothy Pittman
11 Albert L. West
12 Harry D. Baird, III
13 Elizabeth Schoeb
14 Sharon Allgood
16 John W. Schoeb
Wendy Stevens
21 Cameron L. Crew
22 Timothy C. Smith
23 Nancy Fitts
30 Dennis Harrison



AUGUST

7 Cherie Autrey
9 Colene Barras
15 Madison D. Gill
17 Anne Godfrey
18 Diana Hollars
22 Gloria Rose
31 Sammy Kirkland, III

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE: Dorothy Riggan, Chair.

Please continue to remember our sick and shut-ins in your prayers or with a card, call or visit.

Hunger Corner - The Monthly Food Offering will be received on Sunday, July 5 and Sunday, August 2. Recipients for these months are CARES and the Downtown Churches United Hope Center.

Mark Your Calendar! - Congregational Care Committee will meet Mon. Sept. 14, 10:00 a.m.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Gloria Rose, Chair.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 GRADUATE. We want to recognize the accomplishments of her goals. Join us in extending our best wishes and prayers for continued success.



Margaret Emily Graham graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX with a M.S. in Operations Research. She is employed with Niagara Bottling in Ontario, CA. Margaret is the daughter of Karen and Willie Graham.

THANK YOU

Hello To Our Family in Christ!


First of all, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and prayers for Cole during this journey! There was no doubt that God was walking with him every step of the way. Cole is an amazing and brave young man. What he has been through in the past year would have broken many people, but not Cole. He took on his disease with a suit of armor. He never complained about all the doctor's visits, needles, time missed from his friends, nothing! God gave him the most incredible peace. I will never forget the look on his face when they were wheeling him into the operating room. He just smiled and said "See ya later Mama." Never once was he worried.

Since his surgery Cole has made huge strides! He has not had any episodes from his Trigeminal Neuralgia. WHAT A MIRACLE! Doctor's only gave him a 50% success rate, but God had a better plan! Cole had a wonderful recovery. He is able to be a normal teenage boy again. On May 12 he celebrated his 15th birthday. He was able to celebrate and have fun without any pain. He has enjoyed hanging out with Cameron again and actually being able to play basketball and throw football.

Cole has his final surgical checkup on June 11th at UVA. His doctors are so excited about his recovery and how well he is doing. It truly is a miracle! Cole has loved getting all the cards and messages wishing him well. He has kept every one of them. He is looking forward to seeing you all when church is reopened. I will never be able to thank you enough for everything you have done for Cole.

Blessings,

Cary Mitchell, Cole's Mama

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2020			1	2	3 Church Office Office Closed	4  Happy 4th of July!
5 11:00 a.m. Worship Monthly Food Offering Received.	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 11:00 a.m. Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 11:00 a.m. Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 11:00 a.m. Worship	27	28	29	30	31	

July Schedules

<u>Date</u>	<u>Closers</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>	<u>Counters</u>
5	Carl Guthrie	Rev. Arch Wallace	Alice Martin Garland Harrison Susan Andrews
12	Mark Stevens		
19	Mike Wright		
26	Lindsay Gray		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2020						1
2 11:00 a.m. Worship Communion Monthly Food Off. Rec.	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 11:00 a.m. Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 11:00 a.m. Worship	17	18	19 12 noon "What's First" Articles for Sept. Due.	20	21	22
23 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Session	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing	31					

AUGUST SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Closers</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>	<u>Counters</u>
2	Carl Guthrie	Rev. Arch Wallace	Gloria Rose Diana Hollars Carolyn Cole
9	Dennis Harrison		
16	Mark Stevens		
23	Mike Wright		
30	Lindsay Gray		

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**“Growing a healthy community
through the nourishment of our
body, mind and spirit.”**

All are welcome !