

What's First

at
Second Presbyterian Church
April 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. Carson Rhyne

Clerk of Session

Bettie Guthrie

Class of 2023

Carl Guthrie, Sr.

Mark Stevens

Wendy Stevens

Class of 2024

Bettie Guthrie

Garland Harrison

Venable Johnson, Jr.

Class of 2024

Alice Martin

Kathleen Muller

Robert Muller

Committees:

Building & Grounds

Carl Guthrie

Finance/Stewardship

Mark Stevens

Office & Personnel

Garland Harrison

Outreach

Elizabeth Schoeb

Wendy Stevens

Worship/Education

Alice Martin

Venable Johnson, Jr.



Dear Members and Friends:

How time flies!

It is hard to believe it was just January when I began and now my ending the first of April. It has been a delightful run and I am most grateful for the kindness, support, and courtesy which you have shown me. You are a delightful congregation which is wonderful! I just wish more people could experience the kindness and support which flows from each of you.

I will continue to pray for the future of Second Church as you move forward with new pastoral leadership. The Covenant Search Committee is at work and trust they will find new leadership for you.

Blessings and thanks for all you have shared with me. It has been my privilege and pleasure to be with you.

Carson Rhyne
Covenant Pastor

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE APRIL 6

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our annual Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. on April 6. This service takes place in the fellowship hall where we will be seated around candle-lit tables to observe the Last Supper of our Lord with his disciples before his death on the cross. This solemn observance will include a brief homily, scripture readings, musical offerings, the sacrament of Holy Communion, the dousing of all light and our silent departure into the twilight of evening as we contemplate the last commandment of our Lord and his impending sacrifice on Good Friday. All who attend have found this to be one of the most meaningful services of the liturgical year. We hope you will plan to join us there.



MEMORIAL LILIES

Lilies will be used to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Call the church office by **March 31** to notify Becky of your memorial listing. Please have your lilies at the church by **10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 7.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Will Be Celebrated

Palm Sunday, April 2, 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 6, 7:00 p.m.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

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

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This offering provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Each gift helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving 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 9.**

Envelopes will be available in the bulletin.

OUTREACH

Congregational Care/Witness & Service Committees

Elizabeth Schoeb & Wendy Stevens, Co-Chairs.

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

Hunger Corner

The Monthly Food Offering will be received each Sunday in **April**. The recipient for this month is Downtown Churches United Hope Center.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mark Stevens, Chair.

FEBRUARY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT



	February	Year to Date
Income	\$ 9,626.12	\$ 20,950.53
Expenditures	\$17,247.95	\$ 31,695.21
Net Loss	\$ 7,621.83	\$ 10,744.68



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Alice Martin, Moderator

The **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** are on a MISSION! Actually, we are on LOTS of MISSIONS!!

Susan Lobaugh, PW Service Coordinator, took **11** bags of clean, gently-used clothing to HOSPICE, and The Children's Hospital.

Gloria Summers and Susan Lobaugh took **5** large bags of **COOKIES** that **you**, our wonderful congregation, donated to the Petersburg Police Dept. to help show our appreciation for their good work in our community. WOW! Were they ever happy!!



Our Circle decided on a new mission – to help provide needed items for the Westview School children. This is a “special needs” Petersburg school for children from ages 3 to 7.

Tissues, wipes, hand sanitizer, liquid soap, and clothing were just some of the things we sent to provide these children with daily needed items. Kathy Muller and Beverly Coleman made the delivery to the very grateful teachers and children.



LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEONS

By the time you receive this issue of WHAT'S FIRST, our 60th Lenten Series will be over. It had been three years due to COVID restrictions since we had been able to have this event and we were not sure how it would turn out. It was a great success!! Attendance was wonderful with members from churches not only in Petersburg, but Colonial Heights, Chester, Hopewell, Dinwiddie, Prince George and more coming each week. Many thanks to all of you who came, set tables, baked, cooked, served and cleaned-up and also brought friends with them. Our ministers were excellent and lunches were delicious. Thanks also to Donald Traser for filling in at the organ and Kay Snively for designing the lovely brochures. A Second Church tradition just might carry on!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CONTINUED

PW BIRTHDAY

Ladies, mark your calendars for

MONDAY, MAY 1, 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL PW BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Our speaker will be CINDY CORELL, Missionary to Haiti. All PWs in Area V will be invited. The dinner will begin at 6:00 followed by the program, and we will end in time for us all to get home before dark. Please, plan to come for this time of good food, fellowship and learning about this important missionary work!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN APRIL MISSION PROJECT: Gloria Summers

April 30: Hospice Care “Chemo Caddies” are care packages given to cancer patients. This year we will focus on items just for adults. Needed items are: neck scarves, lap blankets, bandanas, head coverings, chap stick, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, word puzzle books, colored pencils, adult coloring books, inspirational books, Kleenex, bottled water. We will fill reusable totes with these items and take them to a local cancer center. Please bring any of the items listed to the conference room. All these things will help patients undergoing cancer treatments be more comfortable and relaxed.

COVENANT PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE:

The Covenant Pastor Search Committee is hard at work in its search for our next covenant pastor and we ask for your continued prayers that God will guide us to the right person. In the meantime, we will have Carson with us for the traditional Maundy Thursday service, and then our good friend Clay Macaulay from Union Seminary will lead us in worship on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. These services are among the most meaningful of the church's liturgical year and we hope you will be with us at all three. Stay tuned for further updates.

Pattie Bonham, Moderator
Covenant Pastor Search Committee

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: Bettie Guthrie, Clerk of Session
Stated Session Meeting January 22, 2023
Stated Session Meeting February 26, 2023

- ❖ Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting January 22, 2023 and Stated Session Meeting February 26, 2023.

Stated Session Meeting, January 22, 2023.

- ❖ Approved Stated Session Meeting minutes of December 18, 2022.
- ❖ Received the December Treasurer's Report.
- ❖ Approved the 2023 budget (\$169,018.66) to include POJ Statement of Intent amount of \$1,000.
- ❖ Approved Elder Bettie Guthrie to serve as the 2023 Clerk of Session for a term of one year.
- ❖ Approved the 2023 Sessional Committee moderators and Outreach Committee by combining Congregational Care and Witness and Service.
- ❖ Approved the Ad-Hoc Covenant Pastor Search Committee.
- ❖ Approved the 2022 POJ Statistical Report.
- ❖ Approved restoring Elizabeth Watson to the Active Roll.
- ❖ Approved Venable Johnson to be Commissioner to the POJ meeting on February 18, 2023.

Stated Session Meeting, February 26, 2023.

- ❖ Approved Stated Session Meeting minutes of January 22, 2023.
- ❖ Received the January Treasurer's Report.
- ❖ Approved Finance Committee members.
- ❖ Approved Office and Personnel Committee members.
- ❖ Approved Outreach Committee members.
- ❖ Approved Worship-Celebration/Education Committee members.
- ❖ Approved Communion 2023 dates.
- ❖ Approve Souper Bowl Sunday, February 12, 2023.

BIRTHDAYS

April

1	Robin Hines
2	Betty Robinson
7	Gloria Summers
	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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>April 2023</h1>						1
2 Palm Sunday 9:45 Church School 11:00 Communion Monthly Food Offering Rec.	3	4 10:30 Morning Circle	5	6 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	7 Good Friday 10:00 Lilies Delivered	8
9 Easter Sunday 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship One Great Hour Offering Rec.	10 Church Office Closed Easter Holiday	11	12	13 4:45 Voices in Bronze 5:45 Chancel Choir	14	15
16 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship	17	18	19 12 noon "What's First" Deadline/ May	20 4:45 Voices in Bronze 5:45 Chancel Choir	21	22
23 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Session	24 11:00 PWCT Meeting	25	26	27 4:45 Voices in Bronze 5:45 Chancel Choir	28	29 
30 11:00 a.m. Worship Hymn Sing						

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Address Service Requested

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 2 - Begin Holy Week with Worship.
11:00 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday Service, April 6
7:00 p.m. McIlwaine Hall

Good Friday, April 7
10:00 a.m. Lilies delivered to the church to decorate sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 9 - 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.

