

What's First

at
Second Presbyterian Church
October 2026

Our Vision

As members of Second Presbyterian Church,

We gather in worship;

We grow in God's Word;

We serve in Jesus' name.

Session

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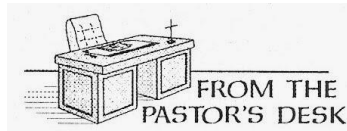
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"999," is the world's first emergency phone number. It began service in London on this day in 1937. It was made

available for Londoners as well as all British citizens to more quickly make contact with the fire brigade and eventually the ambulance service. It is still in use, today.

Yet God has provided us with his emergency contact since the beginning of time. It is not a phone number but rather a humble gesture in which the Lord asks us to call upon Him during distress for His help. If we do so, sincerely and faithfully, God will know that we trust and love Him as he does us, unconditionally.

In turn, He will deliver us from life struggles. His rescue may be immediate or it may happen in segments. He will test our faith as with wisdom gained from our struggle. Nonetheless, we will prevail if we surrender to God each day and let Him know He is our only Hope and Strength by the same gesture.

It is called: Prayer.

Pray every day and as many times daily as needed. God is always on call. But pray to also thank Him for guidance on better ways to serve Him by imitating Jesus. God always loves to hear from us. Give Him a Prayer!

"The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all." (Psalms 34:19)

William C. Seay, Jr.
Commissioned Ruling Elder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated on
World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2026**

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 Daylight Savings Time Ends!!!

Set your clocks back one-hour Saturday night, Oct. 31
before you go to bed.

OUTREACH

Carole Ellis, Kimberly Jones, Co-Chairs.

PRAY FOR:

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Cameron Crew, Keith and Kay Snavely, Cynthia Smith, Thelma Kirkland, Mona Ellis, Wayne Tucker, Ethel Peterson, Eva (Becky's niece), Amy Rush, Liam Clegg (Guthrie's grandson), Whitney Palmore, Bonnie and John Snyder, family of Dianne Hack, Susan Lobaugh.

WORLD AND COMMUNITY: Protection for those serving in our Armed Forces. World Peace.

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."
Luke 6:38

We are reminded of what Christ asks of us. Not just to give, but to give joyously.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR BLESSING BOX: Canned meats (tuna, chicken), ravioli, pasta and sauces.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DCU FOOD PANTRY: Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, beans and rice.

2026 World Communion Offering

World Communion Sunday - October 4, 2026

*"What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,
....to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."*

Micah 6:8



On World Communion Sunday we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the communion table in God's house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith – a witness to what it means to us to be the Church, together.

The World Communion Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

Please be generous in your support of the Peacemaking World Communion Offering to be received on **World Communion Sunday, October 4** and pledge to work with our congregation for peace in our community.

WORSHIP/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Alice Martin, Chair.

WORSHIP NEWS - Upcoming dates for Autumn:

OCTOBER 4 – World Wide Communion Sunday, the day that congregations around the world celebrate the Lord's Supper. The World Communion Offering will be received.

NOVEMBER 1 – Remembrance Sunday – This year we will remember those in our church family that went to be with our Lord in the past year; Dorothy Riggan, Jack Schoeb, Sr., Bill Ellis, Dianne Hack.

NOVEMBER 22 – Joint Thanksgiving service with First Baptist Church. This will be our sixth year worshiping with our friends next door. The service will be held at First Baptist Church. Second Church will provide light refreshments for all. Please plan to be with us on each of these special occasions.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Gloria Summers

PW OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



PW has joined the Outreach 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, toothbrush protectors, nail clippers, band aids, sunglasses, combs, brushes, washcloths, jump ropes, balls, little cars, small games: card games, dominoes, checkers, school supplies: crayons, pens, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, scissors, rulers, markers, glue sticks, 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.

October Birthday

2 Susan Andrews
3 Joseph Chamberlain
6 Denise Hargrave
Matthew Pittman
10 Thelma Kirkland
11 Cynthia Smith
12 Martha Epes Johnson



17 Becky Lancaster
18 Keith Snavelly
25 Robert Muller
27 Anne Webb Fenessy
29 Dale Pittman
30 Miles Gregory Kropp

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mark Stevens, Chair.

AUGUST 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

	August	Year to Date
Income	\$ 5,310.00	\$141,668.00
Expenditures	\$13,750.00	\$146,376.55
Loss	-\$ 8,440.00	-\$ 4,708.55



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 October 2026				1	2	3
4 11:30 a.m. Worship World Communion Sunday World Communion Offering Received	5	6 10:30 Morning Circle	7	8	9	10
11 11:30 a.m. Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17 9:00 a.m. Presbytery of the James Meeting
18 11:30 a.m. Worship	19	20	21 12 noon "What's First" Deadline for Nov.	22	23	24
25 11:30 a.m. Worship	26 10:30 PWCT Meeting	27	28	29	30 	31 Reminder: Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour

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