

DECEMBER 22, 2013

175 YEARS

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN
Church
1838

Second Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives through:

worship, as we praise and glorify God;

mission, as we embody God's love in service to the world;

discipleship, as we listen for God's Word;

giving, as we express gratitude to God;

fellowship, as we love and care for one another.

Weekly Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m.—Chapel

9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary

11 a.m.—Sanctuary

Service of Communion & Wholeness

10:35 a.m.—Chapel

Families@Five Worship

5 p.m.—Chapel

Second@Six Casual Worship

6 p.m.—Sanctuary

Next Sunday, December 29

8:15 and 10 a.m.

Rev. Brian S. Shivers

Please note there is
NO Families@Five nor

Second@Six;

both will resume in January

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 6 PM

Advent 2013



Second@Six

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

Building Community ❖ Transforming Lives ❖ Engaging the World

Today@Second

8 a.m.

Theology, Thoughts & Coffee, 312:
Studying Soren Kierkegaard's book,
Fear and Trembling

8:30 a.m.

McFarland Hall:

175th Anniversary Book Promotion

9:30 a.m.

Nursery: Infants, 240; Toddler, 233
Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday
School, Second Floor

Elementary Sunday School, Third Floor

Middle School, Youth Suite

High School, Youth Suite

Koinonia, 402: Studying Acts

The Upper Room Bible Study, 109

Words on the Word, 312:

Discuss AM sermon Scripture text

10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour in McFarland Hall:

175th Anniversary Book Promotion

11 a.m.

Choir Children's Sunday School Class, 309

2 p.m.

2013 Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal,
Sanctuary

4:30 p.m.

Families@Five Brown Bag Nativity,
McFarland Hall

5:30 p.m.

Sunday@Supper, Common Room

6 p.m.

Second@Six Children's Classes, Third Floor

A wonderful story simply told.

Just bring yourselves and your wonder.

Arrive at 4:30 to choose your part and your costume. Worship begins at 5 p.m. Together we sing our favorite hymns and tell the wonder-filled story of the child born in Bethlehem.

Today:

Brown Bag Nativity

4:30 p.m., McFarland Hall

Supper@Second

Pizza & Birthday Party for Jesus

5:30 p.m., Community Room

Families@Five

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Please join us at one of our four worship services.

4 p.m. Lessons, Lights and Carols
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

7 p.m. Candles and Carols
LED BY ASPIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

9 p.m. Lessons, Candles and Carols
MEDITATION BY DR. GALLOWAY

11 p.m. Lessons, Candles, Carols
and Holy Communion
MEDITATION BY DR. GALLOWAY



For Christian Education updates on facebook, "like" our CE page at [Facebook.com/2PCCE](https://www.facebook.com/2PCCE)



"The Promise of Presence"

Rev. Brian Shivers

Join us for worship!

Please note the start times and come as you are.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:15 AM CHAPEL, 10 AM SANCTUARY

NOTE: There will be no Wholeness or Evening services on this day.

December 22, 2013 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

WELCOME! We are so glad to have you with us this evening. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out one of the “welcome” cards in the pew rack so we may welcome you and respond to any questions you might have.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Richard Baker

Call to Worship

* Opening Hymn #28 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

Sung Call to Confession

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Karen Lang

Response of Praise

For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
 And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Children may exit through the pulpit doors for their classes.)

Offering

Special Music

First Scripture Reading

Acts 16:25-34

(p. 1009)

Second Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14 (King James Version)



Worship Leaders

Dr. Richard L. Baker
Senior Associate Pastor

Rev. Karen L. Lang
Senior Associate Pastor

Stephanie Bewley
*Coordinator of
 Middle School Ministries*

This evening's worship service features music by:

The Jazz Trio

Gary Walters, piano
 Thomas Brinkley, bass
 Chris Pyle, drums

Erin Benedict, soloist

CHILDCARE is available in Room 211 for infants - age 3 years.

CHILDREN ages 4-10 years:

Following the *Passing of the Peace*, children ages 4 – 10 are welcome to participate in the Children's Program by meeting the Program Coordinators at the pulpit door during the Passing of the Peace.

Please fill out a security sticker from the pew rack and place on child, but keep the adjoining number to use when you pick up your child from classrooms 304 – 309.

Children's bulletins/worship booklets are available from the ushers.

* Those who are able may stand. + Latecomers may be seated.

The Wonder of the Incarnation

Don't try to explain the Incarnation to me! It is further from being explainable than the furthest star in the furthest galaxy. It is love, God's limitless love enfleshing that love in the form of a human being, Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine.

Was there a moment, known only to God, when all the stars held their breath, when the galaxies paused in their dance for a fraction of a second, and the Word, who had called it all into being, went with all his love into the womb of a young girl, and the universe started to breathe again, and the ancient harmonies resumed their song, and the angels clapped for joy?

Power. Greater power than we can imagine, abandoned, as the Word knew the powerlessness of the unborn child, still unformed, taking up almost no space in the ocean of amniotic fluid, unseeing, unhearing, unknowing. Slowly growing, as any human embryo grows, arms and legs and a head, eyes, mouth, nose, slowly swimming into life until the ocean in the womb is no longer large enough, and it is time for birth.

Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, Christ, the Maker of the universe, or perhaps many universes, willingly and lovingly leaving all that power and coming to this poor, sin-filled planet to live with us for a few years to show us what we ought to be and could be. Jesus of Nazareth, wholly human and wholly divine, to show us what it means to be made in God's image.

—Madeline L'Engle (1918-2007), author of *A Wrinkle In Time*, and many other books.

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer:
Letters from Prison - Advent**

It was you who opened up to me the world of music-making that we have carried on during the weeks of Advent. Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent: one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other—things that are really of no consequence—the door is shut, and can only be opened *from the outside*.

—Letter to his friend, Eberhard Bethge, November 21, 1943

All that is Christmas originates in heaven and comes from there to us all, to you and me alike, and forms a stronger bond between us than we could ever forge by ourselves.

—Maria von Wedemeyer (Bonhoeffer's fiancé) to Bonhoeffer, December 19, 1943

Message

Richard Baker

Worship in Wonder Series

“The Wonder of Christmas: Kitschy and Real”

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.”

(JOHN 1:1, 3)

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends”

(JOHN 15:13-14A)

* **Sung Sermon Response** *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

* **Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

Stephanie Bewley

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

This Week@Second

Monday, December 23

- **PW Prayer Group.** 9 a.m., 355.
- **Centering Prayer.** 10 a.m., 355.

Tuesday, December 24

- **Men's Fellowship Breakfast.** 7 a.m., Youth Suite.
- **Offices Close at Noon, Building is Open for Christmas Eve**
- **See page 2 for Service Times on Christmas Eve.**

Wednesday, December 25

- **Building Closed for Christmas Day**

Thursday, December 26

- **Building and Office open but many activities cancelled.**

Friday, December 27

- **Mindfulness Meditation.** 12:15-12:45 p.m., 113.

Saturday, December 28

■



“How Far Would You Go?”

Rev. Caroline V. Dennis

Please join us for our annual Epiphany Parade at both 9:30 and 11 AM as the children follow the Magi to Bethlehem!



EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 5



Advent text messages

We invite you to “opt in” to receive a daily text message from the church at 7 p.m. each evening during the entire Advent season. Each text will contain a short message and scripture to remind you of the season and help you stay focused on the true meaning of Christmas and Advent.

To sign up, simply text the word **ADVENT** to the shortcode **69302**. You will receive a “thank you” text once you are added to the list. Standard text message rates do apply.



Get started: Simply scan this QR code with your smart phone and send the text message that it creates for you.



MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

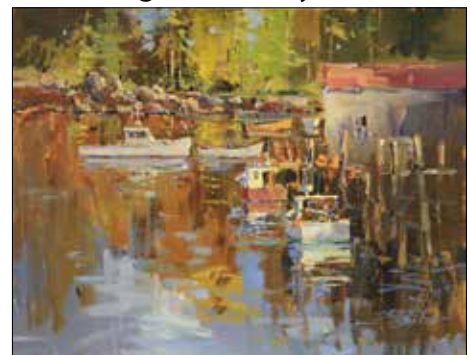
Jerry Smith

Watercolors & Acrylics

*Whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute,
if there is any excellence and if anything
worthy of praise,
dwell on these things.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

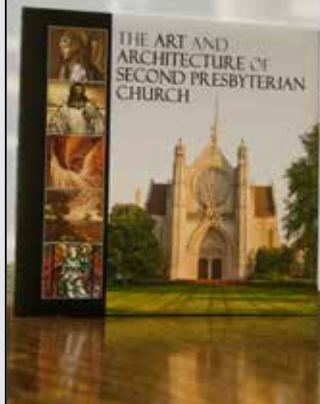
Through - January 4, 2014



MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

Take Home Your Copy While they Last!

Once they are gone, they are gone!



In celebration of the 175th Anniversary of Second Presbyterian Church, the Fine Arts Advisory Team has published a fascinating book, entitled *The Art and Architecture of Second Presbyterian Church*.

A Great Gift Idea! Look no further to support local ministries and do Christmas shopping! All profits from the book will be donated to Northside and Westminster Ministries.

Books may be purchased for \$30 in McFarland Hall or online. Please visit SecondChurch.org/FAAT for more details.

The books have arrived! If you pre-ordered copies, please pick them up during Coffee Hour or at the Music and Fine Arts office during regular business hours.

Christmas Benevolence Thanks You!

Thank you to all the members of Second Pres who worked so faithfully on Christmas Benevolence this year. Each of you helped make it a brighter holiday for the more than 860 people we served. We were grateful for the many stories that you shared with us at lunch after deliveries were completed. You reinforced the purpose and mission of Christmas Benevolence.

Best wishes for a joyful holiday season to you and your family.

Blessings,
Cherry Willen and Bill Meserve
Co-Chairs CB 2013

CHILDREN AND FAMILY

Meeting the needs of the whole child in a creative, nurturing, Christian environment.

Offering classes for children ages 9 months through 5 years.

Registration for 2014-2015 school year opens soon!

To set up a tour, contact the preschool office at (317) 252-5517.

ChildrensCircle.org
[Facebook.com/ChildrensCircle](https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensCircle)



Children's Circle
Preschool
OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Joy Offering

Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to the Christmas Joy Offering. Fifty percent of the offering supplements inadequate retirement income and provides supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families. The other fifty percent supports the Presbyterian Church's long commitment to promote education through establishing and supporting racially ethnic schools and colleges. Christmas Joy Offering funds provide scholarships to deserving students as well as help with basic operating costs.

Please use the special envelopes in the pew rack for your Christmas Joy Offering, and make checks to Second Presbyterian Church with "Joy Offering" on the memo line.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women of all ages are welcome to join the Women's Bible Studies



Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

10 AM, ROOM 112

9:15 AM, ROOM 356

10:15 AM, ROOM 407

We will be studying *The Good and Beautiful Life* by James Bryan Smith. The book may be purchased at the receptionist desk on Sundays and during regular business hours.



We will study Romans, which teaches how to break out of old patterns and become new in Christ. Optional prayer in Milner Chapel at 9 a.m. Contacts: Nancy Cronin 815-8775 or Julia Erickson 845-4064

We welcome women of all ages to our weekly book study. Childcare is available by calling 252-5519 one week in advance. For more information, please contact Ann VanMeter, 773-6563.



**SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

7700 North Meridian Street,
Indianapolis, IN 46260

SecondChurch.org

Office Hours:

Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
Sat.: 9 a.m. to noon

Ministerial Candidates:

Sarah Bilek, Karl Duchmann,
Nick Ison, Jennifer Lipinski,
Tom Markey, Ben Snipes,
Maureen Wilson.

Inspirational Phone Message

(317) 522-1943

**Telephone/Fax Numbers/
Church Office**

(317) 253-6461 (phone)
(317) 252-5590 (fax)

Children's Circle Preschool

(317) 252-5517

Childcare Reservations

(317) 252-5519

CenterPoint Counseling

(317) 252-5518

NEW TO US?

**Are you considering
membership at Second?**

Please plan to attend the
next Discovering Second,
a two-part class on
**Saturday, January 25,
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and
Sunday, January 26,
9 - 10:45 a.m.**

Please contact
Dr. Jim Riley at 253-6461 or
JRiley@SecondChurch.org

Stay connected during the Holidays.

If you have a busy holiday schedule that pulls you away from your normal routine, and you are unable to physically join us here at Second for worship, the Multimedia Team would like to invite you to watch the services online. Many of the services are streamed live; you can also watch our YouTube channel on the days following. We invite you to visit SecondChurch.org and click on the Livestream or YouTube link to stay connected throughout the holiday season.



Inspirational Phone Message

(317) 522-1943

**Telephone/Fax Numbers/
Church Office**

(317) 253-6461 (phone)
(317) 252-5590 (fax)

Children's Circle Preschool

(317) 252-5517

Childcare Reservations

(317) 252-5519

CenterPoint Counseling

(317) 252-5518

NEW TO US?

**Are you considering
membership at Second?**

Please plan to attend the
next Discovering Second,
a two-part class on
**Saturday, January 25,
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and
Sunday, January 26,
9 - 10:45 a.m.**

Please contact
Dr. Jim Riley at 253-6461 or
JRiley@SecondChurch.org



The Christmas season is a time for joy and celebration. But too often, busy schedules, increased demands and high expectations contribute to greater stress, loneliness and grief. CenterPoint counselors, board and staff members offer our favorite tips to help you enjoy December just a little more. View our website daily or like us on Facebook!



CenterPoint Counseling
AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CenterPointCounseling.org or
[Facebook.com/CenterPointCounseling](https://www.facebook.com/CenterPointCounseling)

STEWARDSHIP 2014



Transforming Lives Through Worship

Thanks to everyone who contributes to the church's General Fund. You have helped to make today's inspiring worship service possible! Not only worship, but all of our life-transforming ministries of mission, discipleship, and fellowship are made possible by member contributions.

Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and literature racks. These can be returned through the offering plate or by mail. You can also pledge online at SecondChurch.org/Stewardship.
Please try to make your pledge to help with the 2014 budgeting process.