

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 MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 & 11 AM

Advent 2013



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



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"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.

HYMN #53

What Child Is This is taken from a longer poem, "The Manger Throne" written c. 1865. The author, William Chatterton Dix, wrote the poem after reading gospel lessons describing the visits to the manger by the magi and the shepherds. The first two stanzas ask the questions, "What child is this?" and "Why lies he in such mean estate?" The questions are answered by the refrain: "This is Christ the King." The wise-men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We respond in stanza three with the offering of our hearts.

Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him...
...the babe, the son of Mary!

PARENTS: TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following the time with children Elementary Children are invited to remain in worship with their families. Preschool aged children will be dismissed to Sunday School (rm.309). Please fill out a name tag (in pew racks), place half on your child's back and bring the other half when you pick up your child.

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND WHOLENESS

10:35 a.m. in Milner Chapel
Rev. Karen L. Lang

News Within the Church Family

Hospitalized:

Charles "Dick" Currin,
J.D. Davis, Elizabeth Kiser,
Lea Norwood
Margaret Schilling

Deaths:

Beverly Bruns

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, whose love knows no bounds, and who seeks the lost wherever they may be, we confess our sin to you. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are fearful disciples, who lack the courage to do what love requires. Forgive our pettiness, our envy, and our evil thoughts and deeds. Set us free from our sin, and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may love as Jesus loves. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* **Response of Praise**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* **Hymn #53**

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

Ritual of Friendship and Concerns of the Church

Dr. John R. Koppitch

We Experience God's Word

Time with the Children (11:00)

Prayer of Illumination

Steve Young (9:30)
Elder Nick Hertz (11:00)

First Lesson

Philemon 1:1-21

(p. 1088)

Anthem

Love Came Down at Christmas

Daniel Gawthrop
(b. 1949)

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign.
Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?
Love shall be our token, Love shall be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and to all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

Text: Christina Rossetti

Second Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

(p. 877)

Choral Response

Still, Still, Still

arr. Norman Luboff

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

Sermon

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

“What Love Requires”

*“When Joseph awoke from sleep,
he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him;
he took her as his wife.”*

(MATTHEW 1:24)

We Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) (Hymnal p. 14)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offertory *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* Craig Courtney (b. 1965)

Erin Benedict, Caitlin Deranek, Gina Walker, Mitzi Westra

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shown around.

“Fear not! Said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.

“To you in David’s town this day Is born, of David’s line,
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign:

“The heav’nly Babe you there shall find To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapt in swathing-bands And in a manger laid.

“All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace:
Good will henceforth from heav’n to earth Begin and never cease.”

* **Response of Praise**

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Go Forth to Serve

* **Closing Hymn #28** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!* IN DULCI JUBILO

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** *Torches* John Joubert (b. 1927)

Torches, torches, run with torches All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping; Come and sing your song to him!

Sing, my friends, and make you merry, Joy and mirth and joy again;
Lo, he lives the King of heaven, Now and evermore, Amen.

* **Postlude** *Noel: “At Midnight there will be an awakening”* J.F. Dandrieu (1682-1738)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013:

By Profession of Faith: Mark Paul

By Letter of Transfer: Ed Endzel, Mavis Endzel, Albert Feuerstein, Elke Feuerstein

HYMN #28

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! expresses the good news of the birth of Christ, the one who is “born to save!” The earliest known reference to this carol was found in the writings of a 14th century author who said that angels sang these words to the Dominican monk and mystic Heinrich Suso and that upon hearing them he was so moved that he joined in a dance with his heavenly visitors. The dance rhythms of the tune *In Dulci Jubilo* (literally “in sweet jubilation”), certainly inspire in us to a joyous response to the good news!

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

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“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

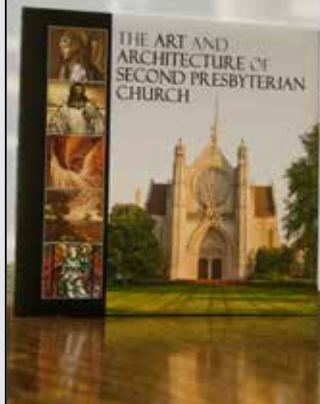
Through - January 4, 2014



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.



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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

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(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.



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!



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AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.