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Second Presbyterian Guest Wi-Fi Info: **Network:** 2ndPres-Guest **Password:** @SecondPres!

Sunday Worship

January 14

Racial Justice Sunday
John 1: 43-51
Deacons Meet

January 21

Moccasin Bend Worship
Companions
Mark 1: 14-20
Session Meets

January 28

Susan Fennema, Preaching
Mark 1: 21-28
Ordination and Installation
of New Officers
Mission Meets

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024
MLK HOLIDAY

WEEKLY CALENDAR

JANUARY 14-20

DEACONS MEET

Today, after worship

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, Jan. 15
MLK Holiday

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

Marylynn Morrison
Tuesday, 10:00am—2:00pm
Appts: 423.266.2828

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 2:00pm

TAI CHI

Wednesday, 9:30am

SECOND HANDS

Thursday, 10:00am

MEDITATION & MINI TENNIS!!

Silent Meditation
Saturday, 9:30am
Mini Tennis
Saturday, 10:00am

ACT Production of Harvey

Fridays and Saturdays, January 19—27, 7:30pm

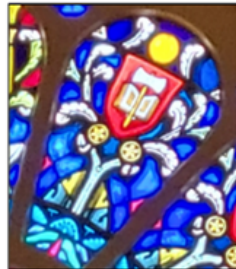
An invisible rabbit, a sanitarium, and a comedy of errors. Harvey is packed with laughs, farcical bits, and a subtle look into human behavior and society.
Adults- \$19.00 Seniors- \$17.00 Child/Students- \$14.00
Please call 706.278.4796 for more information and to purchase tickets.

VEHICLE INFO NEEDED!

We need to re-enter vehicle info, so please give our Office Manager, Susan, your name, license plate number, make, model, and color for all cars!

Sunday parking will be FREE so that visitors can be welcome.

The parking lot behind the church is FREE until 1:00pm.



THE ROSE WINDOW

There is more to know about the Rose Window than you think there is. Join us on January 28th at 9:45am as we begin to unlock the mysteries hidden in the Rose Window.

Life of the Church Class • Elmore Room

“A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**HATE
CANNOT
DRIVE OUT
HATE, ONLY
LOVE
CAN DO THAT**

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Racial Justice Sunday

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 14, 2024

11:00AM



Second Presbyterian Church 700 Pine St., Chattanooga, TN 37402
Phone: 423.266.2828 Email: office@secondpreschatt.org

Pastor: Rev. Cathy Meyer * Office Manager: Susan Vance
Director of Music: Dr. Kevin Ford * Organist/Accompanist: Jonathan Jung
Maintenance Sexton: Andrew Wilson * Sound Tech: Anne Marie Ford
Security Sexton: Hayden Perry
Seminary Intern: Susan Fennema



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—JANUARY 14, 2024—RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

CENTERING MUSIC

So God created humankind in God's image...Genesis 1: 27

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cathy Meyer

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you are here! If you are a visitor, please fill out the yellow Visitor Card in the pew and place it in an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to listen for the Spirit, in word, in song, in this space. You are safe here, settle in with expectation.

CHORAL PRELUDE

Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?

Kyle Pederson

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Caged Bird"

Maya Angelou

A free bird leaps on the back of the wind and floats downstream till the current ends and dips his wing in the orange sun rays and dares to claim the sky.

The free bird thinks of another breeze, and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees, and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn, and he names the sky his own.

But a bird that stalks down his narrow cage can seldom see through his bars of rage his wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream his wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings with a fearful trill of things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom.

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HYMN #816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, on this Racial Justice Sunday we confess that the sin of racial hatred and prejudice distorts your divine plan for our human lives. You created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful. In every person, every race is your image. But too often we fail to recognize your image in all: forgive us. Open our hearts to *desire* good over evil; and strengthen our wills to *choose* good over evil, so that we may create among us your beloved community.

SILENT IS KEPT

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rick Rushworth

After the time for young disciples, children through Kindergarten may be dismissed for childcare upstairs.

ANTHEM

I Dream A World

Andre J. Thomas

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 102:1-13

Rick Rushworth

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to you.
² Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call.
³ For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.
⁴ My heart is stricken and withered like grass; I am too wasted to eat my bread.
⁵ Because of my loud groaning, my bones cling to my skin.
⁶ I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like a little owl of the waste places.
⁷ I lie awake; I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.
⁸ All day long my enemies taunt me; those

who deride me use my name for a curse.
⁹ Indeed, I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink,
¹⁰ because of your indignation and anger, for you have lifted me up and thrown me aside.
¹¹ My days are like a lengthening shadow; I wither away like grass.
¹² But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; your name endures to all generations.
¹³ You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favor it; the appointed time has come.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26-31

Rev. Cathy Meyer

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."
²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the

air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."
²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.
³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food."
And it was so.
³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

HYMN #834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

SERMON

"Words of Inspired Leadership"

Rev. Cathy Meyer

From letters and speeches of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Confession of Belhar, September 1986

We believe

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Great God over us all, destroy prejudice and racism that turns us against one another. We hear the insults hurled against others and hurled against You also, because you created everyone in Your own image. Teach us that we are all children of your love, whether we are black or red or white or yellow. Encourage us to live together, loving one another in peace, so that some day a golden race of people may lead the world, giving praise to Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

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.

HYMN #354

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro

J.S. Bach