

Security Phone Number: 423-777-0620

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

Sunday Worship

January 7

Baptism of the Lord
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Matthew 3: 13-17

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 7—13

PW MORNING CIRCLE

Monday, 10:30am

2ND DINING OUT

Monday, 6:00pm
Portofino's Greek & Italian Restaurant
6511 Ringgold Rd.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

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

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 2:00pm

TAI CHI

Wednesday, 9:30am

STAFF MEETING

Wednesday, 4:00pm

2ND ACTS

Wednesday, 4:30pm

PW EVENING CIRCLE

Wednesday, 6:00pm

SECOND HANDS

Thursday, 10:00am

2ND STEPS

Friday, 9:30am

MEDITATION & MINI TENNIS!!

Silent Meditation

Saturday, 9:30am

Mini Tennis

Saturday, 10:00am

CHURCH PARKING LOT!

Our parking lot management company will now be BrightBase. It will be necessary to compile a new list of our vehicle information. 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.

We have also requested that staff and choir park in the lot behind the church on Sundays to free up more space closer to our entrance. BrightBase is making that lot available until 1:00pm. We will also get new signs and new lights for our lot.

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.

2ND STEPS

WOMEN'S WALKING GROUP

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Friday, January 12th, 9:30am

We will meet in church parking lot and walk to the Aquarium, have coffee, and then return back to the church.



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 7, 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



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—JANUARY 7, 2024

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome seminary intern and friend, Susan Fennema!

CENTERING MUSIC

...worship the Lord in holy splendor...and in his temple all say, "Glory!" Psalm 29

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 INTROIT

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

PRELUDE

Morning Prayer

J. Jongen

CALL TO WORSHIP

God spoke the creative Word into the formless void.

The cosmos cries, "Glory!"

From the wilderness, God brought forth new life and liberation. The plants and animals that inhabit the wild places cry, "Glory!" A messenger in the wilderness brings good news.

God's people cry, "Glory!"

In baptism, we are united to God through Jesus Christ.

With all of creation, we cry "Glory!"

HYMN #150

As With Gladness Men of Old

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God, we cannot look at our lives, our communities, or the world around us without seeing the fractures and brokenness that reflect the reality of sin. You created the earth and called it good, but it now groans. You created humanity in your image, and called us very good, but we have ignored the image of God in each other. We have created and maintained unjust systems based on race, gender, sexuality, ethnicity and more. We continue to make our own path, follow our own desires, and neglect to love others as Christ loves us. Lord, have mercy. Rend the heavens. Re-create us now. Amen.

SILENT IS KEPT

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marylynn Morrison

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

ANTHEM

Gathered in God's Presence

Hovland

See Insert

SCRIPTURE

29:1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice

SCRIPTURE

1:4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to

SERMON

"Breaking Through"

Rev. Cathy Meyer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give God thanks. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of new beginnings, as we turn the calendar page to a fresh, new year, we long to erase and leave behind the brokenness of the year behind us. We pray for all that we wish to erase: Wars, genocide, Senseless gun violence, Climate change, Inequalities of wealth, The erosion of democracy, Cultural, social, political, and familial divides, Economic despair, Hunger for food, Thirst for clean water, Addiction, and more. Rend the heavens, we pray! We pray for all those burdened with failing health and strained relationships. Send your Holy Spirit of comfort and peace! We follow you, gracious God, reminded that the waters of baptism unite us to you, to each other, and to our Lord Jesus, 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 #482

Baptized in Water

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Adagio

F. Mendelssohn

OFFERING PLATES AND HEARING DEVICES ARE LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

GIANT PRINT BIBLES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

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