

Ways to Get Involved

Lenten Preaching Series

THE ART OF FORGIVENESS / SUNDAYS IN LENT

Forgiveness is a hallmark of the Christian life – God forgives us and, in turn, we are called to forgive one another. But what does forgiveness entail? How do we do it and how do we receive it? Does everyone receive forgiveness – should everyone receive it? These questions and more will be explored in the Season of Lent at Second Presbyterian Church.



FEB 18 (1st Sun of Lent): *What is Forgiveness?* Romans 12:9-21

FEB 25 *Forgiveness is Hard!* John 8:1-11

MAR 3 *How Do We Apologize?* Leviticus 16

MAR 10 *What Do You Do with an Apology?* Genesis 50:15-21

MAR 17 *Journey of Forgiving* Matthew 18:21-22

MAR 24 PALM SUNDAY *What Forgiving Does for the World!* Luke 19:28-40 and Luke 23:34

MAR 31 EASTER SUNDAY *God Forgives You – Go Enjoy It!* John 3:16 and John 20

Second Hall Sunday School

SUN 9:50AM / FEB 18 & 25

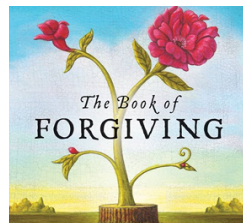
Join us on Sundays for *Rethinking Church: Our Good Future Beyond More Things To Do* led by Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane. Rev. Kane is keenly interested in how the church today can rest in the Holy Spirit for both comfort and encouragement to meaningful, natural action. Author Andy Root is a professor of Youth and Family ministry and teaches courses on theology, ministry, youth ministry and culture, whose latest works focus on issues surrounding the intersection of faith and our secular age - particularly the book *When Church Stops Working*. Rev. Kane uses this thoughtful reframing of our “current church crisis” to stop the endless cycle of doing more and rather to simply “be” in God’s presence. Experience affirmation, encouragement, and empowerment from Rev. Kane and authors Root and Bertrand.



Lenten Lecture Series

WED 6PM FEB 21 & 28, MAR 6 & 13

Join us Wednesdays in Lent for *The Hard Work and How-to of Forgiveness*. It might be easy to forgive the little things, but have you ever wondered how you could possibly move forward in a relationship after the pain of betrayal, injury, or the breaking of trust with another person? Join us after a catered dinner for a brief discussion of the work of authors Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho in *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World*. This guide will lead us step-by-step through effective exercises that bring us towards the joy and freedom of forgiveness. Learn to tell the story of what happened, name the hurt, and offer forgiveness by finding a different way forward in renewing or releasing a relationship.



Intergenerational Dinner

WED FEB 21 5:30PM IN THE GREAT HALL

Join us for our Intergenerational Dinner followed by short lecture in Second Hall at 6pm, releasing by 6:30pm for those in choir. Childcare and children's programming available through W.A.C.K.Y. (Wednesday At Church for Kids and Youth). To RSVP for dinner, use the QR code or call the church office.



Ongoing Adult Education Classes

SUNDAYS AT 9:50AM

Connections Class for adults focused on careers, family, and relationships, uses current events and *The Wired Word* to discuss faith and real life in room 62.

The Bible Study Class meets on Zoom and in the Library at 9:30am focused on studying *The Present Word: The Winter Uniform Series*; curriculum is available digitally or printed free of charge.

Spiritual Nourishment is reading *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott in the Heritage Room or online Sundays at 9:30am.

The Seeking More Light Class meets in room 67 and is returning to their discussion of *Lost and Found: Reflections on Grief, Gratitude, and Happiness*.

Monday Morning Bible Study

FIRST & THIRD MONDAYS AT 9:30AM

Our next class on February 19 will be lectio divina and deep study on the Book of Revelation! Co-taught by Rev. Mainard O'Connell, Rev. Lowry and Rev. Kane, we will use a hand-picked packet of current articles, sermons, and scholarship to lead us through this important and imaginative text. The Book of Revelation is a fundamentally political text that aims to help us answer the question "how do we live as Christians in a broken world?" Parse the invaluable historical and pastoral context needed to understand the fullness of the text beyond the media's shallow idea of incendiary prophecy. We typically meet in Second Hall at 9:30am, but this time we will gather in Room 60.

Presbyterian Women

FEBRUARY 2024

We will be studying lesson six: "A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus". **Anna Circle** will meet Sun, Feb 18, 4:30pm in the home of Beth Sigler, 5908 S Country Club. **Together in Service** will be Tues, Feb 20, 9:30am at Ferncliff (carpool available from the church at 9:15am). The **Coordinating Team** will meet Tues, Feb 27, 1pm in the church library. **Huldah Circle** will meet Wed, Feb 28, 11am at Presbyterian Village.

Men's Group Ministry

TUESDAY MORNINGS FROM 7-8AM AT MGM IN SECOND HALL

If you like to laugh, hear a good word from God, talk about the upcoming preaching scripture with Rev. Ben and a great group of men, join us on Tuesdays in Second Hall – in person or on Zoom. For more information, contact Vic Fleming (judgevic@gmail.com) or Vernon Markham (vmarkh3@gmail.com) for further details.

Cheeses with Jesus

TUES FEB 28

We are a dynamic community, bridging the gap between 'young adulthood' and retirement with grace and zeal. Our doors swing wide to welcome newcomers seeking spiritual enlightenment and treasured long-time members alike. On Tuesday, February 28, we will meet at Diane Karlson's home (Email Justin for the address). We will begin a new study: *Six Themes in the Bible Everyone Should Know* by Barry A. Ensign-George and Eva Stimson. Contact Catherine Allsbury or Justin Villines if you want to join us: villinesjustin@gmail.com.

Environmental Stewardship Offering Vegan/Vegetarian Lunch

TODAY SUN FEB 18 AFTER THE 11AM SERVICE IN THE GREAT HALL

Today, after the 11am service, our church's Environmental Stewardship ministry invites our congregation to share in a Vegan/Vegetarian Meal together in the Great Hall. The Environmental Stewardship Ministry is offering foods based mostly on plants for two reasons: They have the nutrition our bodies need to be healthy and strong, and they also greatly decrease the burden of agricultural pollution on our environment. Recipes will be provided for participants to take home. We invite adults and children of all ages to join us for this meal. We are suggesting a \$5 donation for adults to help cover the costs. For more information, please contact Lindy Vogado at lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org.



2024 Stewardship

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY

We'd like to thank everyone for their faithful generosity in supporting our 2024 Stewardship emphasis. Your giving helps to support the ongoing mission and ministry impact of Second Presbyterian for this church family, our community, and for mission partners across the world.

Children & Family Ministry Update

UPDATE & WHAT'S AHEAD

Third Grader Bibles The Third Graders will receive their bibles during worship in the 11am service on February 25. We will have lunch following the service. Scan the QR code to RSVP for lunch.



Praying Together Kindergarteners will work on their Praying Together Milestone during Sunday School on March 10.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30. Wrapped "every kind of nut" free candy and plastic egg donations are being accepted on Sunday mornings in the narthex.

The Spring Family Retreat will be held at Ferncliff, April 12-13. Contact Maggie Kirchner for more information (501) 352.3245.

Second Presbyterian Youth (SPY)

LIGHT THE NIGHT / SUN FEB 25 6-8PM

In response to America's Teen Mental Health Crisis, the Youth Ministry feels called to sponsor an event that raises awareness while also breaking down the stigma associated with mental illnesses. Make sure to mark your calendars for this unique and important speaker event. We have invited representatives from NAMI and local therapist to speak to us. A few Youth and Young Adults will anonymously share their courage while navigating mental illnesses in adolescence.

SPY Spring Retreat

FRI MAR 8 9AM-4PM

All Youth are invited to hang in the trees like a monkey during our super fun Spring Retreat at Adventure Works High Rope Course.



Weekly Youth Activities

Youth Group Sundays 5:30-8pm

Sunday School Sundays 9:50-10:50am

High School Small Group Wednesday 7-8pm

Lent WACKY MS Wed 5:30-7pm

Email Elizabeth Cahoon, elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org for more information.

Young Adult Ministry

THURSDAYS FROM 7-9PM

Join us for the following Young Adult weekly gatherings:

First Thursdays Bible Study at the Youth Building

Second Thursdays Supper Club at the Youth Building

Third Thursdays Game Night at various locations

Fourth Thursdays Trivia Night at American Pie Pizza

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