



# SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are a joyful community of faith called to proclaim the Christian gospel in worship and education, to love one another, and to witness to Jesus Christ through prayer, compassion, and justice in our broken and fearful world. As children of God, we live not on our own, but by God's saving grace.

September 18, 2016  
11:00 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING PRAYER

Townes Haley

PRELUDE                   Meditation on "Laudate Dominum"

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, we gather in your presence  
with praise and thanksgiving!

**We come in song and in celebration.**

We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

**We come as those who have received blessing  
upon blessing.**

We hear the cry of the poor in the land,  
and ache to offer them relief.

**We come to bring them blessing upon blessing,  
in Jesus' name.**

O God, we gather in your presence  
with praise and thanksgiving!

**We come in song and celebration.**

❖ HYMN 550

"Give Praise to the Lord"

LAUDATE DOMINUM

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

**O God,**

**your call for justice is so clear that we are amazed at how easily  
we fail to hear you over the commotion of daily life.**

**We want to cease to do what is unjust.**

**We want to learn to do what is right and good.**

**We want to serve only one true God.**

**Yet we rarely do all we can to rescue, defend, and plead for those in need.**

**We are often distracted by other masters.**

**As you have sought us out,  
so we seek your pardon.**

**Grant us the courage, wisdom and energy, we pray,**

as persons, as communities, and as nations  
to bring about the justice you desire. Amen.  
(silence)  
Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### ❖ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Chandra Allen

*All sing:* Little children, come unto me.  
Little children, come unto me.  
You are made in God's image, so perfectly.  
Little children, come unto me.

*Children ages 3 - 2nd grade may depart after this time to attend Children's Worship. Visitors, please escort your child(ren) and fill out a guest form.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Louise McCullough

#### COMMISSIONING OF CHOIR

##### Presentation

Let us recognize those who have responded to the call of God to the ministry of music in our church. Singing, playing instruments and directing ensembles are ministries of Christ among us.  
**In grateful appreciation for the gifts of these ministries,  
we offer our loyal support and our prayers.**

##### Covenant Questions and Promises

As a leader of music that lifts praise to God, do you joyfully and willingly offer your skills and training, devotion and sensitivity to this ministry?  
**I do, by the grace of God.**

Will you honor those with whom you make music, and in faithfulness to Christ, offer your best for the glory of God?  
**I will, God being my helper.**

May the faith expressed by your music live in your heart. And may what you believe in your heart show forth in your life. And may God give you grace to offer your music and your life in faithfulness and consecration, now, and in the world to come.

As a congregation, will you support these choirs with your encouragement and your prayers, as together we seek to call upon and praise God?  
**We will, God being our helper. May God give us all grace to offer our music and our lives in faithful service, thanksgiving and praise.**

Let us pray: O Lord our God, bless these ministers of music who offer their talents in your service. Grant them love for you and for all your people. May their music inspire us all to give glory to your holy name.  
**Amen.**

Anthem

"The Giver of Gifts"  
Adult Choir and Young Singers

Afred Fedak

Creator of our world and worlds that yet may be,  
A song you gave the stars; a roar you gave the sea;  
All things their inner music raise, in carols of unending praise!

In your own image formed, we share your joy in sound;  
We fashion psalms and hymns to voice our faith profound;  
Our music now in joy we lift to praise the Giver with the gift.

With swelling organ voice; with strings and flute and horn;  
Deep floods of wordless praise from welling souls are born.  
Our brimming hearts take up the song: All love and praise to you belong!

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 8:4-7

#### GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:1-13

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

Trice Gibbons

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chris and Mary Sue Moore

#### MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

❖ HYMN 709

“God, We Honor You”

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNs

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

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

*Prayer continues to 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.**

#### DEDICATION OF LIFE

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“How Can I Keep From Singing”  
Greg Gunther, Melissa DuPuy

Lowry

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Christ, all people here below;  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
 Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

## ❖ Affirmation of Faith

Except from "A Brief Statement of Faith,"  
*Book of Confessions*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**We trust in God...**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
 and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
 male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community...  
 God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation...**

**We trust in Jesus,  
 fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
 preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
 teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
 eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel...**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
 and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the  
 Church...**

**Amen.**

## ❖ HYMN 641

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

ENGELBERG

## ❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and fugue in c minor, BWV 549

J. S. Bach

## ❖ Please rise in body or spirit.

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*Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those sitting next to you.*

*The nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education wing.*

*Prayer request cards, located in the pew rack, can be filled out and placed in  
 the offering plate to share with the pastors and/or prayer group.*

**Today we welcome Trice Gibbons to the pulpit!** A member of Second Presbyterian since 1989, Trice hails from New Orleans, graduated from Rhodes College, received the Master of Health Administration degree from Washington University School of Medicine and received the Master of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt University. He served as national Co-Moderator of More Light Presbyterians from 2006-2010. Trice currently serves as a ruling elder on Second's session. He and his partner Paul, live in West Nashville with their "children:" Fletcher-the-dog and Otis-the-cat. As Marketing Manager for Abingdon Press, Trice combines his many years of corporate marketing experience with his theological education.

**Welcome visitors!** Should you be looking for a church home and people with whom to join in commitment to Jesus Christ, we invite you into the life and ministry of this congregation. If you would like to join or have questions, please contact Rev. McCullough ([marylouise@secondpresbyterian.org](mailto:marylouise@secondpresbyterian.org), 292-3343).

**Hearing-assisted devices and large-print bulletins** are available in the narthex. If you wish to use a hearing-assisted device, please check one out with one of the ushers and return it after the service.

**To join our email list,** put your email address in the attendance pad with “join email list.” Find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram at username 2PCNashville.

**Second Presbyterian welcomes you** to join us in our journey of faith, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnic background, mental or physical abilities.

**Our thanks to:**

**Townes Haley** for serving as liturgist; **Burkley and Newton Allen, Lesa Blackwell, Camille and Ron McNutt** for serving as ushers; **Tania Carter** for serving as elder of the day.

**This Week at Second**

Today	9:30 a.m.	Adult Education Hour/Children's Sunday School
Today	11:00 a.m.	One Worship Service/Commissioning of Choir
Today	4:00 p.m.	Festival Singers
Today	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Strength Training
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Strength Training
Wednesday	6:45 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Women's Weekly Hike at Radnor Lake/West Parking
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Strength Training
Next Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Worship
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Adult Education Hour/Children's Sunday School
Next Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Next Sunday	11:00 a.m.	MOSAIC Youth Worship
Next Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Festival Singers
Next Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Young Singers
Next Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

**Prayer Vigil, October 1.** In preparation for our celebratory day on Sunday, October 2 when many members of Trinity Presbyterian Church will join Second at our 11 a.m. worship service, we invite you to be in prayer for them as they say goodbye to the church they have loved and start a new time with us. You are invited to come to the Prayer Room at Second to pray together at 5 p.m. on October 1, as the Trinity folks gather in our sanctuary for an evening service of healing. If you come, you are invited to join them halfway through their service as they turn their hearts to the future with us. It will be a heartfelt, sacred journey together and we can all join in prayer by setting aside time between 5 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, wherever you are, to thank God for these new friends, seek peace for them in this transition, and ask for guidance for all of us as we go forward. We will welcome them with joy the next morning at 11!

**Invitation to Worship at Nueva Vida.** We are invited to worship with our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters at Presbyteriana Iglesia Nueva Vida located at 416 E. Thompson Lane on Sundays. Service starts at 12:30pm with a potluck lunch after. Today is the congregation's third anniversary! Congratulations!

**2PC Newsletter.** The October/November newsletter will be in digital format and emailed to all to our current subscribers. If you prefer a mailed copy of the newsletter, please notify the office ([nicole@secondpresbyterian.net](mailto:nicole@secondpresbyterian.net)) by September 26. In addition, if you do not currently subscribe to our newsletters and would like to, please let us know!

**Sign up for the All Church Retreat!** Everyone is invited to join in the church fall retreat at Dubose Conference Center on October 22-23. Look for sign-ups today or in your email inbox. This is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual refreshment, intergenerational fellowship, communing with nature and just plain fun. This year's retreat will feature John Bell, a world renowned musician from Glasgow and Iona, whose calling card is the revitalization and edifying of singing in the church. His work has tones of Celtic music, but is its own gorgeous creation. John Bell is a Church of Scotland minister, a member of the Iona Community, a broadcaster, and a former student activist. After serving in several churches as pastor and youth minister, he joined the Wild Goose Resource Group in the areas of music and worship. He is a past convener of the Church of Scotland's Panel on Worship and also convened the Committee to revise the *Church Hymnary*. In 1987 he wrote *The Summons*. We will be staying in Dubose's lodging facilities and meals will be provided. Cabins and suites are available but limited. Our youth and their leaders will stay in a large three-room cabin with bunk beds and a main room with heat! It is also possible to reserve a room in an accessible, private motel less than 3 minutes away by car in Monteagle, such as the Smokehouse Inn or Super 8, and to join in meals at DuBose at the retreat meal price. We do need to know your desire for meals in order to reserve them. Dubose is located in Monteagle, TN, just down Highway 41. Nearby is South Cumberland State Recreation Area, which includes many hiking trails and overlooks, including Sewanee Natural Bridge, Fiery Gizzard Trail, Foster Falls, Savage Gulf, Stone Door, Greeter Falls and Grundy Lakes. If you would like to help with the retreat, please contact Burkley Allen at [burkley.allen@gmail.com](mailto:burkley.allen@gmail.com).

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Jim Hardaway**, whose mother is recovering from a recent heart procedure; **St. Clair Blue**, whose mom, **Anne Brooks Dasher**, died recently; **Mark Myers**, whose mother, **Willie Mae**, died recently; **Stacy Rector**, whose cousin **Riley** died recently; prayers of gratitude for the life of **Susan Richardson**, Anne Richardson's aunt; **Doris Farley**, who is at Somerfield; **Doug Murray** and **David Lyle** as they grieve the loss of David's mother, **Mary Frances Lyle**; **Kat Howell's father**, who has pneumonia; **Anne Henderson** and **Jim Womack** in the death of Anne's mother, **Betty Henderson**; **Pearle Buchanan**; **Linda Hostettler's niece Devan**, joy for healing and reunification with family; **Phyllis Jones' cousins Spencer, Amanda and Sam Hodnett**, as they seek continued treatment for Sam's brain cancer (4 years old); **Ron Hostettler's mother**; **Margaret Blair**, who lost her sister **Mary Ellen Ceely**; **Phil Phy**, whose mother is in hospice; **Megan Godbey's father**; **Melissa Du Puy's niece**; **Lynda Miller's aunt Eunice**, who continues to deal with heart issues; **Roger Conner's niece**; **Brenda Weeks' brother Ron**; **Jerry Weeks' aunt Willa Mae**; **Henry Bedford**.

*To add or remove a name on the prayer list,  
please call or email a staff member.*

**Rev. Dr. Mary Louise McCullough** Pastor

**Rev. C. Nolan Huizenga** Associate Pastor

**Jeanette MacCallum** Director of Music Ministry

**Douglas Murray** Organist and Accompanist

**Rev. Ben Saunders** Director of Youth Ministry

**Chandra Allen** Director of Children's Ministry

**Nicole Gagliano** Administrator

**Kathy Culp** Administrative Assistant

**Jessica Brown** Property Assistant

**Rev. Annie McClure** Parish Associate

## Fun, Food, Fellowship, Friends – the perfect recipe!

We're busy putting together the @Table Groups for fall startup on October 1st!!

This year we are doing something new! We're putting together an 'Alternate Group' for those who cannot commit to a regular group.

If you wish to be an alternate, please fill out the form or send an email to [attable@secondpresbyterian.org](mailto:attable@secondpresbyterian.org).

If you want to be included in a regular group, but missed the sign-up, please contact us by email.

Carole and Linda are available on Sundays to answer your questions.



Please tear off the @Table sign-up form and place in the offering plate or give to Carole or Linda.

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I/we \_\_\_\_\_ are interested in belonging to an @Table 'Alternate Group'.  
*(Alternates can sign up any time throughout the year)*

*(Established groups are encouraged to invite alternates when other members are unable to attend the event.)*

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Carole Kenner / Linda Hostettler

## Fall Adult Education

### Today in the Activity Center:

David A. Weintraub will facilitate a two-part class on his book *Religions and Extraterrestrial Life* (2014). David is a professor of astronomy at Vanderbilt University. He has studied carefully the potential impact of the discovery of planets around other stars on religion. He will discuss how astronomers will make future discoveries indicating the existence of myriad life forms. His class will explore the impact of extraterrestrial life on the religious teachings of liberal Protestantism, of Roman Catholicism, of Evangelical Christianity, of Judaism, of Islam, or of other major faith traditions.

**Today in the Session Room:** The Lectionary Bible Study will be led by Randy Smith, scriptures will be Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

### September 25 - October 16 in the Activity Center:

Choon-Leong Seow is going to lead a series of four classes on his award-winning book about Job 1-21. Leong is a renowned scholar of the Hebrew Bible with a deep understanding of Near Eastern languages and civilizations. These classes will discuss Job in literature as well as theology.

### October 30 - November 6 in the Activity Center:

Jim Hudnut-Beumler will lead a two-part discussion about the response of the Protestant faith during times of social and political divisiveness. Jim is a professor at the Vanderbilt Divinity School and the former dean.

**November 20-November 27 in the Activity Center:** Mike Hodge of NOAH will lead two classes on NOAH, Nashville Organized for Action and Hope, an interfaith organization for social justice and advocacy. The program will discuss the missions and major three objectives of NOAH.

**Lectionary Bible study classes will meet each Sunday in the Session Room** except during Choon-Leong Seow's course about Job 1-21. This Bible study uses the Sunday lectionary scriptures that are also utilized for worship here and in other churches. The class welcomes all who may be interested. Bibles are provided, or bring your own as we seek to hear the Word of God speaking through its historical context, and for us today.

\*There will be no Adult Education classes on October 23 (Fall Retreat) or November 13 (Stewardship Breakfast).

# **Second Presbyterian Church Exhibition**

## **Last Call to Artists**

**Exhibition Theme:** Building Community

**Who may submit:** Anyone who is a member of Second Presbyterian Church or participates in the life of Second may submit images.

**What:** Artwork of any 2-D medium and no larger than 60"x 60." Selected artwork must be framed (or ready for installation) with secure hanging devices.

**Submission:** Up to **five digital images** may be submitted for consideration to [ARTWORK2PC@gmail.com](mailto:ARTWORK2PC@gmail.com). Entry email must include artist's name, title of artwork, date, medium, and finished dimensions (Height x Width x Depth) for each work submitted.

**When:** Digital images must be received by end of day on **September 18, 2016**. Each image file should be saved with artist's name.

**When:** Exhibition will be in the Second Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Artworks will be reviewed and selected by the Arts Committee and notification will be sent to the artist.

**Other details:** Artists will be asked to deliver the artwork to the fellowship hall on Saturday, September 25 for installation. If this is not possible, other arrangements may be made with Margo Owen.

**Questions:** Anne Henderson, [ahpampa419@gmail.com](mailto:ahpampa419@gmail.com) or Margo Owen, [mowen@comcast.net](mailto:mowen@comcast.net).

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Interfaith Council of Vanderbilt, Islamic Center of Nashville,  
Metro Human Relations Commission, Sherith Israel &  
Sri Ganesha Hindu Temple*

***Invite You to Enjoy Our***

# A Caravan Tour of Places of Worship

*An Intimate View of Nashville's Diverse Community of Religions*

Sunday, September 25, 1:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.



**Experience the Hospitality of Different Faith Traditions  
Listen to Clergy and Members from the Muslim, Jewish,  
Christian, Buddhist & Hindu Faiths Share Their Stories  
Learn about the Basic Tenets of Each Faith Tradition as well as  
Teachings on Love & Compassion!**

## **Schedule:**

- 1:00 - 1:30 Reception & Appetizers at the Islamic Center of Nashville  
(**2515 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.**)
- 1:30 - 2:15 Islamic Center of Nashville  
**(Islam: Rashed Fakhruddin)**
- 2:30 - 3:30 Second Presbyterian Church  
**(Christianity: A panel of Christian denominations)**
- 3:45 - 4:30 Sherith Israel  
**(Judaism: Rabbi Saul Strosberg)**
- 4:45 - 5:45 Sri Ganesha Temple  
**(Hinduism: Radha Babu-Reddy & Buddhism by Nat Brown)**

For more information or to register, please contact  
**Rashed Fakhruddin ([rfakhruddin@gmail.com](mailto:rfakhruddin@gmail.com)) or (615) 480-6146.**