

What's First

at
Second Presbyterian Church
April 2025

Our Vision

*As members of Second Presbyterian Church,
We gather in worship;
We grow in God's Word;
We serve in Jesus' name.*

Session:

Moderator

William C. Seay, Jr.

Clerk of Session

Bettie Guthrie

Class of 2025

Alice Martin

Class of 2026

Carl Guthrie

Beverley Coleman

Class of 2027

Bettie Guthrie

Committees:

Building & Grounds

Carl Guthrie

Finance/Stewardship

Beverley Coleman

Office & Personnel

Garland Harrison

Outreach

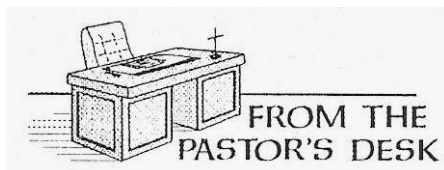
Elizabeth Schoeb

Carole Ellis

Kimberly Jones

Worship/Education

Alice Martin



"We Are The World," a song to raise money to fight the Ethiopian famine, was recorded during this season back in 1985. It was written by two African

American music greats-Lionel Richie and the late Michael Jackson. The recording was produced by another distinguished African American composer, Quincy Jones, who also conducted the All-Star crew of Pop, R&B, and Country artists in their singing of the song under the group name, "USA For Africa."

The song was inspired by the recent success of a similar British-Irish project called "Band Aid." This artist collaboration had just produced the Christmas, 1984 single, "Do They Know It's Christmas?" for Ethiopia's famine relief as well.

The leading USA For Africa lyric reminds us:
"We Are The World. We Are The Children. We Are The Ones Who Make A Brighter Day. So Let's Start Giving!"

Amen! These are, in fact, our Savior's reflected Words of Love. Jesus himself reminds us that we are "The Salt of The Earth," in Matthew 5:13. It is the Power of God's Love that we allow to grow within us as well as flow from our hearts that heals a broken world and truly "makes a brighter day."

The Ethiopian Famine was very much ended by funds from both song recordings as well as from "Live Aid," another All-Star concert held simultaneously in London and Philadelphia in the Summer of 1985. Yet the World still hurts. The World Still Needs Love! Let us therefore ask the Lord each day to use us in spreading that "Rich as Salt," Love within us: The Love of God!

We Are The World! We Are The Kingdom!

"I Can Do All Things In Christ Who Strengthens Me."
(Philippians 4:13).

William C. Seay, Jr., CRE Pastor



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Alice Martin, Moderator

The **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** are on a MISSION! Actually, we are on LOTS of MISSIONS!!

Susan Lobaugh, PW Service Coordinator, took **13** bags of food to Downtown Churches United Hope Center.



Gloria Summers took **35** large bags of **COOKIES** that **you**, our wonderful congregation, donated to the Petersburg Fire Dept. to help show our appreciation for their good work in our community.

WOW! Were they ever happy!!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN APRIL MISSION PROJECT: Gloria Summers

April 30: Hospice Care “Chemo Caddies” are care packages given to cancer patients. This year we will focus on items just for adults. Needed items are: neck scarves, lap blankets, bandanas, head coverings, chap stick, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, word puzzle books, colored pencils, adult coloring books, inspirational books, Kleenex, bottled water. We will fill reusable totes with these items and take them to a local cancer center. Please put your items in the basket in the back hall. All these things will help patients undergoing cancer treatments be more comfortable and relaxed.

WORSHIP/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Alice Martin, Chair.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

**The Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service
will be held in McIlwaine Hall**

April 17 at 5:00 p.m.

(Please note change in time.)

Mark your calendars now for this special service.

MEMORIAL LILIES



Lilies will be used to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Call the church office by **Friday, April 11** to notify Becky of your memorial listing. Please have your lilies at the church by **10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 18.**



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Easter April 20, 2025

“You Shall Be Called Repairers of the Breach.” (Isaiah 58)

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This offering provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Each gift helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs. (Helping victims of floods, earthquakes, fires, droughts, wars, revolutions, etc.)

We will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on **Easter Sunday, April 20**. Envelopes will be available in the bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion Will Be Celebrated
Sunday, April 6, 11:30 a.m.**

OUTREACH

Elizabeth Schoeb, Carole Ellis & Kimberly Jones

PRAY FOR:

Church Family and Friends - Keith and Kay Snavely, Ethel Peterson, Dorothy Riggan, Liz & Jack Schoeb, Bill and Mona Ellis, Liam Clegg (Carl and Bettie Guthrie's grandson), Michelle (Liam's donor), Eva (Becky Lancaster's niece)

World and Community - Those still recovering from hurricanes and fires, our first responders, world peace.

“Let all that you do be done in love.” I Corinthians 16:14

DCU Suggestions - Jam or jelly, canned meat or fish, condiments, canned fruit.

Blessing Box Suggestions - SOCKS, (men, women and youth). They are the most needed/requested. Snacks (fruit snacks, chips, applesauce), tea bags.

Throughout the year a member of our morning circle, Jazzie Earnest has made many beautiful items, shawls, lap robes, hats, etc. Recently the hats were donated to VCU Children's Hospital. Thanks, Jazzie, for sharing your talent and gifts for others to enjoy.



FINANCE COMMITTEE: Beverley Coleman Chair.

FEBRUARY 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

	February	Year to Date
Income	\$ 7,342.00	\$ 50,342.50
Expenditures	\$14,450.67	\$ 28,409.61
Net Loss/Gain	\$ 7,108.67	\$ 21,932.89



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: Bettie Guthrie, Clerk of Session **Stated Session Meeting March 2, 2025**

Stated Session Meeting:

Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting January 26, 2025; Ratified the Electronic Vote of February 8, 2025.

Received the January Treasurer's report.

Electronic Vote:

Approve Katherine Jackson as pulpit supply for Sunday, February 9, 2025 because CRE Pastor William is not available.

THANK YOU

Dear Second Church Family,

I do not know how to begin thanking so many of you for all you did on Sunday. The reception was wonderful with the array of delicious food. I am trying to keep the lovely flowers perfect for taking them to our new home the end of this week. In my wildest dreams did I think I was to receive such an honor for the PW Honorary Life Membership. For once, I was at a loss for words! It is true that I enjoy taking care of people and giving advice when needed. It was wonderful having my family with me on that special day. Many thanks to everyone who made the day so special.

With love to all my church family,
Liz Schoeb

BIRTHDAYS

April

1 Robin Hines
7 Gloria Summers
Davidina Tutwiler
9 Jean F. Gill
10 Gabriella R. Pemberton



17 Shannon Groux Pemberton
18 Carole Ellis
23 Alice Kropp

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 April 2025		1 10:30 Morning Circle	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 11:30 Worship	7	8	9	10	11 Memorial Lilies: Deadline for names in the Bulletin	12
13 Palm Sunday 11:30 Worship	14	15	16 12 noon “What’s First” Deadline for May Newsletter	17 5:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service	18 10:00 Lillies Delivered	19
20 Easter Sunday 11:30 Worship	21 Church Office Closed Easter Holiday	22	23	24	25 10:30 PWCT Meeting	26
27 11:30 Worship 12:45 Session	28	29	30 			

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Address Service Requested

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13- Begin Holy Week with Worship.
11:30 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17
5:00 p.m. McIlwaine Hall

Good Friday, April 18
10:00 a.m. Lilies delivered to the church to decorate sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 20 - We continue celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.
11:30 a.m. Worship Service
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received
Reminder: Bring fresh flowers for cross at the front of sanctuary.

