

What's First

at
Second Presbyterian Church
April 2026

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 2026

Carl Guthrie

Beverly Coleman

Class of 2027

Bettie Guthrie

Committees:

Building & Grounds

Carl Guthrie

Finance/Stewardship

Office & Personnel

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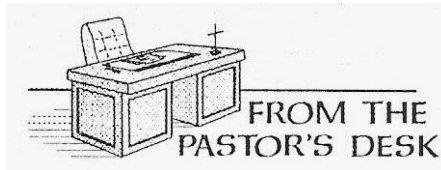
Outreach

Carole Ellis

Kimberly Jones

Worship/Education

Alice Martin



John Jakes was an American author who died in 2023. He was the American author well known for his bestselling novel series: "The Kent Family

Chronicles." The volumes were written nearly simultaneously in the mid 1970's to honor America's Bicentennial in 1976. Jakes, in fact, was the first and only author to have three New York Times bestsellers at once, each from the Kent series.

The stories told of a young, half English Frenchman who immigrated to Boston to find family shortly before the American Revolution. His success was as a printing entrepreneur as well as of the many struggles and victories of his American descendants over the next century. The enduring themes were family love and support as well as endurance and determination during hardship. The Kents never ceased to express their beliefs in each other's talents and abilities to succeed against the odds - no matter their frailties. They succeeded each time as they were each other's strength.

Let us remember this Lenten Season that we are all a part of the "Christ Chronicles" which last forever. The more we share God's Grace and Love with others - never giving up on each other as God and Jesus never do on us, the more our Heavenly Family Chronicle continues. The Kingdom will never stop growing the more we continue to Love, Forgive, and Heal each other and ourselves in Jesus's Name.

Hallelujah!

"No matter our circumstances, we are all citizens of God's Kingdom and forever Members of His Family."(Ephesians 2:19).

William C. Seay, Jr. CRE Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion Will Be Celebrated
Easter Sunday, April 5, 11:30 a.m.**



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 **10** bags of food to Downtown Churches United Hope Center.



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

WOW! Were they ever happy!!

WORSHIP/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Alice Martin, Chair.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service
will be held in McIlwaine Hall
April 2 at 5:00 p.m.
(Please note change in time.)
Mark your calendars now for this special service

FINANCE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

	January	Year to Date
Income	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 1,405.00
Expenditures	\$14,974.03	\$ 14,974.03
Net Loss	\$13,569.03	\$ 13,569.03



FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

	February	Year to Date
Income	\$31,725.00	\$ 33,130.00
Expenditures	\$25,673.09	\$ 40,647.12
Gain/Net Loss	6,051.91	-\$ 7,517.12





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Easter April 5, 2026

**“What does the Lord require of you?”
...to do justice and to love kindness and to walk
humbly with God.” Micah 6:8**

LENT

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 5**. Envelopes will be available in the bulletin.

OUTREACH

Carole Ellis & Kimberly Jones

PRAY FOR:

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Keith Snavely, Wayne Tucker, Bill and Mona Ellis, Brandy Martin, Eva (Becky's Niece), Thelma Kirkland, Jack Schoeb, Liam Clegg (Guthrie's grandson), Amy Rush, Whitney Palmore, family of Dorothy Riggan, Susan Crew, Bonnie Snyder, Neal Plocek.

WORLD AND COMMUNITY: An end to violence in our schools and communities. Believers in Christ who are persecuted because of their faith.

Did you know? Second Presbyterian Church was one of 10 churches that contributed \$1,000 in 1982 to help build Gillhaven Manor, affordable housing apartments for seniors located on Farmer St. in Petersburg. Alice Kropp has been our representative since 1995. Thank you Alice!

“If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.”-unknown

SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR BLESSING BOX: Easy-open canned meats, crackers, fruit cups, cookies.

MEMORIAL LILIES



Lilies will be used to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Call the church office by **Friday, March 27** to notify Becky of your memorial listing. Please have your lilies at the church by **10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 3**.

THANK YOU

Dear Second Church,

Thanks so much for all of the cards and condolences received after Mom's passing. They meant so much to all of us. She lived with us for about 15 years. That was where she slept and ate her meals. But Second Church was her home and every member was her family.

Thanks again,
The Dorothy Riggan Family

Dear Second Church Family,

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to my church family for the wonderful recognition of my 40 years as Administrative Assistant at Second Presbyterian Church. The reception, the beautiful flowers, the thoughtful gifts, and the kind tributes from so many dear friends meant more to me than words can fully express.

Serving this church for the past forty years has truly been a blessing. I am deeply grateful for the friendships, encouragement, and support I have received along the way. Second Presbyterian has always been much more than a workplace to me—it has been a family.

Thank you for making the celebration so special and for the many memories we share. Your kindness and generosity touched my heart, and I will always cherish being part of this wonderful church community.

Love,
Becky Lancaster

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
 <h1>April 2026</h1>			1	2 5:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service	3 10:00 Lillies Delivered	
5 Easter Sunday Communion Sunday 11:30 Worship One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received	6 Church Office Closed Easter Holiday	7 10:30 Morning Circle	8	9	10	11
12 11:30 Worship	13	14	15 12 noon “What’s First” Deadline for May Newsletter	16	17	18
19 11:30 Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 11:30 Worship	27 10:30 PWCT Meeting	28	29	30 		

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Address Service Requested

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 29- Begin Holy Week with Worship.
11:30 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2
5:00 p.m. McIlwaine Hall

Good Friday, April 3
10:00 a.m. Lilies delivered to the church to decorate sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 5 - We continue celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.
11:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received

Reminder: Bring fresh flowers for cross at the front of sanctuary.

