

Second's Summer Celebration

June 2017-August 2017

Second Presbyterian Church

We are . . .

a family of Christians,

called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit,

TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE,

to care for one another,

AND TO SERVE JESUS CHRIST

in our community and throughout the world.

We are a family, called to reach out in so many kinds of ways. Some of what we do is celebrate our calling, our mission, and our service.

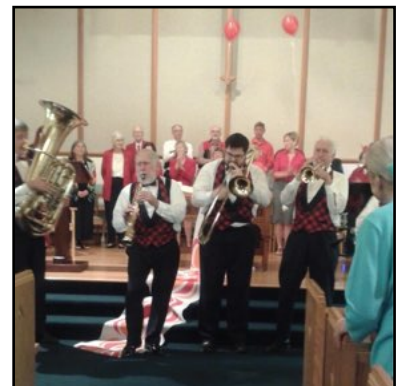
Our summer is framed between two big events. It begins on June 4 with Pentecost, as the Tomcats Toe Tappin' Dixieland Band joins us for a Dixieland worship service. And then it ends with Rally Day, on September 10, as we join together for a meal, fun music, and a celebration as we enter into a new year. This summer please join us in worship, as we focus first on controversial stories in the book of Genesis, and then on unusual parables from Jesus, as he describes banquets and celebrations. But also be engaged in the life of the church outside of worship. There are many opportunities this summer to be part of all different kinds of special events, discipleship activities, feasts, and service in the life of this congregation. We have many reasons to celebrate! Join us as we both give thanks to God and reach out to others.

Please join us for a meaningful summer!
Craig, Catherine, Isaac, and Katie

THE TOMCATS TOE TAPPIN' DIXIELAND BRASS AND PENTECOST ON JUNE 4!

Pentecost is one of the few Christian holidays that Hallmark seems to ignore. Join us on June 4, as we reflect on what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Tomcats Toe Tappin' Dixieland Band will add to the spirit, by playing Dixieland music for our festive celebration of Pentecost.

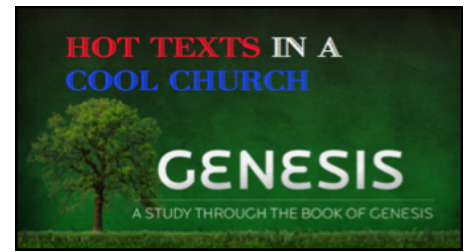
Pentecost is described as "the birthday of the church." It is the day when we remember the power of the Holy Spirit as it shaped the first disciples and their mission. Acts 2 says that a mighty wind entered the room where the disciples gathered, and "tongues of fire" came among those present. In remembering the tongues of fire, the color red is associated with this day in the life of the church. On this Sunday, everyone is invited to wear red to worship to celebrate the tongues of fire burning with the good news. Red ties, red hats, red tuxedos, red shoes, . . . it does not matter. Please join us in worship as we remember the power of the Holy Spirit—in scripture, words, color, and music!



June 4 "The Young Shall See Visions, The Old Shall Dream Dreams" Acts 2:1-21

HOT TEXTS IN A COOL CHURCH: THE CONTROVERSIAL BEGINNING OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS

A talking serpent, a rapid-fire creation, inappropriate angels, Ham acting in a non-kosher manner, the first murder, and a missing rib. Genesis wakes us up. The first book in the Bible not only contains many puzzling passages, but it also has been used to justify slavery, discourage the use of epidurals, and shape how we understand the world. How can we grow in new ways by reading these old texts? Bring a friend and join us this summer as we enter a different time, so that we can see more clearly who we are called to be today.



- June 11 **“Off to a Big Bang: Creation in the Beginning”** (Gen. 1:1-5, 1:20-2:3)
- June 18 **“Made in the Image of God”** (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:4-7, 18-25)
- June 25 **“A Forbidden Apple, a Talking Serpent, and a Fall”** (Genesis 3:1-19)
- July 2 **“When Sin Lurks at the Door: Cain and Murder”** (Genesis 4:1-15)
- July 9 **“The Flood and the End of All Flesh”** (Genesis 6:1-13)
- July 16 **“When Ham Goes Bad: Noah After the Flood”** (Genesis 9:20-28)
- July 23 **“Let us Make for Ourselves a Name’: Beyond Pride”** (Genesis 11:1-9)



MUSIC IN A DIFFERENT NOTE

July 30 is a special Sunday including favorite music, name that hymn, snack bags, and more. AND . . . a VERY SPECIAL EVENT following worship!!

THE HIDDEN LESSONS OF BIBLICAL BANQUETS

There are only two birthday parties in the Bible, with one being Pharaoh’s and the other being Herod’s, but at the end of each, people end up being dead. In the New Testament, however, whenever Jesus describes banquets, deep lessons are being taught. Join us as we dig deep at the banquet tables described by Jesus.

- August 6 **“When Water Does Not Purify and When Wedding Guests are Drunk”** (John 2:1-10)
- August 13 **“Receiving Unexpected Invitations”** (Matthew 22:1-14)
- August 20 **“Inviting the Unusual Suspects”** (Luke 14:12-24)
- August 27 **“Choosing the Right Seats”** (Luke 14:7-11)
- September 3 **“Deserving a Party”** (Luke 15:11-32)



CHILDREN, YOUTH, TEENS. . . AND A POOL PARTY



Please be ready to come to a variety of events throughout the summer! Baseball, softball, food after worship, caroling, games after worship, and a number of other spontaneous events. And please put on your calendar the following . . . a *Despicable Me 3* outing on July 2, and a pool party following worship on July 30 (Thank you, Marie Finch!).

Also please be ready to join the children of Park Place Child Life Center, as they visit Fort Monroe on the morning of Saturday, July 8, and the Norfolk Botanical Garden, on Saturday, August 12.

RALLY DAY!!!!

“Rally Day,” traditionally the first Sunday after Labor Day, signifies the end of summer, as we rally back to the church from vacations and camps to dedicate our lives together. On Sunday, September 10, please dress casually and come prepared for a fun and engaging time!

This year worship starts at 11:00 on Sunday morning. Be ready for fun and unusual music, lots of activity and involvement.

(Note that the Nursery will be open at 10:30, and that Sunday School will begin the following week, on September 17).

After worship, everyone is invited to join in a delicious potluck meal. The church will be providing beverages, chicken and BBQ. **BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE.** After you’ve finished a great meal with good friends, you can enjoy **Kona ice, volleyball, an inflatable moon bounce, and an obstacle course.** Please dress casually! Come prepared to have fun!

This is a very special celebration for our church family. If you have friends or relatives that might be interested in joining you, **INVITE THEM TO COME ALONG!** We look forward to seeing you on Rally Day!

IRON CHEF SPC COMPETITION JUNE 25: APPLES/FIGS

The television show “Iron Chef” started in Japan. Last year, chocolate was the featured ingredient for this fun competition. Bacon was the ingredient the year before.

Historically, Christians and Jews have said that the forbidden fruit from the garden of Eden was either apples or figs. Recognizing that these fruits are no longer forbidden, this year the featured ingredient for our iron chef competition is either apples or figs.

Please incorporate either of these fruits in an appetizer, main course, or dessert. Experiment!

During Fellowship Hour we will vote for, and determine, who our three “Iron Chefs” will be. Please be creative, have fun, and join us!



THE CHRISTMAS TREE . . . MEANS FORKIDS CAMPERS NEED YOUR HELP

When you see the tree at the beginning of July, please remember that there are several ForKids kids who are going camping for the very first time, and they need your help with different supplies. Please take a tag off of the tree, and support a camper!





WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

All women are invited to join together at 6PM to relax, dine, and share in conversation and prayer concerns.

- June 26—Baker's Crust—21st St., in Ghent
- July 24—Tides game (an all-church gathering/evening; bring a friend; we need reservations by the week before)
- August 28—456 Fish—downtown Norfolk, Granby St., near the federal courthouse

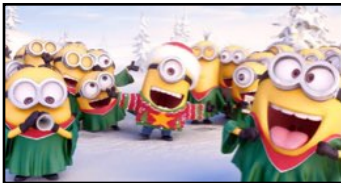


MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

Come on out at 6PM to share a meal, conversation, and an opportunity to grow.

- June 19—Jessy's Taco Bistro
- July 24—Tides game (an all-church gathering/evening; bring a friend; we need reservations by the week before)
- August 21—Freemason Abbey

SUMMER "CAROLING" (July 12, a Wednesday evening dinner & event)



Why limit caroling to Christmastime? Join us on **Wednesday, July 12**, as we eat together from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., and then go forth from the church to sing hymns with some folks who will both appreciate and enjoy that!

**SUMMER LOVIN' WITH SONG OF SOLOMON:
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (June 25, July 2, July 9)**

Adult Sunday School. For adults? The Song of Songs almost was not included in the Bible, because of its subject matter. It refers to God only once. There is no mention of sin, religion, or the Mosaic law. And nobody in the New Testament quotes it. However, the Song of Solomon is attention-grabbing, about relationships, and about our faith life. Please join us each of these three Sundays from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. to study a fascinating book.



SUMMER POTLUCK AND FAITH TALK

All are invited to bring a light dish to share (salad, dessert, or . . . anything), and to come out for fellowship, food, and some faith-filled conversation and discussion.

- June 17 [6:00PM]: At Craig and Nancy's (on "Deepening Relationships")
- July 15 [6:00PM]: At Catherine and Chuck's (on "Energizing Your Faith Life")
- August 12 [6:00PM]: At Katie and Scott's (on "Finding Deeper Meaning in Prayer")



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME . . .

SOFTBALL, POPCORN, AND OUR TEAM (June 9)

On Friday, June 9, come to Fairlawn (1014 Kempsville Road) to see our church softball team play a double-header. The first game is at 6:30, and the second at 7:30. Come for both, come for one, or come just for popcorn, M&M's, and cold water! Please support our softball team almost ANY Friday evening (see the church calendar)!

SECOND AND TIDES BASEBALL (July 24)

Courtesy of Larry Hull and Paul West, you are invited to join with men, women, and children from Second at a Tides game at Harbor Park starting at 7:05PM. Please RSVP to Katie White or Larry Hull by Monday, July 17. Join us in root, root, rooting for the home team!



SECOND, THE CHRYSLER MUSEUM, DR. ERIC MAZUR, AND BASEBALL (July 29)



At the Chrysler Museum, on Saturday, July 29 at 10:30 a.m., Dr. Eric Mazur, an expert on baseball, religion, and faith will join Pastor Craig, in presenting on religion and baseball. Second has a private room for today. Please enter the Chrysler Museum, and then meet in the Education Workshop (you will be guided there), where we will meet at 10:30 sharp. After the 35-40 talk, please join us for a special Chrysler exhibit: *Having a Ball: George Sosnak's Striking Portraits from America's Pastime* will be on view July 6–Aug. 27.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS ON BASEBALL AND FAITH

For those of you interested in baseball and religion, the following books may well be worth your time!
 -Hugh Poland's *Steal Away: Devotions for Baseball Fans*
 -John Sexton's *Baseball as a Road to God: Seeing Beyond the Game*

PRAYING FOR A NEW YEAR: BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

This summer we begin a new/old tradition. The third Sunday of each month we will be sharing birthday and anniversary blessings with those whose special dates fall during that month. We celebrate God's gift of life and relationship, we re-dedicate ourselves to God, and we pray to grow in wisdom, grace, and strength. Please join us!

CELL PHONES AND FAITH: HOW SMART PHONES ARE CHANGING US (August 16, a Wednesday evening dinner & event)

We will eat together from 5:45 to 6:30, Pastor Craig will briefly present on Tony Reinke's fascinating book *12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You*, and then all of us will share in a broader discussion. If you have a smart phone or cell phone, please bring it for some fun experiments!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SERVICE THIS SUMMER!!!

This summer please volunteer, so that we can keep our ministries vibrant. Here are some of our needs!



Attend worship and join in our programs — We are the body of Christ. We are strengthened in important ways by each other. Make time for worship, service, and fellowship.

Sign up to provide food for the fellowship hour — It is an important part of our ministry. Feel free to sign up with a friend or a number of other people. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

Keep individual church members and our congregation in your prayers — Pray for the Spirit to strengthen, energize, and equip us, so that we let God use us as agents of grace and redemption.

Please pray for each of our mission partners. In particular, **FIN (the Faith Inclusion Network)** covets prayers as it transitions into an organization that can support staff. Pray for **Jenn West**, our missionary in the Netherlands, as she faces the challenge of finding new housing, of transitioning leadership for international student ministry, and of reaching Muslims in the Netherlands and throughout Europe. **St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries** seeks prayer for the men and women that rely on shelter for temporary or ongoing relief. Prayer is especially needed for the 18 clients in three next step houses that are challenged to graduate to employment and permanent housing in six months.

Serve or Cook Food — The Park Place Soup Kitchen needs volunteers on the Second Friday and Saturday of every month: please write down June 9-10, July 7-8, and August 11-12 on your calendar. Volunteers to cook or serve food are always harder to find in the summer but the demand doesn't lessen.

Help with Elementary School Children (both at SPC and PPCLC) — The Park Place Child Life Center always can use volunteers to help with Saturday programming. We particularly need volunteers for our accompanying Park Place Child Life Center children to the Sentara Nursing Home on June 10, Ft. Monroe on July 8, and to the Norfolk Botanical Garden on August 12.

Buy camping supplies — The children we are supporting through ForKids will need supplies to go camping (this will be promoted in early July).

Volunteer with the Holy Trinity Food Pantry — A volunteer meeting is scheduled for June 7 at 11:30 AM (in the food pantry location in the former Holy Trinity School building on Government Avenue in Ocean View). Anyone interested in volunteering at the food pantry is invited to attend this meeting. The pantry is open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 3 PM.

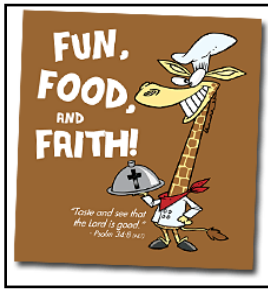
If you have construction skills, help for Saint Columba — at its Lafayette Boulevard office and shelter— is most needed, as follows:

- rear addition power washing and wood decay repair, prior to painting;
- staff restroom ceiling sheet rock repair;
- security technology feasibility;
- wireless feasibility for staff and clients;
- clothes closet rack improvements;
- ramp straightening;
- metalwork painting; and
- men's restroom vanity replacement.

Any of the above could be a good weekend project for a combination of skilled and unskilled volunteers. Friday is a great day to work at Saint Columba, as the shelter is closed.

FAITHFUL FOOD IN FELLOWSHIP (AFTER WORSHIP)

(There is food and fellowship every Sunday after worship, but here are some special Sundays!)



June 18 **65 Years of Marriage**

(Join Tex and Freeda Badkins in the Fellowship Hall, as we enjoy a tasty reception, and celebrate 65 years of marriage!)

June 25 **Iron Chef Competition**

(Please incorporate apples or figs in an appetizer, main course, or dessert. See the Iron Chef article in this newsletter.)

July 9 **Smoked Biscuit Food Truck (and Potluck)**

(Please bring a salad or dessert for a potluck. Experience Ginny Morgan's Smoked Biscuit Food Truck and enjoy such food as smoked pork, buttermilk biscuits, smoked chicken & grits, or smoked vegetables with quinoa.)



July 30 **Music and Food Bags**

(We sing in worship. We eat in worship. Join us for a peculiar morning of snacking and singing.)



August 13 **Sundae Sunday!**

(I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream.)

August 27 **Watermelon, Watermelon!**

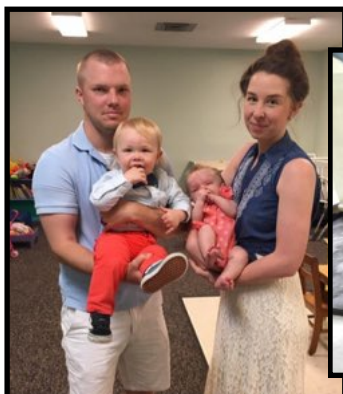
(Watermelon. We will eat it! Not during worship, but afterwards!)

September 10 **Rally Day Potluck Luncheon**

(Please bring a vegetable, a side, a salad, or a dessert; the main dish will be provided)

A 30 YEAR CELEBRATION AND A FOOD TRUCK IN OUR PARKING LOT

On July 9, Pastor Craig will be celebrating the 30th year anniversary of his ordination. He invites you all to a presentation in worship, and then he wants to treat you to a special meal, immediately after worship. Ginny Morgan's Smoked Biscuit Food Truck will share such food as smoked pork, buttermilk biscuits, smoked chicken & grits, or smoked vegetables with quinoa. HOWEVER, if you could bring a salad or dessert (to give the event a potluck feel), that would be wonderful. Hope that you can be there!



There is definitely a place for YOU at Second Presbyterian!

SPECIAL EVENTS

JUNE

- June 2, Friday - SPC Softball game at Northside [8:30PM/9:30PM]
June 4, Sunday - Pentecost Sunday with Dixieland Brass [11:00AM]
June 7, Wednesday - Volunteer Meeting at The Holy Trinity Food Pantry [11:30AM]
June 8, Thursday - Last Handbells Practice [6:30PM]
June 9, Friday - Making Sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen [12:00PM]
June 9, Friday - Take me Out to the Ballgame at Fairlawn [6:30PM/7:30PM]
June 10, Saturday - Second Saturday at PPCLC, PPUMC, & SPC [9:00AM]
June 10, Saturday - PPCLC trip to Sentara Nursing Home [12:00PM]
June 16, Friday - SPC Softball Games at Tarrallton [8:30PM/9:30PM]
June 17, Saturday - Summer Potluck & Faith Talk at Pastor Craig's House [6:00PM]
June 18, Sunday - "65 Years of Marriage" Celebration after worship [12:15PM]
June 19, Monday - Men's Evening Fellowship at Jessy's Taco Bistro [6:00PM]
June 25, Sunday - Song of Solomon Adult Sunday School [9:45AM]
June 25, Sunday - Iron Chef [12:15PM]
June 26, Monday - Women's Evening Fellowship at Baker's Crust [6:00PM]
June 28, Wednesday - Last Choir Practice [7:30PM]

June Birthdays

- June 2 Corinne Todd
June 4 Bob Crouch
June 5 Carolyn Clark
June 8 Joe Morgan
June 13 Dave Horner
June 14 Bev Graeber
June 16 Eloise Bull & Walt Shear
June 20 Eric Wang
June 23 Cindy Etter
June 25 Jane Bashara
June 29 Katie White
June 30 Spencer Tinkham

JULY

- July 2, Sunday - Song of Solomon Adult Sunday School [9:45AM]
July 2, Sunday - Despicable Me 3 Youth Movie [TBD]
July 7, Friday - Making Sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen [12:00PM]
July 8, Saturday - Second Saturday at PPCLC, PPUMC, & SPC [9:00AM]
July 8, Saturday- PPCLC trip to Fort Monroe [10:00AM]
July 9, Sunday - Song of Solomon Adult Sunday School [9:45AM]
July 9, Sunday - Pastor Craig's 30th Year Ordination Anniversary, The Smoked Biscuit Food Truck, & Potluck [12:15PM]
July 12, Wednesday- Dinner & Summer Caroling [5:45PM]
July 15, Saturday- Summer Potluck & Faith Talk at Rev. Catherine's House [6:00PM]
July 24, Monday- Tides Game at Harbor Park [7:05PM]
July 29, Saturday- Baseball & Religion at The Chrysler Museum [10:30AM]
July 30, Sunday- "Music in a Different Note" during Worship [11:00AM]
July 30, Sunday- Youth Pool Party at Marie Finch's House [12:30PM]

July Birthdays

- July 1 Will Sawyer & Priscilla Wroton
July 3 Alden Monroe & Marvin Wingfield
July 4 Peggy Troyer
July 6 Vickie Libbey & Vivian Young
July 8 Hart Monroe
July 20 Heather Hoff
July 21 Bob Rose
July 24 Sara Wingfield
July 28 Robert Finch
July 29 Denise Tinkham
July 30 Ben Seidl & Aleene Rose
July 31 Ann Gibson

AUGUST

- August 11, Friday- Making Sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen [12:00PM]
August 12, Saturday- Second Saturday at PPCLC, PPUMC, & SPC [9:00AM]
August 12, Saturday- PPCLC trip to Norfolk Botanical Gardens [10:00AM]
August 12, Saturday - Summer Potluck & Faith Talk at Katie & Scott's House [6:00PM]
August 13, Sunday - Sunday Sundaes! [12:15PM]
August 16, Wednesday - Cell Phones & Faith: Wednesday Night R&R [5:45PM]
August 21, Monday - Men's Evening Fellowship at Freemason Abbey [6:00PM]
August 27, Sunday - Watermelon, Watermelon! [12:15PM]
August 28, Monday - Women's Evening Fellowship at 456 Fish [6:00PM]

August Birthdays

- August 5 Craig Wansink
August 8 Joesph Courtois
August 11 Lynn Franklin
August 12 Lucas Todd
August 13 Teddy Wansink
August 16 Charlie Terry
August 20 Whitley Monroe
August 23 Sally Hull & Rich Voter
August 27 Tom Baragona

SEPTEMBER

- September 10, Sunday - Rally Day with Potluck [12:15PM]

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