

Second Life

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

EASTER SUNDAY: BREAKFAST, AN EASTER EGG HUNT, AND A CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION — Sunday, April 1

For many years, the men of the church have prepared breakfast for our congregation on Easter morning. This year, the delicious tradition continues! There will be no Sunday School on Easter morning. All are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:45 AM. Join us for quiche, pancakes, and more.

During worship we will celebrate the resurrection in new ways as we reflect on our last of the seven deadly sins, pride, while we look over what many say is the oldest hymn in Christianity, the words that the apostle Paul quotes in Philippians 2:5-11.

After worship, Philip and the youth will hide Easter eggs in the sanctuary and all children through 5th grade are invited to be part of an Easter egg hunt celebration, as they both hunt eggs and learn about the Spirit in their own lives.



AFTER JESUS DIED: YOUR JOURNEY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

After Jesus was crucified, his followers—through the Holy Spirit—were called to a new way of life. Seven case studies from the Book of Acts show us not only how those followers responded, but also how we are pointed to a journey and mission beyond Jerusalem and our own lives.

Apr. 8 **"Why Do You Look Toward Heaven?": Moving in Mission** (Acts 1:1-11)

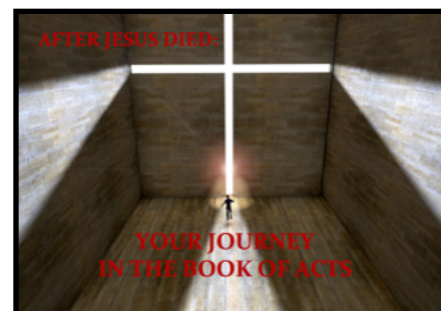
Apr. 15 **"Everything Held in Common": Trusting in God** (Acts 4:32-5:11)

Apr. 22 **"Here I am, Lord!": Unlikely Instruments for God** (Acts 9:1-20)

Apr. 29 **"Called to Break the Law"** (Acts 10:1-21)

May 6 **"Moving Beyond an Unknown God"** (Acts 17:22-31)

May 13 **"Teaching with All Boldness and without Hindrance"** (Acts 28:17-31)



APRIL SPRING CLEANUP

We need your help on Saturday morning, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. for the annual Spring Cleanup. We have needs on the playground, in the plant beds, and outside of the church and on the grounds. We have needs in the kitchen and throughout the building. We have needs in the sanctuary and the inside of the church. There are many opportunities to serve your church family AND to get to know others in a meaningful way! Also, we'll have hot coffee and donuts! Thank you for helping!



FROM THE PASTOR: ON THE ROAD AFTER EASTER



Every year at Christmastime, I'm struck by one verse in particular: Luke 2:20. In that verse, after the shepherds had visited Mary, Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger, they left. Because life had to continue. And sheep still needed to be watched. Luke 2:20 says, "The shepherds returned (to their daily lives), glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."

Sometimes we have amazing insights and experiences in our lives. Sometimes those experiences crack open how we see the world. We get a deeper glimpse of values or purposes or meanings that provide insight into how we should understand the world or how we should live. But then life . . . still goes on.

Each year we celebrate Easter, the greatest story ever told. It is a story of a rescue mission. It is a story of love. A story of sacrifice. A story that reminds us that this world is not all there is. A story that points to God's embrace of us.

We celebrate Easter. And then life goes on.

That is our story, but we are not unique. For the very first Christians, the resurrection happened, and Jesus ascended, but they did not then sit around and wait for something to happen. They had their own mission, part of which is what is described in the Book of Acts.

The Book of Acts, as a kind of travel journey, reminds us both that we always are on a journey and that daily life continues for us after Jesus' resurrection.

This April and May, as our worship takes us into the Book of Acts, my prayer is that each of you reflects on your own spiritual journey. Where is it headed? When has it stalled? What could help you be more intentional about your journey? What are ways you need to grow? As we read the Book of Acts, we will see how the Holy Spirit guides so much of what happens to Christians in this book. Whatever plans you have for yourself, and your own spiritual journey, I pray that you also may be open to the reality that the Holy Spirit has even more meaningful plans in store for you.

With blessings,
Pastor Craig

THANKS TO ALL THE NEST VOLUNTEERS

The people of our congregation share the love of Christ in so many ways. This month, we particularly want to thank those who volunteered to serve with NEST, the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team. Our members cooked, cleaned, stayed through the night, and helped in many other ways as we hosted guests at the Royster Presbyterian facility. Special thanks to Carolyn Clark who coordinated us, who carved out much time from her schedule, and who helped lead us in this mission!



CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURE DAY

On Sunday, April 8 and Sunday, April 15, Dave Ferraro will be in the library after worship taking portraits for the 2018 SPC Directory! You may also submit a picture to Katie White in the office. If you have had any changes to your directory information in the last year and have not notified Katie in the office yet, please submit the changes to her by April 15!

IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Springtime is the fundraising season for Second's three mission partners that serve the people in our community who are living with homelessness. Please join us for the following events that support these mission partners:

- **Saturday, April 14, 6:00PM:** ForKids Children's Art Auction will be held at The Main, 100 E Main Street. See Marie Finch for how to make this black tie event "One in a Million!"
- **Saturday, April 21, 5:00PM:** Saint Columba's Baskets of Love Banquet and Silent Auction will be held at Bayside Presbyterian Church. Complimentary tickets are available from Joe Morgan prior to April 15. Proceeds from the event will be matched up to \$10,000.
- **Tuesday, May 8, TBD:** As part of the Give Local 757 campaign, the annual Park Place Child Life Center Art Show and Raffle will be held at O'Connor Brewing Company. A portion of the evening's proceeds will be contributed to PPCLC. Each donor will receive a complimentary entree from Smoked Biscuit mobile kitchen.
- **Wednesday, May 16, 4:00 to 8:00PM:** Saint Columba night at Panera Bread, 739 W. 21st Street. Fliers are required for this fundraiser. Look for them in the literature rack outside of the fellowship hall. For online orders, use the code FUND.

In addition to regular opportunities posted on the bulletin board outside of the nursery, there are two upcoming events that need our help:

- **Painting at Saint Columba** is being organized for late April or early May. See Alice Allen-Grimes or Joe Morgan for details.
- The second annual **LAUNCH (Learning, Access; Unity, Nutrition, Career and Health) Community Fair** will be held **Saturday, June 2, noon to 5:00 PM at James Monroe Elementary Campus**. Volunteers are needed to stage the gathering of up to 5,000 folks to learn about resources for self improvement. Park Place Child Life Center is a partner with Park Place Empowerment Center (formerly Park Place United Methodist Church) to shine the love of Christ on the Park Place neighborhood.

MEANINGFUL LECTURES IN THE COMMUNITY

All are free and open to the public.

(A Holy Saturday Program) There's Something about Mary . . . and Archangels . . . and Saints: Faith and Culture Behind the Highest Heaven Saturday, March 31, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m., *Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk*

How does culture change the representation of faith? What happened when Spanish and Portuguese colonists brought their faith to the high plains of South America? Why do the Virgin Mary, archangels, and saints play such a large role within this art and why should that matter? Please come to the Chrysler Museum, as they sponsor an exhibit on faith, joining Dr. Craig Wansink and Dr. Mavel Velasco (from Virginia Wesleyan) as they co-explore these questions. Then visit the Chrysler's exhibition, "Highest Heaven: Spanish and Portuguese Colonial Art from the Collection of Roberta and Richard Huber" (March 2 – June 3).

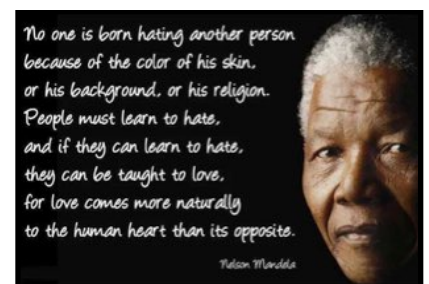


Another View Radio Program Wednesday, April 4, 12 noon to 12:50 p.m., *the Wells Theatre lobby*



Wednesday, April 4, 2018, also is the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. It is a day for reflecting on his legacy and on unfinished business. In anticipation of *Disgraced's* run at the Wells Theatre (April 4-22), please join **Barbara Hamm Lee**, Host of *Another View* Radio Program, and **Dr. Craig Wansink** from 12 noon to 12:50 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, in the Wells Theatre lobby, for a brown-bag discussion highlighting key issues raised by the play: how do we as Americans become more aware of deep tensions and fundamental differences, how do we recognize the ways religion and race shape us, and how do we develop the skills to have more productive conversations and relationships with others? *Free and open to the public. Beverages provided. Isaac Thomas will be playing music as folks gather.*

Are Religious People More Racist? Monday, April 30, 2018, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, *Batten Student Center, Pearce Hospitality Suite at Virginia Wesleyan University*
Eleven o'clock on Sunday morning is said to be the most segregated time in America. It's true that most US churches are racially homogenous, but does it matter that that hour is segregated? In what ways has interpretation of scripture helped to perpetuate racism? How do we look at our faiths self-critically and then find a way to the future? The panel discussing these subjects includes the Honorable Roxie Holder, a ruling elder from our presbytery, along with Rabbi Jeffrey Arnowitz, of Temple Beth El, and Dr. Antipas Harris.





SCHOLA CANTORUM OF VIRGINIA, INC. PRESENTS ITS SPRING CONCERT: "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES OR LESS"

Come hear Schola's auditioned singers serve a feast of favorites from the sands of Africa to the crags of Scotland, from Palestine to the South Pacific, and from Australia to the USA! Grab your passport, and bring family and friends!

Second Presbyterian Church, Norfolk — Saturday, April 21, at 6:30pm

LUNCHEON & BABY SHOWER FOR MEGHAN BERGESS

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 12:00PM - 2:00PM

All women of the church are invited to attend a baby shower luncheon for Meghan Bergess, daughter of Rob and Jen Courtois. The shower will be held in the fellowship hall, and it will be hosted by Marie Finch, Catherine Hart Monroe, Ann Byrd Porter, Sandy Simmermon, and Erin Todd. Meghan is expecting a boy in mid-May, and she is registered at amazon.com. If you have any questions about accessing the registry, please contact Katie in the church office.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS AND PROGRAMS (R&Rs)

Please join us at 5:45 p.m. for a meal from Parish Chef Helen Pribesh (\$5 per person, kids 6 & under FREE), and then for a program.

Wednesday, April 11

APOCRYPHAL ACTS OF PAUL, THOMAS, JOHN, AND THECLA with Craig

Just as the Book of Acts tells us of the apostles' travels throughout the Mediterranean, so a series of other writings tell us even more. These writings are known as the Apocryphal Acts, and although they were not included in the New Testament, they do tell us interesting traditions about Thomas (who looked much like Jesus), Paul (and his unusual death), John (and unusual experiences in inns), and a woman named Thecla (who traveled with Paul). Why were these stories not included in the Bible, and what can they tell us today? That will be our focus this evening.



Wednesday, April 25

GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY with Isaac Thomas

In "God's Story, Our Story" members of the Second family offer personal stories on their faith and life. These talks create meaningful opportunities for greater understanding and connection, encouraging each of us to think about what has shaped us and given our own life meaning.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 -10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

A DEEPER DIVE INTO THE BOOK OF ACTS

Join Marie Finch and Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe as they lead us in an engaging study and discussion of the scripture passages that will be our focus of worship each week. Be a part of this important study as we seek to deepen what we experience in worship.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (5 YEAR OLDS THROUGH 5TH GRADERS) SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30 a.m.)

TRAVELING AND VACATIONING IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Join Pastor Craig and important helpers as we think about how we journey with God. Join us in the large upstairs Sunday School room, each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.!

CHOOSING WELCOME: A CALL TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

It is when we act as hosts to other people that we come face to face with Jesus. It is when we show true Christian hospitality—welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry—that we discover that God is with us in surprising and wonderful ways. This is a critical point because Scripture stresses not only hospitality to people but also hospitality to God. When Abraham serves three mysterious men, he is really serving the Lord. When we show hospitality to strangers, we are really entertaining angels. When we welcome a newcomer, we are actually welcoming Jesus. Hospitality to people is the very same thing as hospitality to God. If you want an authentic experience of God—and I think we all do—then the place to begin is by welcoming strangers.

—from *The Welcoming Congregation: Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality* by Rev. Henry G. Brinton

We are excited to be launching a “welcome campaign” here at Second in the coming weeks. Everyone is invited to join our efforts as we explore what it means to become a more intentionally welcoming community of faith.

Why should you get involved? How can you get involved? We all have different gifts, and we are all called to use these gifts to serve God and one another. Below are some specific ways that you can help us in our efforts to welcome and serve the guests and newcomers in our midst.

Become a part of our Planning Team. If you have an interest in helping us think through our welcome and hospitality efforts, we would love to have you on our planning team!

Become a part of our Guest Services Team. We are looking for warm and friendly people of all ages who would be willing to serve in the following roles:

- As **greeters** who smile easily and project warmth; they are ready to welcome newcomers, answer questions, and point people toward worship, bathrooms, nursery, etc.
- As **ushers** who greet people entering worship, respond to their questions or needs, introduce them to others, and seat them if so desired
- As **shepherds** who invite/escort our guests to fellowship hour, and then introduce them to other people

Become a part of our Assessment Team. We would like to assemble an intergenerational team (to work in conjunction with the Administration Committee) to do an assessment of our building and grounds to evaluate how various spaces in and around the church could be made more attractive and hospitable. This team will look at:

- potential repairs, upgrades, cleanliness
- current use of space
- signage
- accessibility
- lighting
- landscaping

Become a part of our ongoing efforts to serve one another in love...there is a place for everyone at Second! Would you consider:

- **Praying for our church and for our future guests?**
- **Providing food for fellowship hour?**
- **Providing flowers for the sanctuary?**
- **Volunteering for our semi-annual clean-up efforts around the church?**
- **Sewing banners and paraments for worship?**

You are invited to prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve in our welcome and hospitality efforts. Please contact Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe with questions—or to volunteer! 757.287.9897 or revcat@spcnorfolk.org



There is definitely a place for YOU at Second Presbyterian!

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Sunday, April 1 EASTER

Dave Ferraro & Angelo Torre's Birthday
Easter Breakfast - 9:45AM [Fellowship Hall]

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]

Worship with StoweHaven String Quartet - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

Easter Egg Hunt - 12:30PM [SPC]
 SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, April 2

Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, April 3

Roger Phelps' Birthday

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, April 4

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

Another View Radio Program - 12:00PM [Wells Theatre Lobby]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, April 5

Mark Stearns' Birthday

Essentrics Exercise Class - 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Women's Bible Study - 2:00PM [Library]

Friday, April 6

Steven Bull's Birthday

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM [d'Egg]

Saturday, April 7

Roy Graeber's Birthday

Spring SPC Cleanup - 9:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, April 8

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]

Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

Church Directory Picture Day - 12:15PM [Library]

SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, April 9

Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, April 10

Triple S Circle - 10:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

SAA - 12:00PM [Upstairs Classroom]

Wednesday, April 11

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday Night R&R - 5:45PM [Fellowship Hall]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, April 12

Essentrics Exercise Class - 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Women's Bible Study - 2:00PM [Library]

Friday, April 13

Sandwich Making - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM [d'Egg]

Saturday, April 14

Sheila Eley's Birthday

Second Saturday - 9:00AM [PPCLC, SPC, & St. Mary's]

ForKids Children's Art Auction - 6:00PM [The Main]

Sunday, April 15

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]

Worship with Dr. Kosnik - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

Church Directory Picture Day - 12:15PM [Library]

SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, April 16

Men's Evening Fellowship - 6:00PM [Razzo's]

Tuesday, April 17

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Session Meeting - 6:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, April 18

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

SAA - 7:30PM [Library]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, April 19

Suellen White's Birthday

Essentrics Exercise Class - 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Women's Bible Study - 2:00PM [Library]

Friday, April 20

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM [d'Egg]

Saturday, April 21

St. Columba Basket's of Love - 5:00PM [Bayside Presbyterian]

Schola Cantorum - 6:30PM [Sanctuary]

Sunday, April 22

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]

Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, April 23

Women's Evening Fellowship - 6:00PM [Smalls Smokehouse]

Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, April 24

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, April 25

Arlene Baragona's Birthday

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday Night R&R - 5:45PM [Fellowship Hall]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, April 26

Helen Pribesh & Lori Crouch's Birthday

Essentrics Exercise Class - 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Women's Bible Study - 2:00PM [Library]

Friday, April 27

Bill Ruehlmann's Birthday

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM [d'Egg]

Saturday, April 28

Meghan Bergess' Luncheon & Baby Shower - 12:00-2:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Sunday, April 29

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]

Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, April 30

John Sawyer's Birthday

Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

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