

Second Life



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

THE CHALLENGE OF EASTER WEEK: MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND EASTER

The resurrection was so central to Christians that the day of the resurrection—Sunday—soon became the day on which they came to worship each week. Easter is a time of great celebration, but without our recognizing Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the meaning of Easter is dramatically diluted.

Maundy Thursday and Four Trombones (Thursday, April 18, at 6PM)

Please join us for a light dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by worship at 7:00 PM. This brief Maundy Thursday service will include reflective readings that commemorate Jesus's last night. Music will be provided by the Four Trombones, and the service will conclude with The Lord's Supper. All are welcome!

Good Friday: Stones, Shadows, Scripture, Song, and Supplication (Friday, April 19, at 7PM)

The darkness of Good Friday is represented by shadows and by stones. Using shadows and stones, our intergenerational Good Friday service is contemplative, focusing on God's love for us as we read scripture, sing, and pray together. Please join us.



Easter Sunday: a Breakfast, an Easter Egg Hunt, and a Celebration of the Resurrection

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 our famous quiche, pancakes, and more.

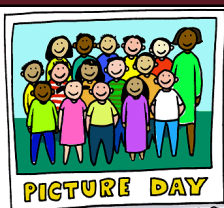
During worship we will celebrate the resurrection in new ways as we reflect on joy, the last of the nine fruit of the spirit and, with joy, we will welcome our confirmation students into the membership of the church. For this Sunday we encourage you to decorate a cross for the Lent Cross Tree (for more information, come to worship, call the office, or visit the table in the hallway on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday).



After worship, Katie and the youth will hide Easter eggs in the sanctuary. 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.

If you never have given yourself over to Holy Week, if you never have attended Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, in addition to Easter services, please do so.

DIRECTORY PORTRAITS



Dave Ferraro will be with us to take directory portraits after worship in the library on Sunday, April 7 & Sunday, April 14! **Starting April 1, please check your directory information on the credenza.**

LENT AT SECOND

LENT WEDNESDAYS: AROUND NORFOLK WITH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

During Lent this year, we are focusing each week on one of the fruits of the spirit as we engage in some unusual activities, a number of them away from the church building. Please join us.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, AROUND NORFOLK AT THE MONROES' HOUSE FROM 5:45-7:15PM:

Taste and See that the Lord is Good: Thinking about Goodness Through an Intergenerational Potluck Dinner

Please plan on arriving between 5:45 and 6:00PM at 960 Jamestown Crescent, for a potluck dinner beginning at 6:00PM. Please bring an appetizer, salad, main course, or dessert, and join us for an evening of fellowship and meaningful reflection together.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 AROUND NORFOLK AT THE BOLD MARINER:

Gentleness—and Beer—in Christian Faith

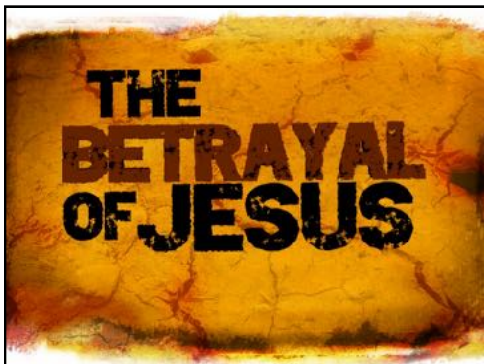
Join us from 6:00 to 7:15PM at the Bold Mariner Brewing Company (just 6 minutes away from the church at 2409 Bowdens Ferry Road; a brewery owned by new member Kerrie Stacks, and her husband Michael). We'll meet in the side room where we will talk, have some light snacks, try new beverages, and—at 6:45—have a 15 minute PowerPoint talk on “Why Beer During Lent was an Important Christian Tradition.”



THEN, INSTEAD OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JOIN US ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18 . . . a meal at 6:00PM, followed by FOUR TROMBONES and a very special Maundy Thursday service. Put it on your calendar now!

FROM THE PASTOR: EASTER, THE BIBLE, AND BETRAYAL

A few years ago I spoke at a church where the members were discussing how to understand the Bible. I particularly appreciated one person's comment when he said that he saw the Bible as “a love story.” Beyond rules, the Bible tells us a story of the God who loves us, the God who took on human form, the God who entered the world as the son of a woman who only was engaged, not yet married, the God who was betrayed, abandoned, and killed in the most degrading and painful way possible.



Maybe if all of this was simply something historical or something that happened in the past, the story would be easier. My favorite preacher, Barbara Brown Taylor, writes that “one way we Christians have avoided seeing our own reflections in the mirror is to pretend that this is a story about Romans and Jews. As long as they remain the villains, then we are off the hook—or so we think. Unfortunately, this is not a story that happened long ago in a land far away.”

She then goes on to share the words of Peter in ways that feel very personal for us today. After Jesus was arrested, Peter was asked if he was with Jesus. His response was the equivalent of “We weren't friends, exactly. Acquaintances might be a better word. Actually, we just worked together. For the same company, I mean. Not together, just near each other. My desk was near his. I really don't know him at all.”

Taylor writes, “A cross and nails are not always necessary. There are a thousand ways to kill him, some of them as obvious as choosing where you will stand when the showdown between the weak and the strong comes along, others of them as subtle as keeping your mouth shut when someone asks you if you know him.”

Each time we tell this story of the last weeks of Jesus' life—we are supposed to tell it with humility, recognizing that if Jesus came today, we might miss the point entirely. We might cheer him one day and crucify him the next. We are invited into the passion story to see ourselves—and to be reminded of our own sin—but we also are invited into the story so that we see the ultimate love story, actually the kind of love story that we don't see in any other religion. A story that shows the depth of God's love . . . one who didn't “take a bullet” for us, but who did take a cross.

With love, Pastor Craig

MUSIC DURING LENT AND EASTER

April 7: Sunday Worship Service with Dr. James Kosnik, organist (11:00 AM)
SPC Choir sings *"It Is Well with My Soul"* arranged by John Helgen

April 18: Maundy Thursday Worship Service with the Four Trombone Quartet
(6:00 PM—dinner); (7:00 PM—worship service)

April 19: Good Friday Worship Service (7:00 PM)
Isaac Thomas, soloist—*"Can You Hear Me?"* by Cindy Morgan

April 14: Palm Sunday Worship Service (11:00 AM)
SPC Choir sings *"Jerusalem, Behold Your King!"* arranged by Lloyd Larson

April 21: Easter Sunday Worship Service with the StoweHaven String Quartet (11:00 AM)
SPC Choir sings Cindy Berry's classic anthem *"At the Name of Jesus"*
Lori Crouch, soloist—*"How Beautiful Are the Feet"* from Händel's *The Messiah*



MISSION AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SPC NEST COORDINATOR FOR 2020:

Thank you to all of the church members that volunteered to support NEST this year. Thank you also to Carolyn Clark for your leadership with the NEST Ministry. The Mission and Outreach Committee is looking for a member interested in leading Second's NEST participation in 2020. If you have interest or questions, you may contact Philip Ndahi, Elisabeth Sawyer, or Rich Voter.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING:

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be held on Palm Sunday (April 14). For 70 years, Presbyterians around the world have joined together in this ecumenical effort to share God's love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry, and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.



ODU GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP VENTURES:

Global Friendship Ventures (GFV) is a Ministry to support international students at ODU and other local colleges. Over 1,200 international students and their families – future national leaders from over 100 nations – come to study at Old Dominion University each year. Global Friendship Ventures welcomes and orients international students to their new surroundings, providing practical assistance with transportation, housing and furnishings and offering community events connecting them with American families.

ODU FRIDAY INTERNATIONAL SUPER AND HOSPITALITY (F.I.S.H.):

F.I.S.H. is a hospitality ministry program organized by ODU Global Friendship Ventures. F.I.S.H. provides dinner and fellowship for international students by organizing Friday night dinners at Crossroads Church with international students.

F.I.S.H. AT HOME: Once a month, instead of meeting at Crossroads Church, F.I.S.H. does "F.I.S.H. at Home" where American families open their homes for international students, visiting scholars, and their families. ODU Global Friendship is looking for host families for **F.I.S.H. at Home**. If you are interested in hosting ODU international students for dinner in your home, you may contact John Klein; 589-2353; email: johnklein1@cox.net; or any member of the Mission and Outreach committee for more details.

THE ST. COLUMBA MINISTRIES BASKETS OF LOVE DINNER AND AUCTION:

This event will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 5PM at Bayside Presbyterian Church, Independence Boulevard, Virginia Beach. Many unique baskets have been donated for you to bid on which will help the homeless. Some examples are: Panhandler Emergency Kit; Museum of the Bible tickets, and Lottery Money Tree. Anyone from Second can receive a complimentary ticket from Joe Morgan.



FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN, & YOUTH

Middle/High Youth Mission: Several Easter Related Projects:



This month the youth are invited to participate in two projects for mission. The first mission project is an SPC tradition where the youth are asked to help stuff eggs prior to Easter and then hide them with Katie on Easter after worship. In the second mission project they are invited to deliver an Easter basket to a homebound member the week before Easter. *They are encouraged to do this with an adult:* either their parent, confirmation mentor, or with Katie White.

Nursery/Elementary Mission: Make an Easter Basket for Homebound Members- Sunday, April 14 at 12:30PM:

All Nursery & Elementary aged disciples are invited to make Easter baskets for our homebound members after worship in the fellowship hall!

Assist with Worship - Sunday, April 21 during worship:

Every third Sunday of the month PWSJC needs 4 volunteers to usher and 1 volunteer to serve as liturgist for worship. Please see Katie White if your child or youth would like to participate in worship in these meaningful ways.



Nursery/Elementary Fellowship: Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 21 at 12:30PM:

All young disciples through 5th grade are invited to the annual SPC Easter Egg Hunt! They will hunt eggs and learn about the Spirit in their own lives. The Easter egg hunt will start at 12:30PM.

Middle/High Fellowship: Cloud9 - Sunday, April 28 at 12:30PM:

The youth are invited to Cloud9 trampoline park in Chesapeake! Please note, you are allowed to bring friends but all must have an SPC permission slip and Cloud9 has their own online liability form. The cost is \$21/person, and an *RSVP is required to Katie by Thursday, April 25.*



AT VIRGINIA WESLEYAN

Thursday, April 4, 7-8 PM, Blocker Hall Auditorium

A One-Hour Double-Feature: Two Stories of Immigration:

'Whosoever saves one life...': The SS Quanza and the Battle Over Jewish Refugees, 1940 & A Look into the Lives of Resettled Refugees in Coastal Virginia



Thursday, April 11, 7-8 PM, Blocker Hall Auditorium

Presumed Guilty: Why We Shouldn't Ask Muslims to Condemn Terrorism

Thursday, April 18, 7-8 PM, Blocker Hall Auditorium

Public Policy and Healing Through Prayer Christian Scientists' Practice in the 21st Century

All events are free and open to the public.



SANCTUARY MOVIE NIGHT



All are invited to join us on Friday, April 5 for a Sanctuary Movie Night!

Dinner will start at 6:00PM with pizza, salad, drinks, & popcorn. The movie will start promptly at 6:30PM.

The movie this month is *The Pilgrim's Progress* based on the book by John Bunyan.

KNOWN BY YOUR FRUIT: LENT SERMON SERIES



When you are pressured or stressed, what do people see? Something life-giving? Something depressing? Something that empowers or motivates others? When we are pressured, what seeps out of our lives sadly is what we fill our lives with. If we rely on ourselves, what comes out is rarely pretty. The apostle Paul says that a spiritually healthy person will be characterized by the fruit of the spirit. Cultivating those nine fruits—and moving beyond unhealthy aspects of our life—is our focus for our Lenten series this year. Join us.

Mar. 31: From Our Selfishness to Goodness (*Psalm 51:1-12; Mark 10:17-22*)

April 7: From Imperviousness to Gentleness (*Proverbs 15:1-4; 1 Peter 3:13-19*)

April 14: PALM SUNDAY—From Stress to Peace (*Psalm 119:165; John 14:25-31; Mark 11:1-10*)

April 19: GOOD FRIDAY—From Fear to Love 9 (*1 Corinthians 13:4-13; John 3:16-21*)

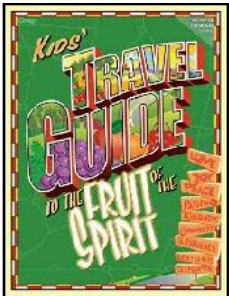
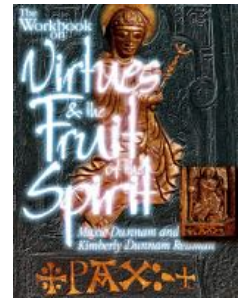
April 21: EASTER—From Sin to Joy (*Isaiah 35:10; Philippians 4:4, 8-9; John 20:11-18*)

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

9:45 -10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, March 31-April 14

The Lent sermon series focuses on the fruit of the spirit and how we are called to grow. Join Marie Finch and Catherine Hart Monroe as they lead a discussion of specific scripture passages that highlight who we can become through the fruit of the spirit. (Maxie Dunnam and Kimberly Dunnam Reisman's *Workbook on the Virtue & the Fruit of the Spirit* will inform the discussions each week. If you are interested, it is available on amazon.com).



KIDS' TRAVEL GUIDE THROUGH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: YOUNG DISCIPLES' SUNDAY SCHOOL (5 YEAR OLDS THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Upstairs Classroom, March 31-April 14

Each Sunday, from March 31 through April 14, join Pastor Craig and important helpers, as we study and experience the nine fruit of the spirit, have a snack, play games, and discover unusual ways in which people pray and understand God in their lives. Join us in the large upstairs Sunday School room, starting at 9:45 a.m.!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER MORNING (April 21)

Please join us for Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall, and then on April 28 the children (upstairs) and the adults (downstairs) will focus on the Psalms and their meaning for us today.

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM CAROLYN CLARK



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made coordinating NEST this year so easy! Whether you brought oranges, art supplies, books, clothes, donated money for McDonald's gift cards, helped with a meal, called to remind volunteers about their commitments, manned the registration desk, or volunteered for the dreaded overnight shifts and early morning breakfasts, I want you to know how grateful I am for every effort!

A special shout out to Joe Morgan for once again volunteering to work every overnight shift since this provides consistency for both our guests and volunteers.

My favorite thing about my Second family is how we pull together as a congregation to help those less fortunate, and we really hit it out of the park this year.

There is no way that anyone person could ever pull this off without the tremendous support from all of you, so again, please accept my sincere gratitude for all you did to come together to serve in Christ's name.

There is definitely a place for YOU at Second Presbyterian!

Monday, April 1
David Ferraro's Birthday
 Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, April 2
 SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, April 3
Roger Phelps' Birthday
 Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]
Potluck at the Monroe's House - 5:45PM
[960 Jamestown Crescent]
 SAA- 7:30PM [Library]
 Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

Thursday, April 4
 VWU Lecture - 7:00PM [Blocker Hall]

Friday, April 5
Mark Stearns' Birthday
 Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM
Sanctuary Movie Night - 6:00PM
[Sanctuary]

Saturday, April 6
Steven Bull's Birthday
 PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]
St. Columba Basket's of Love Dinner & Auction - 5:00PM [Bayside Presbyterian]

Sunday, April 7
Roy Graeber's Birthday
 Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]
 Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]
Worship with Dr. Kosnik - 11:00AM
[Sanctuary]
Directory Portraits - 12:15PM [Library]
 Confirmation Class - 12:30PM [SPC]

Monday, April 8
 Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, April 9
Triple S Circle - 10:30AM [Fellowship Hall]
 SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]
Session Meeting - 5:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, April 10
 Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]
Around Norfolk at The Bold Mariner - 5:45PM [2409 Bowdens Ferry Rd.]
 SAA- 7:30PM [Library]
 Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

Thursday, April 11
 VWU Lecture - 7:00PM [Blocker Hall]

Friday, April 12
 Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM
Sandwich Making - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Saturday, April 13
Second Saturday - 9:00AM [PPCLC, SPC, & St. Mary's]
 PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, April 14 PALM SUNDAY
Sheila Eley's Birthday
 Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]
 Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]
 Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]
"One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering - 11:30PM [Sanctuary]
Directory Portraits - 12:15PM [Library]
Young Disciples Mission Project - 12:30PM [Fellowship Hall]
 Confirmation Class - 12:30PM [SPC]

Monday, April 15
 Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]
Men's Evening Fellowship - 6:00PM [Red Dog Saloon]

Tuesday, April 16
 SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, April 17
 Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]
 SAA- 7:30PM [Library]
 Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

Thursday, April 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY
Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service with the Four Trombones - 6:00PM [Fellowship Hall]
 VWU Lecture - 7:00PM [Blocker Hall]

Friday, April 19 GOOD FRIDAY
Suellen White's Birthday
 Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM
Good Friday Service - 7:00PM [Sanctuary]

Saturday, April 20
 PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, April 21 EASTER
Easter Breakfast - 9:45PM [Fellowship Hall]
 Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]
Easter Worship with StoweHaven String Quartet - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]
Easter Egg Hunt - 12:30PM [SPC]

Monday, April 22
Women's Evening Fellowship - 6:00PM [AW Shucks]
 Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, April 23
 SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, April 24
 Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]
 Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]
 SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, April 25
Arlene Baragona's Birthday

Friday, April 26
Helen Pribesh, Lori Crouch, & Suzanne Heide's Birthday
 Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM

Saturday, April 27
Bill Ruehlmann's Birthday
 PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, April 28
 Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]
 Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]
 Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]
Middle/High Youth Fellowship - 12:30PM [Cloud9 in Chesapeake]

Monday, April 29
 Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, April 30
John Sawyer's Birthday
 SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

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