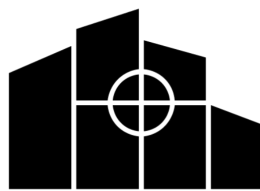
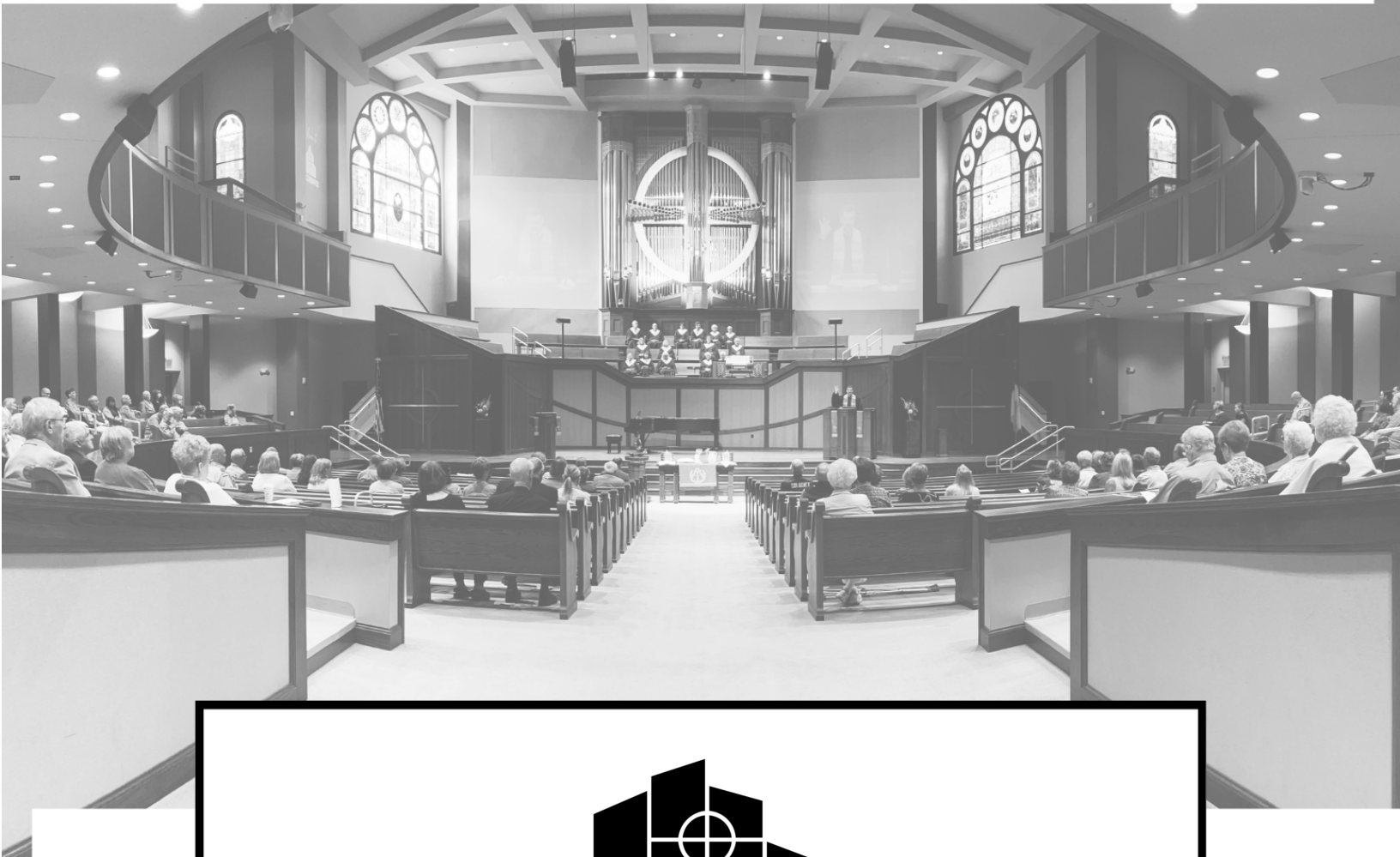


WELCOME TO **SECOND PRES**



Come Again?

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PRELUDE

We Gather Together arr. John Carter

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER

Rev. Trey Haddon

CHORAL INTROIT

Chapel Choir

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

CALL to WORSHIP

Deacon Bryce Jones

adapted from from Psalm 40

Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

**Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.

**If we were to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.**

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Eternal God, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we
forget in the blindness of our hearts: We pray you cleanse us from all our
offenses, and deliver us from our proud thoughts and vain desires. Hum-
ble our hearts and draw us near to you. Share your grace and mercy as our
LORD and refuge.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

This is the good news:

God knows our deepest selves.

God calls us beloved children.

We have been forgiven of all sin!

Thanks be to God, Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

Congregational Singing

No. 579

*PASSING of the PEACE

Jamie Kaiser

*SONG of the DAY

Congregational Singing

To God Be the Glory No. 485

FOUNDATIONS

Jamie Kaiser

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Sara Palmgren

Ephesians 1:3-14 p. 192

WORD IN SONG

Chapel Choir & Dr. Anne McNamara, trumpet

The Armor of God John Ness Beck *see insert*

Congregation is invited to stand and sing when directed

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. B. Elliott Renfroe

Luke 24:1-9 p. 90

MESSAGE

Rev. B. Elliott Renfroe

Come Again?

***HYMN**

Congregational Singing

I Waited Patiently for God *see insert*

OFFERING

Rev. Trey Haddon

Offertory Deep River arr. H.T. Burleigh Brian Tanaka

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

Jamie Kaiser

Apostles' Creed

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Trey Haddon &
Rev. B. Elliott Renfroe

***HYMN**

Congregational Singing

Christ Is Alive! No. 108

BENEDICTION

Rev. B. Elliott Renfroe

POSTLUDE

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

Nun danket alle Gott Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Connect your hearing aids from your phone to our Assistive Listening System for a clearer sounding worship service! Download the Listen Wifi app on your phone or device today, and follow the instructions at the Connection Point.

Bold text spoken together

**Please stand as you are able*

UPCOMING at SECONDPRES

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Today we take part in the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. The day centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. The celebration of Christ looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Christ reigns supreme!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join Rev. B. Elliott Renfroe in F100A as he presents during the ACE hour on the topic of grief. If you are unable to attend, this class will be livestreamed and saved to the Second Pres Youtube page.

LIVE NATIVITY: SAT, DEC 6

Join us again this year for the Live Nativity on Saturday, December 6 from 12-2 p.m. after the Christmas Parade!

We are once again asking for volunteers to help pass out refreshments to our visitors, as well as actors to participate as Mary, Joseph, Angels, and Wise Men. These roles will be in 30 minute shifts, so we encourage you to join us even if only for part of the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michele Southerd at ministryadmin@secondpres.com.

ADVENT CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, December 7 will be full of Advent Celebration! KidsMin & Jr. High YOUTHMin will lead us in song, followed by the Advent Brunch and the Annual Gingerbread Build. We need volunteers to greet families, serve food, help in the kitchen, set up/tear down, fill candy dishes, pass out gingerbread houses, and more. If you'd like to help, visit <https://bit.ly/2PCDec7>. Candy donations for the Gingerbread Build are also welcome starting this Sunday!

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

All are welcome to sing with the Chapel Choir this Advent and Christmas

Christmas—no experience needed! It's a fun, low-pressure way to try choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays (Dec 3, 10, 17) from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, plus a Sunday warm-up at 8:00 a.m. before worship and a rehearsal on Dec 24 before Christmas Eve. Come to as many rehearsals as you can—we're glad to have you. Questions? Contact Brian Tanaka.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Each year the Deacons purchase poinsettias for our members who are homebound, or in nursing/retirement homes.

If you would like to sponsor one of these flowers and honor a loved one in the Christmas Eve bulletin, please fill out a card with Kim Pare. Donation cards can be filled out **starting THIS SUNDAY November 16 through December 15**. Suggested donation is \$20.00.

WEEKLY AT SECOND PRES

EVERY SUNDAY

8:45 am: Sunday Morning Brunch
9:00 am: Worship Service
10:15 am: ACE (Adult Christian Education)
10:15 am: High School Brunch
3:00 pm: Lego League Robotics (Grades 4-8)

EVERY TUESDAY

7:00 pm: Scouts Troops 903 and 9903
6-8:00 pm: First Tech Challenge (FTC)
Robotics (Grades 7-12)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6-7:30 pm: Preschool Ministry
6-7:30 pm: K-5th KidsMin
6-7:30 pm: 6-8th YOUTHMin
6:30-8:00 pm: Chapel Choir Rehearsal

EVERY THURSDAY

11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch

Before the service begins, please check in using your friendship folder (located in each pew) or via the Second Pres church app.

UPCOMING AT SECOND PRES:

11/23 ACE Grief Class-following service
11/24-26 Church Decorating
12/4 Theology on Tap-Paxton Bldg. 6:30 p.m.
12/6 Live Nativity-12 to 2 p.m.
12/7 Children's Program
12/7 Advent Brunch-following service
12/7 Annual Gingerbread Build-12-2 p.m.
12/21 Home for Christmas: An Organ & Piano Benefit for The Bridge-2 p.m.

COMMUNION AT SECOND PRES:

11/23 Christ the King
12/7 Children's Program
12/24 Christmas Eve

BIBLE STUDIES

EVERY TUESDAY

8:30 am: Morning Men's Bible Study (Wylie)

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

11:30 am: Bible Study (Jones)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6-7:45 p.m.: The Gathering Bible Study (Jennings)

For more information on Bible studies

visit: secondpres.com/biblestudy