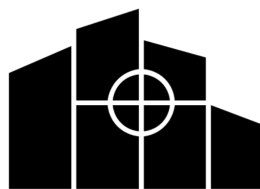
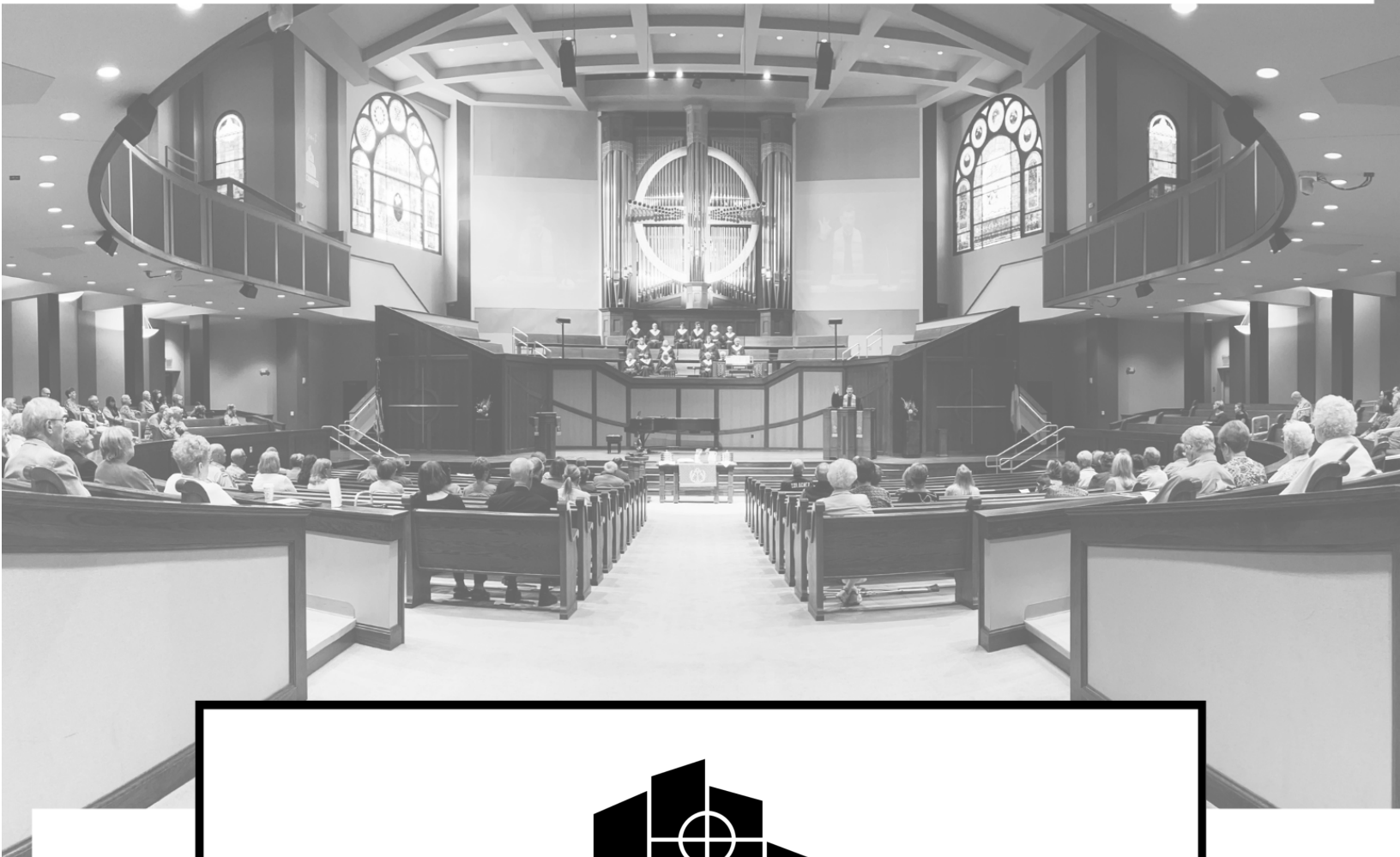


WELCOME TO
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We Seek

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PRELUDE

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme J. S. Bach

WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER

Jamie Kaiser

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

Chapel Choir & Congregational Singing

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, v. 1 (*Congregation join second time*)

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Elder Ruth Gabor & Linda Brucker

We light the first candle,
praying for God's hope, God's coming kingdom.
People of God,
Live in the hope of the Lord.

CALL to WORSHIP

Deacon Bryce Jones

People of God:
Live in the hope of the Lord.
God's house will be most holy.
People of God:
Live in the hope of the Lord.
All nations will come to God's holy place.
People of God:
Live in the hope of the Lord.
People in God's holy place will not fight;
they will grow and love.
People of God:
Live in the hope of the Lord.
We give thanks that this place is part of God's holy place,
where we grow and love.
People of God:
Live in the hope of the Lord.

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Loving God, thank you for your grace.
You have called us to walk with you, but we have not followed.
Forgive us when we ignore you and each other.
Have mercy on us and show us your way so that we can learn to do your will.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Friends, wake up! Salvation is near.
In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Congregational Singing

No. 579

***PASSING of the PEACE**

Jamie Kaiser

***SONG of the DAY**

Congregational Singing

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel No. 9

FOUNDATIONS

Jamie Kaiser

Children are invited to attend Sunday School

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Shelly Gant

Matthew 24:36-44 pp. 27-28

WORD IN SONG

Chapel Choir & Rich Shroeder, clarinet

Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. Larry Shackley

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Jamie Kaiser

Isaiah 2:1-5 pp. 631-632

MESSAGE

Jamie Kaiser

We Seek

***HYMN**

Congregational Singing

Prepare the Way No. 13

OFFERING

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Offertory Corde natus ex parentis arr. David Cameron

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Jamie Kaiser

Ending with the Lord's Prayer

***HYMN**

Congregational Singing

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus No. 2

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599 J. S. Bach

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join Jamie Kaiser following worship service in the Chapel as she kicks off our Advent ACE classes! As a reminder, there will be no ACE class next Sunday, December 7 due to the Advent Brunch.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: THUR, DEC. 4

Join us for Theology on Tap on Thursday, Dec. 4, 6–7:30 p.m. at the Paxton Building downtown. Parking can be found on the street outside the building (207 E Washington St.), PNC Bank lot, or Second Pres. Dinner is \$5 cash and local beverages can be acquired with cash donation. Childcare is FREE at Second Pres, 5:45–8 p.m. Questions? Call 309-828-6297. See you there!

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—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 pew pad (located in each pew) or via the Second Pres church app.

UPCOMING AT SECOND PRES:

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:

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