



Second PRESBYTERIAN Church

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



We exist to love God, ourselves and others – whoever, however and wherever they are – with a love that transforms us all.

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A Message From **REV. DR. JARED WITT** Transitional Pastor

Dear Second Family,

This is my second annual letter. Transitional pastors don't usually get more than that! What a delight it's been to learn and grow and worship and work with all of you these past two years. The primary "transition" work we needed to do has happened: Second has processed the past and has turned towards the future with hope and excitement. I have no doubt that God will call a gifted pastor to be with you all in what's next. But I'm also convinced that who the next leader is will be less important than the spirited congregation they will be serving.

In some ways, pastoral work hasn't changed all that much in a hundred years. I plan for regular worship, preaching, and teaching. I moderate our Session and guide several committee ministries. I lead classes for new members and arrange with parents to baptize children. I listen and pray with people who are overwhelmed, confused, angry, sad, and sick. In spite of these enduring rhythms, the cultural context in which we gather as a "good news" community is decidedly different than it was a hundred years ago. So we are called to continue to innovate and experiment: Be the Church Sundays and Block Party Saturdays; Front Porch Concerts and Art on Oak; Book Groups and Second Sunday lunches; road trips and museum visits.





I continue to be impressed by the varied ways Second cultivates opportunities to explore the good news of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. I treasured shared worship with our friends at Covenant Presbyterian and The Open Table. I took a maiden voyage through Journey to Bethlehem. I joined Pat Groshong and our kids during "Worship Alive." I learned about the inspiring good work being done in our neighborhood from black journalists at the KC Defender, from Councilwoman Melissa Robinson, and from Father Justin at Reconciliation Services. I've also loved those rare Sunday mornings when I have time to slip into the Covenant Class (deep, rigorous, thoughtful, and caring) or the Second Thoughts Class (God help them - they have unfortunately lashed themselves to the task of deciphering the previous week's sermon).

During January I've been teaching an online course called "Ecclesial Imagination" for Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. One of my primary roles in the course is to help students explore how their various traditions – Presbyterian, Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, UCC, or Pentecostal – understand "ordained" ministry. Teaching this course reminds me how unique it is that we Presbyterians "ordain" not just pastors, but elders and deacons as well. Here at Second you're part of an experiment in shared leadership and collaborative path-making. We Presbyterians are known for doing things "decently and in order." That's (mostly) true. It's also messy, interesting and fun - as we keep step with the Spirit dancing among us.

I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving alongside you. The path forward will require the very best from everyone at Second. In the next year or two, Second will need to balance responsibility and joy, resource allocation and gladness. That is, Second will need to foster organizational sustainability and to inspire life transformation at the same time. I have two promises for you. 1) It won't be boring, and 2) the living Christ – source and sustainer of our lives – will be with us all the way through.

Peace and grace,

Rev. Dr. Jared Witt
Transitional Pastor

A Message From **REV. DR. KRISTIN RIEGEL** Associate Pastor



Dear Second Family,

What a year 2023 has been! In January, we gathered with our friends at Covenant Presbyterian Church for a joint worship service filled with soulful jazz music and a combined choir that sang with gusto and brought the house (church?) down. In Lent, almost 60 adults gathered in C3 small groups to build relationships and discuss how to practice peace in their lives.

In October, 39 artists displayed their artwork at Art on Oak as over 400 visitors stopped by to visit and meet local artists. And in December, Journey to Bethlehem was relaunched and the story of God's love for the world made known in the birth of Jesus Christ was creatively retold to over 450 community guests, thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers.

As I reflect on this past year, one of the special highlights was the Lenten Peace Crane Project. During Lent, children with nimble fingers and older members with wrinkled hands, people who were origami masters and those who had never folded a crane before, gathered around tables during coffee hour, at kitchen tables in their homes, and with friends at school to create the cranes. Each crane was beautiful on its own, but together, the cranes were breath-taking. On Easter Sunday, nearly 600 peace cranes in the shape of a dove floated high above our sanctuary, proclaiming the beauty and joy of Christ's resurrection.





The Lenten Peace Crane Project, like many of our ministries and events, was the result of people--young and old, new to Second and long-time members--working together. Through creative collaboration, we were able to create something bigger, bolder, and more beautiful than any of us could on our own.

This is what the church is all about. It's about coming together, sharing our gifts, building relationships, and proclaiming God's peace, justice, and joy in beautiful and breathtaking ways. It's about being part of God's creative work in the world and having fun in the process!

As you read through our annual report, I hope you'll be inspired as you hear stories about the ways God's spirit is at work, drawing us into creative community, leading us toward justice, and filling us with courage to work for a more equitable world. And I hope that if you see a ministry that excites you, you'll jump in and join us in this work in the year ahead, so we can continue to build and be a community that proclaims God's joy, justice, and love.

With gratitude and hope,

Kristin E. Riegel

Rev. Dr. Kristin Riegel
Associate Pastor



MATTHEW 25

Committee: Carol Grimaldi (chair), Erin Gorny, Jennifer Lynn, Jim Scott, Susan Vann, and Rev. Dr. Kristin Riegel



Ministry Highlights

- Led congregation and presbytery efforts to remove language from the Book of Order, part of the PC(USA)'s constitution, allowing churches to discriminate based on gender identity and sexual orientation.
- Sponsored a potluck dinner raising over \$16,000 to support the local resettlement of a 14-member Afghan family that fled their homeland because they would not cooperate with the Taliban. While these funds went toward the purchase of three vehicles for the family, in-kind and other contributions were also made to assist with their move to KC.
- Awarded a total of \$30,000 in Community Partner Grants to: Covenant Food Pantry, Reconciliation Services, The Open Table, and Friends of PEB (Presbyterian Education Board), and worked to engage the congregation with these ministries.
- Hosted the Executive Directors of the PEB and Friends of PEB over the weekend of a very memorable World Communion Sunday, providing opportunities for the congregation to learn about and engage with their mission (providing quality education to children in Pakistan). M25 also donated funds to support scholarships for seven students in PEB schools.
- Provided a total of \$6000 in Daniels Fund Educational Assistance Awards to five recipients (out of 37 applicants).
- Organized a successful Be the Church Sunday, with 127 participants from ages nine months to mid-80s. Over 190 volunteer hours were spent giving back to the community through six different organizations, as well as providing care to members of our own congregation.
- Formalized Second's relationship with More Light Presbyterians and the Covenant Network by including these organizations in our church's mission giving.
- Began work on the formation of an Earth Care Team, starting with Session's adoption of the PC(USA)'s Earth Care Pledge.



MATTHEW 25 SUBCOMMITTEE ANTI-RACISM GROUP

Committee: Deb Meinke (chair), Nancy Dixon, Gwen Ervin, Carol Grimaldi, Ellen Long, Carolyn Nesbitt, Josephine Njoroge, Judy Paulette, Debbie Smith, Bill Tammeus, Marcia Tammeus, Kim Van Meter and Rev. Dr. Kristin Riegel

Ministry Highlights

- Strengthened our relationship with Covenant Presbyterian Church through a combined worship service at Covenant, Juneteenth Luncheon at Second, Trunk or Treat at Covenant on Be the Church Sunday, and several curbside food distribution events
- The Kansas City Indian Center (KCIC) Luncheon raised \$1425 and guests enjoyed the food and company of our Native siblings
- Solidarity and Social Change speakers: Gaylene Crouser (KCIC), Ryan Sorrel (KC Defender), Greg Olson (MO historian, on indigenous history), Melissa Robinson (KC Council, on reparations)
- Second's Front Porch Concert series hosted a number of musicians of color
- Hosted a film discussion of "Killers of the Flower Moon" with our guest Gaylene Crouser, Executive Director, KCIC



WORSHIP

Committee: Steve Gorny (chair), Pam Bickel, Ellen Long, Maria Steinacker, Rev. Dr. Jared Witt, and Rev. Dr. Kristin Riegel



Video Message from Steve

The Worship Committee seeks to facilitate worship experiences that are meaningful and inspirational. The music, sermons, and prayers renew our energy and bring us closer to God.

Ministry Highlights

- Continued to provide decorations, elements, candles, flowers, banners and other materials to enhance the spiritual feel of the Sanctuary.
- The “Peace Crane” project culminated by the incredible soaring crane designed by Steve Steinacker.
- Hosted many special worship services and guest preachers, including a combined service with Covenant Presbyterian, overflowing tables for World Communion Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter, the Longest Night of the Year (with The Open Table), and Christmas Eve.



SEASONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

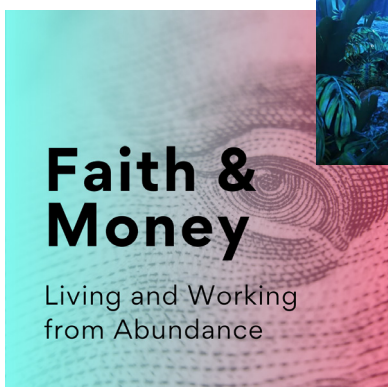
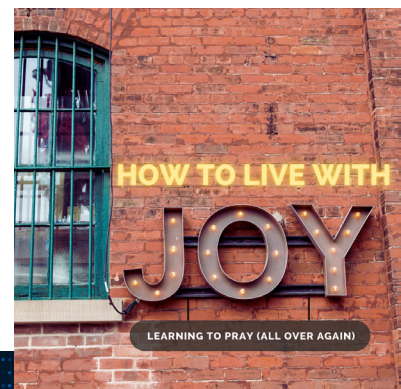
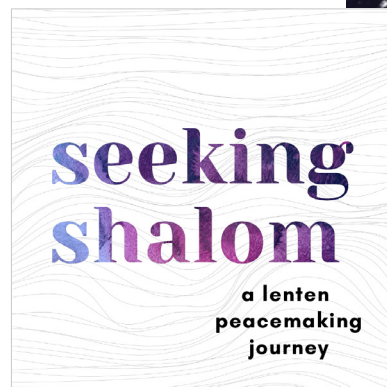
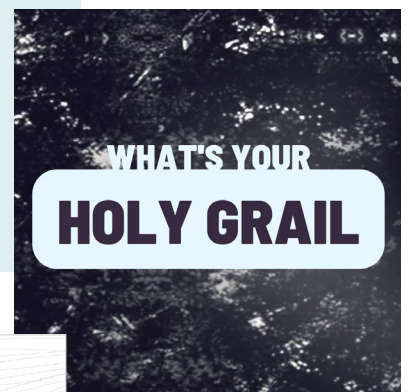
Committee: Steve Gorny, Darcie Tramp, Falohn Swanson, Katy Thompson, Mike Hodgson, Ellen Long, Alice Kroh, Joshua Koni, Carol Grimaldi, Rev. Deb Meinke, Lily Joiner, Julie Steenson, Jenna Soltys (Dir. of Communications), Sam Murphy, (Dir. Child & Family Min.), Andrew Cangelose (Dir. Youth & Young Adult Min.), Rev. Dr Kristin Riegel, and Rev. Dr. Jared Witt

The Seasonal Leadership Team (SLT) meets twice a year to brainstorm and plan themes for sermon series, educational programs, and community events. At each gathering, the SLT critically reflects on recent sermon series and then brainstorms ideas for future sermon series and ministry programs. Elders, congregation members, pastors, and staff bring questions, their lived experiences, and current events to the table as creative fodder. Through discussion and discernment, the team decides which themes to focus on in the upcoming seasons, such as Advent and Lent. After the SLT meetings, the sermon series and ministry programs are shared with the larger Session to receive additional feedback and buy-in.



2023 Sermon Series

- What's Your Holy Grail?
- Seeking Shalom
- How to Live With Joy
- Before the Fall
- The Body: A User's Guide
- Faith & Money
- Discernment in a Digital Age





FAITH FORMATION

Committee: Mike Hodgson (co-chair), Ellen Long (co-chair), Rev. Melissa Bowers, Debbie Farrell, Mark Hash, Rev. Kathie Knehans, and Rev. Dr. Kristin Riegel

Ministry Highlights

- During Lent, 57 participants met for study, sharing and connection as part of the Lenten C3 small groups
- The Lenten Prayer Challenge provided an intergenerational activity of prayer and folding origami cranes, resulting in a beautiful crane sculpture in the sanctuary and much sharing among the congregation
- 28 women participated in the 2023 Women's Retreat at Second. The retreat theme was "Seasons of Change: Finding Release and Renewal in the Midst of Transition"
- Provided weekly opportunities for members to grow in their faith



CONNECTION HOUR

Monthly Classes

- Solidarity & Social Change
- Spiritual Practices 101
- Men's Group
- Women's Bible Study
- Refresh Yoga

Weekly Classes

- Covenant Class
- Second Thoughts

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Committee: Darcie Tramp (chair), Sarah Beth Baharin, Anne Gacek, Emma Maack, Brandon Steenson, Susan Still, and Andrew Cangelose (Dir. Youth & Young Adult Min.)



Ministry Highlights

- Another season of great music out on the front porch, showcasing talented artists who enjoy playing at Second
- Sunday Lunches continued despite the kitchen being shut down in August – thanks to a creative and innovative Sunday Lunch crew
- Partnered with Family Ministries to provide another Easter Block Party for over 200 community attendees
- Celebrated Juneteenth with Covenant Presbyterian, enjoying the Covenant Jazz Band and chicken from Peach Tree Cafe
- Another successful Art on Oak with 39 artists, live music, and approximately 400 guests
- A widely successful return of Journey to Bethlehem with over 450 guests





FAMILY MINISTRIES

Committee: Falohn Swanson (co-chair), Katy Thompson (co-chair), Amber Hodgson, Eva Moore, Billie Orr, Jessica Smith, Sam Murphy (Dir. of Child & Family Min.) and Andrew Cangelose (Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Min.)

Ministry Highlights

- Welcomed Andrew Cangelose to our team!
- Offered more consistent Parents' Night Out events
- Purchased a water bottle filling station through a grant from the Matthew 25 Committee
- Hosted an Easter Block party for over 200 people, including many community attendees
- Unplugged for a weekend during Family Camp
- Had consistent nursery staff all year!
- Hosted a "Screen Sanity" workshop for parents
- 16 high schoolers and 4 adults went on a Service and Learning Trip to Belize
- Eight of our middle school students spent a week in the Argentine neighborhood of Kansas City, Kansas volunteering with Youth Front
- 20 kids spent a week learning how to care for God's creation at Second Kids Camp with the help of many adult volunteers and a group of teenagers from Nebraska (through a partnership with Youth Works)
- Relocated our nursery space to the 3rd floor (closer to our other Sunday morning children's classes)



the OPEN TABLE

Leadership: Louisa Martin, Abhishek Dutt, Taylor Hamilton, Chi Nguyen, Cecelia Belser Patton, Stephenie Godfrey (Administrator/Music Director), and Rev. Dr. Letiah Fraser

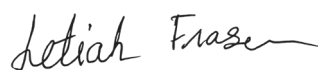
A NOTE FROM **LETIAH**

I have been the pastor of The Open Table for a year and a half now. Following the founder of any organization comes with it a set of challenges and The Open Table is no different. However despite these challenges, a core group of committed people have emerged and are committed to doing life together during and outside The Open Table gatherings.

I am also grateful for the continued support of Second Presbyterian staff and those from the congregation who continue to volunteer and support the work of The Open Table in a variety of ways.

I am excited to see what 2024 will bring.

With gratitude,



Rev. Dr. Letiah Fraser
Pastor of The Open Table



Ministry Highlights

- The Open Table's partnership with Freedom Church of the Poor through the Kairos Center; Religions, Rights and Social Justice through Union Theological Seminary in NYC
- Racial caucusing groups in which we were able to partner with Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church and other individuals from other churches within the Presbytery
- Two new fundraisers led by a professional cookie decorator

SESSION

The Session engages in a ministry of discernment and governance that seeks to help Second live faithfully into its mission, “to love God, ourselves, and others—whoever, however, wherever they are—with a love that transforms us all.” Session members (Elders) lead Second’s committees, working with congregation members, pastors, and staff members to carry out the church’s mission through various ministries areas, including Faith Formation, Family Ministries, Congregational Life, Matthew 25, Buildings and Grounds, Finance and Stewardship.

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2023

Steve Gorny
Jim Paulsen
Darcie Tramp
Nicolette Zimmermann

CLASS OF 2024

Leslie Anderson
Mike Hodgson
Neal Johnson
Debbie Smith
Falohn Swanson

CLASS OF 2025

Carol Grimaldi
Eddie James
Alice Kroh
Ellen Long
Katy Thompson

PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Jared Witt
Rev. Dr. Kristin Riegel



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Committee: Mike Hodgson (chair), Joanne Broekhuizen, Martin Orr, Judy Paulette, Julie Warm, and Rev. Dr. Jared Witt (*ex officio*)

The Nominating Committee facilitates the process by which congregation members are nominated to serve as Ruling Elders (Session members), Deacons, and the next year's Nominating Committee. After receiving nominations, the committee engages in discernment and extends invitations to congregation members to serve in the church's leadership. These nominees are then presented to the congregation for their approval at the Congregational Meeting, held in October. This year's Nominating Committee worked intentionally to ensure that the nominees represented the breadth and diversity of the congregation.

We extend our gratitude to the nominating committee for selecting the following group of servant leaders for the class of 2026:

ELDER CLASS OF 2026



Anne Gacek



Dennis Marker



Julie Steenson



Nick Tramp



Susan Vann

DEACON CLASS OF 2026



Barbara Loots



Pat Groshong



Lily Joiner



Joanne Sunshower



Rosemary Polk



Kim VanMeter



DEACONS

CLASS OF 2023

Jane Beyer
Nancy Cullen
Winnie Davis (secretary)
Jennifer Lynn
Carolyn Nesbitt (co-moderator)
Matt Sosa

CLASS OF 2024

Nancy Dixon
Brandon Hayden
Laura Laney
Christie Nesbitt
JB Orr
Maria Steinacker (co-moderator)

CLASS OF 2025

Barbara Loots
Kevin Farrell
Richard Ridge
Eric Sigler
Margie Singleton
Mary Warm
Katie Zeeck

STAFF LIASON

Rev. Dr. Kristin Riegel

Ministry Highlights

- Provided care for our congregation in times of celebration, pain, grief, and transition
- Greater collaboration between Deacons, including providing input, assistance, and guidance to members of other flocks
- Hosting flock gatherings that strengthen the relationship between congregation members



PNC

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Janelle Sjue (co-chair), David Warm (co-chair), Gail Cunningham, Joshua Koni, Jennifer Lynn, Brian Myers, and Maria Steinacker

2023

MARCH

PNC elected by congregation

APRIL–MAY

Conducted listening sessions & surveys

MAY–JUNE

Analyzed knowledge, skills, abilities, and other characteristics valued by the congregation

JUNE–JULY

Discerned information gathered

AUGUST–SEPTEMBER

Created Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP)

SEPTEMBER

Launched MDP in the new Church Leadership Connection (CLC) system to receive matches and self-referrals

OCTOBER–DECEMBER

Reviewed candidates



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A NOTE FROM JANELLE & DAVID

As we continue our search for the right person, we want to assure you that the PNC is fully committed to the task. The committee is engaged in a thorough search process to identify highly qualified and well-suited candidates for the position of our next Senior Pastor. We're working diligently to ensure the values and beliefs of Second are fully represented.

We understand that this search can be a time of uncertainty and transition for our church community, but we remain optimistic that the ideal candidate is out there and will soon be identified. As we evaluate candidates, we are prayerfully listening for and pursuing who God is calling. Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated during this discerning process.

THE PNC'S PRAYER

*Discerning God's voice
As time flows like a river
With hope we await*

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Committee: Debbie Smith (chair), Leslie Anderson, Doug Dirks, Kite Singleton, Dave Zimmermann, and Stacy Hunter (Operations Manager)

BUILDING ASSESSMENT

The Building Assessment has been completed, and the report will serve as a roadmap to help us plan and budget for repairs, replacements, and upgrades to various building systems, such as HVAC. Summary reports and action item spreadsheets have been completed for the Building Envelop and Site, HVAC, and Electrical/Lighting. Reports will be distributed electronically to Session following the January meeting.

NITTY-GRITTY PROJECTS

Air Handling Units

Two air handling units (AHUs) on the 3rd floor have been replaced. One of these AHUs had a burst water line in January 2022, draining 600 gallons of water into the ECLC area and other parts of the building. Both units were 29 years old, and the remaining unit was nearing the end of its life, so we replaced both (a 5+ week job). It has been a long and challenging process, but the new equipment has been installed and is expected to serve the building for another 30 years.

Water Damage Repairs

All repairs needed after the water damage have been completed, including patching and painting walls, replacing flooring, and replacing damaged ceiling tiles.

Chiller Replacement

The existing chiller (serving the Sanctuary, Community Room, and Office) failed unexpectedly. The new chiller has been installed and is working well.

Energy-Efficient HVAC

Where old HVAC equipment was removed, it's been replaced with energy-efficient equipment to help ensure more affordable heating and cooling bills going forward.

North Parking Lot

The North parking lot is lit again, and we successfully addressed a concern with our Crestwood Condo neighbors about a glare from one of the lights.

Sprinkler System

The sprinkler system has been clearly marked to identify which valves control which sections of the sprinkler system, a big help to staff and contractors.



BUILDING & GROUNDS

“ROOM H”

Room H, at the top of the stairs to the 2nd floor, is now a treasure trove of Second's history, including original drawings of the building from 1914, Session minutes dating back to the start of Second, photos, and much more. (Thank you, Leslie Anderson, for this incredible effort!)

- Most of the previously catalogued items have been placed into acid-free file folders and then into their respective acid-free archival storage boxes. Several more boxes of materials were retrieved from the basement last fall and will be examined, catalogued, and moved into acid-free storage systems soon.
- The Hage Endowment grant has been used for the purchase of archival storage materials and to pay for the matting and framing of two architectural drawings from 1914-1916 that will be on display in the two history rooms.

MORE FUN PROJECTS

Accessible Seating

Additional Accessible Seating has been provided in the Sanctuary.

Oak Tree Removed

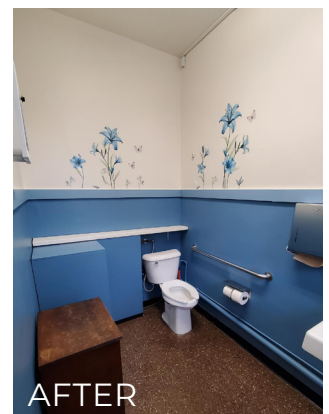
One of the trees along Oak was removed due to disease. Sadly, the tree had become a liability (losing large limbs during stormy weather). However, the East face of the building is much more visible now and looks great.

ECLC Nursery Floor

New flooring in the ECLC Nursery has been installed and is low maintenance (no waxing required)! This will now be the standard for future updates.

Choir Restroom

The restroom next to the Choir Room has been painted and cabinets were built to conceal the hot water heater (Thank you, Stacy Hunter and Richard Ridge!)



COMMUNICATIONS

Committee: Alice Kroh (chair), Joshua Koni, and Jenna Soltys (Dir. of Communications)

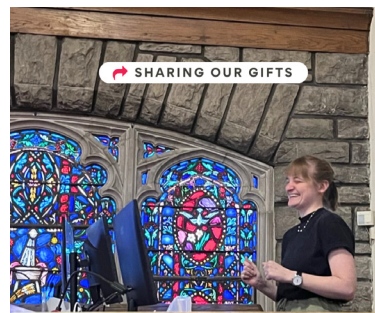
A/V Team: Joshua Koni, Ivan Sjue, Leah Steinacker, and Jenna Soltys

Ministry Highlights:

- Welcomed Alice Kroh to the committee, expanding our capacity for wider-scope communications thinking and planning
- Oriented Ivan Sjue and Leah Steinacker to our Sunday A/V team
- Refreshed Second's email communications and website, improving the flow and accessibility of information to the congregation and those interested in Second
- Assessed and updated various A/V equipment throughout the building, ensuring available equipment is more accessible, centralized, and in working order
- Launched the "Stories of Second" social media campaign coinciding with the "Sharing Our Gifts" stewardship campaign, highlighting various members of Second and improving our social media engagement
- Obtained three donated laptops, providing new computers for Micah Horton and Andrew Cangelose
- Replaced the hard drive on Second's internal server, allowing us to begin the process of securely archiving Second's digital media
- Utilized the photography talents of several members to document important churchwide events



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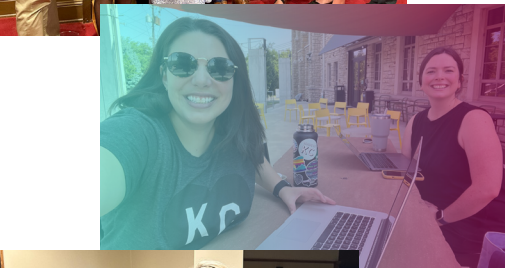
PERSONNEL

Committee: Nicolette Zimmermann (chair), Kevin Farrell, Eddie James, Judy Paulette, David Warm, Rev. Dr. Kristin Riegel, and Rev. Dr. Jared Witt

The Personnel Committee supports Second's staff and encourages each staff member to bring the full use of their gifts and talents into shared ministry. We value our staff's partnership in ministry and we are blessed to have such an enthusiastic, creative, and talented staff who thrive on serving this congregation.

Ministry Highlights

- Encouraged the strong and comprehensive leadership by Rev. Dr. Jared Witt and Rev. Dr. Kristin Riegel
- Supported Jared as he extended his transitional role beyond his initial commitment and advised the PNC in its search for a new senior pastor/head of staff
- Supported staff during Kristin's maternity leave
- Provided guidance and support as Second filled all key staff roles for the first time in several years. This highly capable staff is bringing new energy and effectiveness to Second's operations and activities.
- Made important updates to Second's Personnel Policies in three important areas: Vacation Leave, Sick Leave & Parental Leave
- Implemented a supportive structure of supervision and annual review for all staff
- Organized periodic social gatherings between Second Staff and Personnel Committee
- Made key additions to our staff team, including: Stacy Hunter (Operations Manager), Martha Atkinson (Business Manager), Dan Goodloe (Custodian), and Andrew Cangelose (Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries)

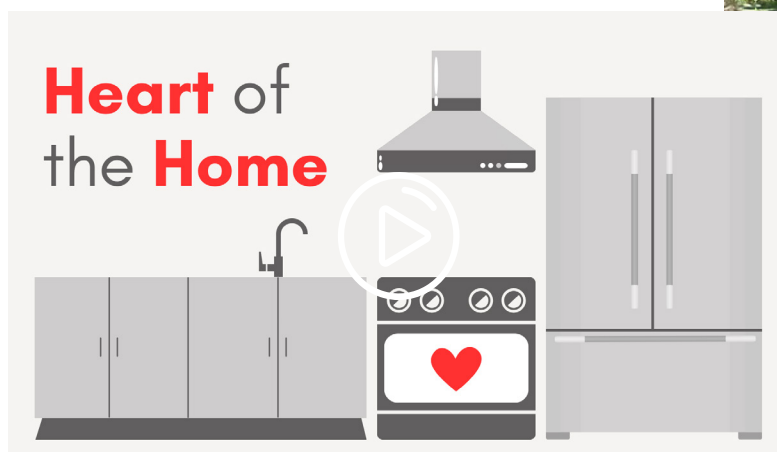


FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Committee: Neal Johnson (chair), Judy Paulette, Jim Paulsen, Martha Atkinson (Business Manager), and Rev. Dr. Jared Witt

Ministry Highlights

- Conducted a successful stewardship campaign, receiving more pledges than the prior year
- Had strong market gain in our endowment and managed endowment services to save substantial administrative costs
- Supported unexpected capital building repairs of new air handlers, chiller and boiler
- Hired an external CPA firm to conduct a full audit of our 2023 books to engage in transparent financial reporting to the congregation
- Oversaw adjustments to the presentation of Second's financial and operating statements, along with certain financial operating policies, to better reflect our financial position and endowment allocations
- Managed points earned on the church credit card to apply \$1,800 towards the high school Service and Learning trip to Belize
- Launched the (ongoing) Heart of the Home campaign to purchase new kitchen appliances in order to continue our cooking ministries, raising over \$40,000 in December



Second Presbyterian
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2023

	As of Dec 31, 2023	As of Dec 31, 2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	251,980	193,806
Accounts Receivable	-	1,763
Total Other Current Assets	2,322	3,256
Total Current Assets	\$ 254,302	\$ 198,825
Fixed Assets	7,134,741	6,818,751
Investments	4,351,747	4,524,287
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,740,789	\$ 11,541,862
 LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	17,992	6,075
Prepaid Pledges	29,920	51,400
Temp Restricted - Funds	213,267	319,751
Temp Restricted - Endowed	806,109	806,109
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,067,288	\$ 1,183,334
FUND BALANCE		
Opening Net Equity	6,904,895	6,689,247
Operating Fund	995,110	995,110
Capital Fund	1,297,773	1,297,773
Mission Fund	1,160,149	1,160,149
Net Revenue	315,573	216,248
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 10,673,501	\$ 10,358,528
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 11,740,789	\$ 11,541,862



Statement of Activities

January-December 2023

2023 Actual

		2023 Actual
Revenue		
Contributions		
Pledges		535,623
Non Pledges		79,056
Beyond Pledges		13,721
Loose Offering		2,048
Total Contributions		630,448
Other Contributions		174,518
Building Usage Income		26,142
Other Earned Income		516
Total Revenue	\$	831,624
Expenditures		
External Mission		75,729
Matthew 25 (M25) Committee		8,458
Family Ministries		11,584
Adult Faith Formation		8,043
Worship & Music		3,073
Congregational Life		7,287
Communications/Marketing		7,475
Deacons		765
Presbyterian Women		151
Administrative/Session		2,569
Finance/Stewardship/Endowment		905
Salaries & Staff Related		704,061
Mission & Ministry Support		122,186
Mission & Ministry Ctr-Bldg & Grounds		240,103
Total Expenditures	\$	1,192,391
Net Operating Revenue (Loss)	\$	(360,767)

Endowment Fund

2023 Beginning Endowment	\$	4,513,728
Operating/Capital Disbursements		(854,000)
Investment Fees		(26,949)
Dividends earned		116,117
Market Investment Gain		592,852
2023 Ending Endowment	\$	4,341,747

2023 Additional Mission Giving

Denominational Special Offerings

JOY Offering	\$	100
One Great Hour	\$	100
Peacemaking	\$	100
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - Syria/Turkey earthquake relief	\$	450
Friends of PEB	\$	50

Other Agencies and Funds

American Rescue Project (Rauffi Family)	\$	16,462
Cherith Brook	\$	2,500
Covenant Presbyterian Church - food pantry	\$	5,050
Grandview Park Presbyterian Church - food pantry donation	\$	2,500
KC Indian Center (proceeds from luncheon)	\$	1,575
SevenDays (Lenten/Easter Offering collections)	\$	7,030
Emergency Assistance	\$	3,642

Gifts Received to Support the Ministries of Second

Memorial Gifts	\$	13,920
Music Program	\$	14,872
Buildings & Grounds projects	\$	3,300
Youth Service trips	\$	2,038

2023 In-Kind Support

ECLC and The Open Table receive in-kind support from Second through the staff, room usage, utilities and maintenance.



Second Presbyterian Church

Annual Budgets

Category	2024 Budget	2023 Budget
Pledges	575,000	580,000
Non Pledges	80,000	65,000
Beyond Pledges	12,000	12,000
Loose Offering	1,500	1,500
Total Contributions	668,500	658,500
Total Other Contributions	31,000	126,400
Total Building Use Income	27,500	26,000
Total Revenue	\$ 727,000	\$ 810,900
Matthew 25	(88,190)	(114,640)
Family Ministries	(16,150)	(18,750)
Adult Faith Formation	(2,950)	(4,300)
Worship & Music	(1,600)	(4,380)
Congregational Life	(10,150)	(11,750)
Communications/Marketing	(13,000)	(15,800)
Deacons	(1,950)	(2,350)
Admin/Session	(33,000)	(3,500)
Finance/Steward/Endow	(1,800)	(2,200)
Personnel	(749,800)	(718,006)
Mission & Ministry Support	(127,300)	(124,260)
Building & Grounds	(244,700)	(231,391)
Total Disbursements	\$ (1,290,590)	\$ (1,251,327)
Endowment Transfers	\$ 563,590	\$ 440,427
Net Budget Amount	\$0	\$0



ECLC

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

ECLC's mission is to provide a safe, nurturing environment and a stimulating early care and education experience for young children. We promote each child's social/emotional, physical and cognitive development in a space where all children are accepted, loved and respected.

2023

ECLC Served

64

children ages 9 months through 5 years

ECLC Employed

10

staff, including 8 teachers, 1 administrator, and 1 director

Dear Congregation,

December is the most beautiful time of the year. Lights line the streets everywhere. There are special things that are happening all around us if we take the time to stop, look around and reflect. ECLC is no different. New growth and advances in the children we serve; lightbulbs going off, social learning, crawlers becoming new walkers, new staff members that have added to the sweet environment we get to enjoy, and staff that are more seasoned, bringing life to each day. We have the pleasure of having such a supportive team of parents and parent board members. Even though we are only halfway through our school year, there are so many notable moments.

With the support of Second, ECLC has developed and maintained an excellent reputation in the community for its high-quality childcare for young children. Consistent socialization and play in early childhood have been associated with higher levels of empathy, resilience, and prosocial behavior later in life. ECLC provides countless opportunities for children to learn and practice their understanding of new social skills through play.

Through the years, Second and ECLC have partnered together to invest in the children and families in this community. ECLC would like to extend our gratitude to Second for investing in the future of Kansas City!



Trish Jones
ECLC Director



LIFE EVENTS & METRICS

METRICS

10:15 a.m. Service, Average Weekly Attendance | **169** (includes online viewership)

The Open Table, Average Attendance | **28**

Membership as of January 1, 2023 | **405**

New Members | **16**

Confirmands | **0** (Second did not offer Confirmation in 2023)

Members Removed from Membership Roles January 1-December 31, 2023 | **7**

Members as of January 1, 2024 | **406**

Marriages | **0**

Births | **4**

Baptisms | **2**

Member Deaths | **9**

BIRTHS

January 23, 2023 | Thomas Strickland "Strick" Clayton

April 23, 2023 | Philip Elliot Wilkins

May 31, 2023 | Jacqueline JoAnne Kenefake

July 1, 2023 | Parker Ann Hayden

BAPTISMS & DEDICATIONS

May 7, 2023 | Charlie Bohanski Hamill

November 26, 2023 | Philip Elliot Wilkins

DEATHS

January 17, 2023 | Carol S. Gibson

March 12, 2023 | Nancy Raich

April 8, 2023 | Carolyn Kay McDill

April 29, 2023 | James "Jim" G. Shull, Jr.

May 16, 2023 | Robert "Bob" Fitch Banker

June 20, 2023 | Barbara Kaufman

July 15, 2023 | Thelma Louise Ganther-Yancey

August 7, 2023 | Virgil Egli

November 6, 2023 | Thomas Martin Holder

NEW MEMBERS

March 12, 2023

Bret Bruning

Jennifer Bruning

Joanne Sunshower

Cathy Secretan

William Kenefake

Alex Treaster

Lindsay Treaster

Brandon Steenson

Julie Steenson

November 12, 2023

Stephen Jacobs

Brenda Willis

Mary Lou Brous

Ellen Clayton

Addison Clayton

Nathan Weinert

Emily Wales

CHRONOLOGY

1865	Second Pres. organized July 16; 10 members; Rev. Timothy Hill, Minister	1927	Baptismal Font presented; Acoustic treatments installed
1866	Building completed and dedicated at 809 Wyandotte; Sunday school organized with 15 teachers and 20 pupils	1928	Rev. Kirkland West, Assistant Minister
1867	Basement walls built; first KC public school held here	1930	Membership: 1408; Sunday School roll: 1024
1868	Rev. T. F. Jessup, Stated Supply	1934	Mrs. Eugene L. Young, DRE
1869	Dr. Charles D. Nott, Minister	1935	Membership: 1615; 70th anniversary dinner
1870	Building enlarged; Organ installed; Reunion of Old and New Schools of Pres. Church	1940	Membership: 1763; 75th anniversary
1871	Membership: 100; Dr. William M. Cheever, Min.	1941	Dr. George N. Luccock, Interim Minister
1875	Membership: 150; 10th anniversary	1942	Dr. R. Park Johnson, Minister; Dedication of World War II plaque with 89 names
1879	Dr. Charles C. Kimball, Minister	1945	Membership: 1813; Sunday School roll 594; 80th anniversary
1880	Membership: 278; George H. Winn joined, served as Elder for 46 years	1946	Richard J. Helms, first Minister of Music; Robert C. Young, Assistant Minister
1881	Dr. John H. Miller, Interim Minister	1947	Rev. Sam Crothers, Assistant Minister
1882	Dr. Charles L. Thompson, Minister; Moved to new building at 13th and Central	1948	Sanctuary remodeled
1885	Membership: 507; 20th anniversary	1949	New Moeller organ installed; Stained glass windows installed; Mrs. Mary C. James, DRE
1886	Charter granted by the State of Missouri	1950	Membership: 2,296; 85th anniversary; Memorial to members who gave their lives in World War II; Gave station wagon to Dr. Johnson; Dr. Paul Covey Johnston, Interim Min.
1888	Dr. George P. Hays, Minister	1951	Dr. Clem E. Binger, Min.; Dr. H. Dale Small, Assoc. Min.; Mrs. Ruby Snuffer, Children's Work.
1890	Membership: 642; 25th anniversary	1954	Dr. Jonathan C. Hollyman, Minister (Visitation)
1892	Three sons of Dr. Hays entered the Ministry	1955	Membership: 2,362; 90th anniversary
1893-5	Membership: 616; Various Supplies, among them, Dr. W. P. George; Westminster Congregational Church organized	1956	New Ed. wing dedicated; Air conditioning installed; William W. Lemonds, Min. of Music
1896	Membership: 418; Dr. H. D. Jenkins, Minister	1957	Dr. H. Louis Patrick, Minister; Dr. Alva V. King, Minister of Visitation (later Pastor Emeritus)
1900	Membership: 525; Total loss of church and manse in fire	1959	Rev. Don Falkenberg, Associate Minister; Mrs. Andrew Newcomer, Children's Worker
1901	Services held in a music hall at 915 Broadway	1960	Membership: 2,687; Putnam Porter, Organist and Choir Master
1902	Moved to new building at 15th and Broadway	1961	Rev. Robert Baynum, Assistant Minister; Grace Salsbury ordained (first fem. Elder, class of '64)
1903	Membership: 386; Sunday School roll: 283	1962	Dr. Raymond V. Kerns, Interim Minister
1907	KC League of Pres. Churches organized	1963	Dr. William J. Hage, Minister; Rev. Donald K. Parnell, Associate Minister
1910	Membership: 394; Worship at Westport Pres.	1964	Dr. Charles D. Leiper, Assoc. Min. (Visitation); Miss Eleanor L. Ludy, Children's Worker
1912	Membership: 271	1965	Membership: 2,765; Centennial celebration; Bill Bliem, Minister of Music
1914	Absorbed mission church at 51st and Main; Dr. Gerrit Snyder, Supply	1967	Rev. Barrie Gray, Associate Minister (Christian Ed.); Transept ramp completed
1915	Membership: 188; Occupied frame building on south side of 55th St.	1968	Dr. Arthur L. Miller, Associate Minister (Visitation and Pastoral Care)
1916	First unit of present building completed	1970	Membership: 2,322
1917	Membership: 192; Sunday School roll: 275; Dr. Henry Marcotte, Minister; Sanctuary dedicated	1972	Rev. Larry Thornton, Associate Minister (Christian Ed.); Offices remodeled
1918	Memorial service for 23 World War I soldiers	1973	Rev. James C. Kenney, Associate Minister; Land acquired and north parking lot built
1920	Membership: 488; Sunday School roll: 426		
1922	Frank C. King Bible Class organized; Mrs. J. L. Loose gave Deagan chimes		
1923	Alice Wolfe Edwards, first Church Secretary		
1924	Dr. J. L. McKee, Stated Supply; Miss Georgia Amick, first Dir. of Religious Ed. (DRE)		
1925	Membership: 823; Mrs. Horace Paul, Secretary		
1926	Dr. S. W. McKelvey, Min.; Ed. wing dedicated		

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| 1974 | Doug Letts, Minister of Music; Dining Room redecorated and renamed Westminster Hall | |
| 1975 | Membership: 1,840; Deacons paint classrooms | 1995 |
| 1976 | Patio, lobby, offices remodeled; West dome installed; North parking lot entrance finished | Called Dr. Edward J. Thompson, from Portland Parish in Troon, Scotland, as Senior Pastor; Began three-phase installation of new HVAC system for the entire building |
| 1977 | Plaza flood, substantial damage to basement and parking lot | 1996 |
| 1979 | Fellowship Hall remodeled after flood damage, area renamed Calvin Center | Work continued on new HVAC system; Cindy A. Wilcox hired for new position of Program Coordinator; James Swanson hired as Dir. of Youth and Young Adults |
| 1980 | Membership: 1,817 | 1997 |
| 1982 | Dr. Robert R. Kopp, Minister; Witherspoon redecorated; Sanctuary banners completed, concluding a 10 year project | HVAC system completed; A team of staff and members attended Purpose Driven Church Conference and developed renewed purpose statement; Dr. Thompson led group of 48 to Scotland (and returned!); Three members participated in Presbytery Trip to Guatemala; Session made burial of ashes possible on grounds and remembrance plaque placed on south wall of Chapel |
| 1983 | Rev. Ilona J. Buzick, Assoc. Min. (Christian Ed.); Playground built; Deagan chimes renovated | 1998 |
| 1984 | Rev. Rodney Jon Bakker, Assoc. Min. (Youth) | Membership: 834; Four members participated in Presbytery Trip to Guatemala; Flood in October, Calvin Center ruined, \$50K damage |
| 1985 | Membership: 1,395; Rev. D. Gordon Jewett, Associate Minister (Caring Min.); Dining Room kitchen remodeled; St. Andrew Chapel remodeled and dedicated | 1999 |
| 1986 | Sanctuary needlepoint pew cushions completed, concluding a 9 year project | Membership: 844; Calvin Center reopens; Dr. Ronald T. Roberts retires; James Swanson (Dir. of Youth and Young Adults) accepts call to Pennsylvania; Rev. Catherine L. Price ordained as Associate Pastor, Doug Letts' 25th Anniversary Celebration Concert; Computer Learning Center opens |
| 1987-89 | Christ's Second Challenge drive establishes sustaining fund for Mission and Capital | 2000 |
| 1987 | Rev. Cecil R. Albright, Minister; John Knox Parlor redecorated; New pew cushions and carpet installed in Sanctuary; Witherspoon, choir kitchen, and addressograph room remodeled becoming Meeting Rooms A, B, and C; Acquisition and install. of computer | Rev. Jack Cabaness called as Associate Pastor (Children, Youth, and Families); 135th Anniversary Celebration and sealing of the time capsule for the year 2015 (150th anniversary); All-Church Retreat at Heartland Center; New carpet and sound system in Sanctuary; Hosted Community Thanksgiving Service for seven neighboring congregations |
| 1988 | Major repair work completed on Bell Tower | 2001 |
| 1989 | Membership: 938; Rev. Glauca Vasconcelos, Associate Minister (Christian Ed.); Computerization of records completed | Membership: 895; Experimental Service of Restoration and Renewal (Sundays, 5:30 March-December); Journey to Adulthood (J2A) and Rite-13 Youth programs began; Youth Mission to Juarez, Mexico; Sue Ellen Breeding retires as Parents Day Out (PDO) Dir. and Mary Spence hired |
| 1990 | Membership: 882; Dr. Ronald T. Roberts, Associate Minister (Mission, Witness and Service); 125th Anniversary Celebration | 2002 |
| 1991 | Membership: 844; Dorothy R. Dowgray, Business Administrator, retired after 18 years; Elevator construction completed; Strategic Planning Committee formed to focus on who we are and where we are going as a church | Membership: 929; Rev. Catherine Price resigns; Dr. Andrew L. Cullen called as Interim Assoc. Pastor; M. Dwayne Adams hired as Youth Dir.; Linda Haynes hired as Controller; Sandi St. Denis (Financial Supervisor) and James "Jonesie" Jones (Custodian) retire; Youth Mission to Chicago; Playground renovated and rebuilt; Sanctuary lighting and . . . |
| 1992 | Membership: 835; Congregation developed "A Servant People" as Mission and Goal. Dr. Cecil R. Albright accepted call from First Pres. in Ridgewood, NJ; Protected stained-glass windows with Lexan Plastic | |
| 1993 | Membership: 800; George H. Pike, Jr., Interim Senior Pastor, Office remodel and completed; Implementation of Strategic Plan | |
| 1994 | Replaced roof on Ed. wing; Purchased new Pres. Hymnal and new pew Bibles; formalized | |

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- electrical upgrade; Exterior stucco and wood trim painted; KC Religion and Science Dialogue Project receives \$15K grant
- 2003 Membership: 942; PDO renamed Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC); ECLC receives National Accreditation; Full-scale renovation and building of courtyard; J2A Pilgrimage to South Dakota; Youth Mission to Appalachia; Rev. Jack Cabaness accepts call to East Craftbury, VT
- 2004 Membership: 963; Rev. Don Fisher called as Assoc. Pastor; Paula Starling hired as Dir. of Children and Youth; Youth Mission to The Door, Miami, Florida; Pictorial Directory published; Website redesigned
- 2005 Membership: 985; 10th anniversary of Dr. Edward J. Thompson's Min. at Second; Mission Vision Initiative, Guatemala – Living Waters; Confirmation Class Pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland; Youth Mission to Dallas; Building Condition Assessment Report completed; Sanctuary stained glass cleaned and restored; Linda Haynes resigns and Leanna Hattaway hired as Controller; Cindy Wilcox (New Member and Volunteer Coordinator) resigns; Automated External Defibrillator purchased
- 2006 Membership: 982; Doug Letts retires as Minister of Music, continues as Organist; All-Presbytery presentation by Rick Ufford-Chase, General Assembly Moderator of the PC(USA), ; D. H. Lee hired as Dir. of Music; Youth Pilgrimage to NYC; Mission Trip to Guatemala; Youth Mission to Mississippi; Journey to Bethlehem cancelled due to city storm sewer repair in parking lot
- 2007 Membership: 980; Youth Mission to Heifer Project in Perryville, Arkansas; Mission Trips to Guatemala in February and November; Journey to Bethlehem resumes; Mary Spence resigns as ECLC Dir. and Carla Strauss hired; Doug Letts resigns as Organist; Electronic Giving option offered
- 2008 Membership: 976; Youth Pilgrimages to NYC and Washington DC; Hage Committee sponsors Diana Butler Bass event; New ECLC playground completed; Dr. Edward J. Thompson resigns; Capital Campaign for renovation of Westminster Hall, Narthex, Organ and Mission initiated
- 2009 Membership: 966; Dr. John Ross hired as Interim Senior Pastor; Capital Campaign building improvements completed including new Chancel floor and Organ renovation by Schantz Organ Company; Mission Trip to Guatemala; Youth Mission to Cedar Rapids; D. H. Lee resigns and Cory Ganschow hired as Dir. of Music; Tate Addis hired as Organist
- 2010 Membership: 649; Rev. Paul Rock called as Senior Pastor; Diane Hunter, Administrative Secretary, retires; College Mission to Cedar Rapids; High School (HS) Mission to Dallas; Youth participate in One Homeless Night; Endowment Committee created by Session
- 2011 Membership: 641; Mission Trips to Guatemala, Joplin, and Pakistan; Capital Campaign completed; Connectfest (get involved at Second); GPS (God's Purpose for Second, a strategic assessment aiming to find a roadmap to Second's future) finalizes report
- 2012 Membership: 653; GPS Seed Campaign provides \$225K for new initiatives such as hiring Alex Treaster (Dir. of Communications), creating new positions for Dir. of Business and Development (Leanna Hattaway), Dir. of Engagement and Missional Min. (Tera Yakel), and Operations Manager (Marsha Kirsch); Laura Larsen hired as Youth Dir. and Sara Harms hired as Interim Children's Dir.; Cory Ganschow resigns and Bram Wayman hired as Dir. of Music; Energy-efficient windows installed in Ed. wing; Large, lighted logo sign installed on west side of building; Deacons create Transition Team to organize the smooth transfer of mission responsibilities to Session's new Mission Committee and Deacons' assumption of pastoral responsibilities (as outlined in GPS Report); Connectfest and Second-Crestwood Block Party draw extensive neighborhood participation; Mission part of 2008 Capital Campaign completed with gifts to Community LINC and The Children's Place
- 2013 Membership: 623; 64% of GPS goals completed by year-end; Second becomes first church in KCMO to install solar panels; Energy-efficient windows installed on north side of building; Meg Swagerty hired as Dir. of Children's Min.; Tate Addis resigns and Mark Langdon hired as Organist; Projectors, video camera, flatscreen TVs, and digital sound system installed in Sanctuary; Renovations made to Meeting Room A and Witherspoon; Mission Committee fully assumes mission responsibilities (including surveying the congregation) and Deacons shift to new role in pastoral care;

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- 2014
- Second celebrated longtime members with, “Sages of Second”; Second-Crestwood Block Party second year; Assoc. Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) formed in preparation for Rev. Don Fisher’s retirement in 2014
- 2015
- Membership: 620; Third year of GPS; Next Steps Committee tasked by Session to look at GPS and help envision next era for Second; Sermon series on Pope Francis generates widespread conversations and leads to book by Rev. Paul Rock and Bill Tammeus; Bram Wayman resigns as Dir. of Music and Stacy Van Hoecke hired; Tera Yakel resigns as Dir. of Engagement and Missional Min.; Meg Swagerty’s position expanded to Dir. of Children’s Min. and Engagement; Rev. Andy Cullen hired as Temporary Pastor for Pastoral Care; Nick Pickrell hired as Worship Leader; Rev. Don Fisher retires as Assoc. Pastor; Don Weeks (Building Manager) passes away; Laura Larsen resigns as Youth Dir.; Jimmy McCarty hired as Dir. of Youth and Mission; Christi Paschang hired as Accounting Assistant; 200 Conversations campaign yields great participation and feedback from community; Second Kids Camp held in June (115 children); Third annual Second-Crestwood Block Party; Second named “Volunteer Group of the Year” by Harvesters; First “Be the Church” (BTC) Sunday held in November; Second phase of Sanctuary sound system upgrades installed including line column speakers and new microphones; APNC continues search; New floors and stair treads installed; Sanctuary rewired and retrofitted with LED bulbs; Third floor Ed. areas redecorated; ECLC bathrooms and classrooms renovated; Computer server replaced; New hymnals purchased; New phone system installed; Next Steps produces report of recommendations and report is approved by Session
- 2016
- Membership: 561; Mission Trip to Guatemala, Faith Development hosts several well-attended interfaith events with our Muslim neighbors including an “Introducing the Qur’an to Christians” class; Rev. Paul Rock takes summer sabbatical and Rev. Kristin Riegel serves as Acting Head of Staff; HS Mission to Costa Rica; MS Mission to Quad Cities; Trish Jones hired as ECLC Dir.; Marilyn McAlister hired as custodian; Fifth annual Second-Crestwood Block Party, Art on Oak art show held in October; Third annual BTC Sunday with Grandview Park and Covenant Pres. participating; TOT hosted “Disrupting Racism” with over 150 community attendees
- 2017
- Membership: 549, Second commemorates 500th anniversary of Protestant Reformation through special events and speakers including PC(USA) co-moderator Rev. Jan Edmiston and Brian McLaren; Mission Trip to Guatemala; Session votes unanimously to approve first same-sex wedding in Sanctuary performed by Senior Pastor; TOT continues to grow and receives several grants including one from Leadership Ed. at Duke Divinity; 20s/30s/40s Mission to Cuba; Faith Development continues interfaith work including a Ramadan Fast-Breaking Dinner with our Muslim neighbors; Stacy Van Hoecke resigns as Dir. of Music and Micah Horton hired, HS Mission to Costa Rica; MS Mission to Argentine neighborhood; Building Advisory Team publishes case statement, Capital campaign “Creating Space for All People” launched with goal of raising \$2.6 million to fund tower reconstruction, accessible community-rich spaces, new elevator, westside front porch to extend . . .
- Conversation about Race, Policing, and Incarceration”; Facilities Master Plan Team surveys congregation and meets with architects to envision the next era for building as a mission center; Second Kids Camp (150 children); Fourth annual Second-Crestwood Block Party; Second annual BTC Sunday; Middle School (MS) Mission to Oklahoma; HS/Young Adult Mission to Thailand; Visitor’s kiosk installed; New projection system in Westminster and new AV system in Chapel; Parlor/Hill Memorial Library dedicated after renovations completed, Worship Committee surveys congregation and adjusts services to include more time for reflection and prayer

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- a more inviting face to our neighborhood, and investments designed to sustain our vibrant Min.; Second annual Art on Oak; Fourth annual BTC Sunday (650 participants from Second and partner churches); Outreach secures \$10K Google AdWords grant; Capital campaign goal reached in December
- 2018 Membership: 549, TOT average attendance: 77, Building Implementation Team worked with architects and contractors to complete phase one of building improvements (restoring and preserving historic bell tower), oversee phase two (new elevator and lobbies), and begin plans for phase three (more accessible entrances and neighborhood front porch); Session votes to establish a Strategic Vision Team, team spends eight months listening, studying, discerning and exploring to inform their recommendations about how the Spirit of Christ is using Second; Session adopts "The Great Report" and new mission statement in October; TOT received grants from Synod and Heartland Presbytery and was selected by 1001 New Worshipping Communities (NWC to coach and train two residents: Tony Beyer and Victoria Litardo; TOT develops anti-racism training program with a multi-racial cohort and led trainings in churches, businesses, and non-profit organizations throughout KC, TOT only church in KC invited to participate in Mayor Sly James' Race and Equity Initiative; HS Mission: Cambodia; MS Mission: Memphis; Emily Nelson Dixon resigned as Children's Dir. and Shelley Wyche hired; Faith Development hosted C3 (Connect, Conversation, and Community) Groups and saw a 30% increase in Lenten small group participation; Launched series of well-attended "Christ and Cocktails" gatherings; Second hosts Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell for weekend on "Reclaiming Evangelism," Mission Committee celebrated five years of BTC Sunday with over 200 Second members, 12 partner churches and 880 people participating citywide; Custodian Terry Smith resigns; Recommendations from The Great Report begin implementation
- 2019 Membership: 540; TOT average attendance: 76; Phases two/three of building improvements completed; Front Porch and other new spaces dedicated; Second re-affirms commitment to being inclusive and affirming by joining More Light Presbyterians and the Covenant Network; New Sunday schedule introduced (8:45 and 9:45 services, and 10:45 "Common Room" gathering); C3 Groups (90 participants), Faith Development Trip to Spain; Women's Retreat held; Sixth annual BTC Sunday (150 members participating); Art on Oak held with guest speaker Terry Glaspey; New community partnerships established with 200 community groups using the building and members providing over 3,200 volunteer service hours; Well-attended community events featuring Nadia Bolz-Weber in January and two Calvin Arsenia concerts; Journey to Bethlehem returns following one-year hiatus due to construction; Marsha Kirsch retires following 21 years of service; Hali Wimbush hired as Operations Manager; Shelley Wyche resigns as Children's Dir.; TOT anti-racism training program provides training to over 2,000 people and 30 different organizations; TOT continued its partnership with 1001 NWC, hosting residents Tony Beyer, Victoria Litardo and Madison Mae Parker, and hosting the national conference in KC
- 2020 Membership: 535; Average worship attendance: 205 (January-early March, prior to COVID-19), after moving online Second averaged 194 devices each Sunday (March-December); TOT average attendance: 68, after moving online: 41 devices; COVID-19 affected all parts of Second as services, programs and Ministries were forced to adapt; Hosted new series of "Front Porch Concerts," devotions and outdoor communion services; Became a Matthew 25 (M25) church; Session approved statement to advance equity and do our part to end racism; Anti-Racism Group formed and trainings hosted; Rev. Geneva McAuley hired as Dir. of Children, Youth and Families; Hali Wimbush resigned and Lekeisha Mitchell hired as Operations Manager; TOT hosted residents Madison Mae Parker and Rev. Letiah Fraser; Wendie Brockhaus resigned as curator of TOT; Last year of Second's capital campaign; Sanctuary AV booth relocated and new cameras installed
- 2021 Membership: 530, TOT average attendance: 29; In the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic Second continued to offer online options while also celebrating a return to in-person worship and gatherings; Increased mission and social justice efforts through leadership

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of the M25 Committee and Anti-Racism Group and strengthened relationship with Covenant Pres. and KC Indian Center; Second an "Equity in Action" award nominee by Nonprofit Connect; 22 Front Porch Concerts held; Children's Sunday School resumed (in-person); Second's Choir resumed singing in worship; Art on Oak returned (over 300 attendees); Rev. Kristin Riegel takes summer sabbatical; Rev. Paul Rock resigns as Senior Pastor; Lekeisha Mitchell resigns as Operations Manager; Rev. Geneva McAuley resigns as Dir. of Children, Youth and Families; Mark Langdon resigns and Sharee Thompson hired as Organist; Rev. Kristin Riegel serves as Lead Pastor and Acting Head of Staff; TOT hosts residents Madison Mae Parker and Rev. Letiah Fraser

2022 Membership: 538; 9:45 service moved to 10:15; Sunday morning Connection Hour introduced including seven new classes for children and adults at 9 a.m. and coffee hour following worship; Children's Sunday School classrooms renovated and Children's Library and Youth Lounge created on third floor landing; Second volunteers served monthly at Cross-Lines, Harvesters, and Covenant Pres.; Congregation raised \$16,715 (including \$5,000 matching grant from M25 Committee) for Pres. Disaster

Assistance (PDA) humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and \$14,993 (including \$5K match from M25) for Cherith Brook Catholic Worker's Shower House renovation; HS Service and Learning Trip to Alaska; BTC Sunday (122 participants); 23 Front Porch Concerts held; Nick Pickrell resigns as organizer of TOT; Sam Murphy hired as Dir. of Child and Family Min.; Rev. Dr. Jared Witt hired as Transitional Pastor; Rev. Dr. Letiah Fraser hired as Pastor of TOT; Alex Treaster resigns and Jenna Soltys hired as Dir. of Communications; Stacy Hunter hired as Operations Manager; Building Condition Assessment completed and a boiler replaced

2023 Membership: 405; Pastor Nom. Committee (PNC) formed; Organized support for the 14-member Rauffi family who fled Afghanistan, Journey to Bethlehem relaunched; Johnnie Baker retires as Business Manager and Martha Atkinson hired; Jimmy (McCarty) Itczak resigns as Dir. of Church Life and Andrew Cangelose hired as Dir. of Youth and Young Adult Min.; Willie West retires and Dan Goodloe hired as Custodian; Building Condition Assessment report completed; New chiller, and two new air handlers installed; Floor abated and tiles replaced in ECLC nursery, kitchen, and nursery bathroom

