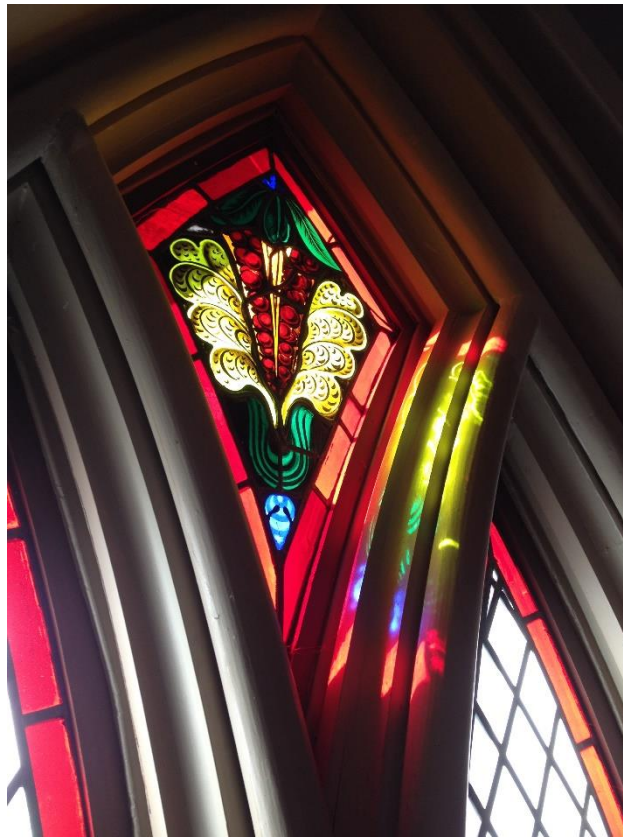


Second Presbyterian Church

5 North Fifth Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

We welcome all whom God calls into life, worship, work, and leadership of this church without regard to gender, cultural heritage, skin color, socio-economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstances.



W. Jacob, 2018

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Pastor's Report **Alexander W. Evans**

Some words from the Apostle Paul from Romans 12: *Dear friends, God is good. So, I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. ² Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him. . . . ⁹ Be sincere in your love for others. Hate everything that is evil and hold tight to everything that is good. ¹⁰ Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself. ¹¹ Never give up. Eagerly follow the Holy Spirit and serve the Lord. ¹² Let your hope make you glad. Be patient in time of trouble and never stop praying. ¹³ Take care of God's needy people and welcome strangers into your home.*

These words from Romans continue to shape our life as God's people together:

- ❖ We keep gathering for worship, seeking praise and honor of God in response to God's steadfast faithfulness and covenant with us.
- ❖ We keep striving to live and serve with love, working against evil, holding tight to all that is good, spreading honor and hope.
- ❖ We keep on in patience and prayer, seeking to take care of needy people, creating welcome for all.

Throughout 2022, this family of faith confronted significant and on-going issues:

- ❖ the ever-present and lingering COVID pandemic,
- ❖ decisions and deliberations about faithful worship and work amidst concerns about safety and health,
- ❖ adjustments in our common life regarding fellowship and faithful connections, meetings and more, and new rhythms for life.

Amidst all of these continuing challenges, music and worship each Sunday, both in-person and on-line, shaped us for God's purposes. We kept growing in faith and fellowship through many connections and classes. We have added new members, even as we said goodbye or grieve the loss of other members. We continue to care for each other and create a community of welcome. We have kept on in service to God, nurturing important partnerships across the city and world, sharing food on Mondays, showers on Tuesdays, and spreading love in many ways. We even completed the recent Capital Campaign by sending \$200,000 in June (in excess of the \$5 million goal) to mission partners and others serving God's purposes.

Even in this year of economic instability and market downturns, we finished the year on very solid financial footing. Our generous members fulfilled hearty pledges and commitments. We were able to support every one of our mission partners as planned. We maintained and even improved our building for effective ministry. We added excellence to our staff with a new Organist (Kathy Toole) and a new Building Manager (Gene Roland). We put in place plans for a strong staff and significant ministry efforts moving into 2023.

The reports in this document verify the health and vitality of this church, especially in complex and challenging times for many churches. We are a family of faith that cares

sincerely for one another, seeks to share and serve diligently and faithfully in the city and across the world, according to our mission statement, and seeks to nurture faith and inspire faithfulness and life all around.

As we come to the end of 2022, and I come to the end of my time as Pastor, at the end of April 2023, I want to say again that my connections to you, this congregation, remain among the greatest joys and honors of my entire life. Our shared ministry efforts, in worship and work, have shaped my life forever. I retire from pastoral ministry with only sincere gratitude for the privilege of serving among you. Ginger and I will cherish these 14 plus years of ministry partnership as much as we cherish anything.

May God continue to bless and guide all of us as we seek to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, doing everything with love and service, keeping on in faith, hope, perseverance, prayer, and gracious living. All glory and honor be to God.



Associate Pastor's Report **Kate Fiedler**

As Jesus began his sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes include:

⁵ *"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.*

⁶ *"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.*

⁷ *"You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.*

⁸ *"You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.*

⁹ *"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family." (Matthew 5:5-9, *The Message*)*

Looking back at 2022, there are plenty of blessings to count, moments to give thanks that my call to serve at Second feels affirmed and nurtured. Here are a few highlights from our year together:

In February of 2022, the youth of the church led worship. Three high school seniors preached, honestly sharing from their own experience, and weaving their lives with God's Word. The entire youth group worked together to craft the rest of the service: the hymns, the prayers, the liturgy, and the focus were chosen and created by the youth. It was a good day for the church, and a time when the youth were encouraged, and their leadership was affirmed.

In May, the young adults gathered at Hardywood Brewery to support the local Ukrainian community and for our own fellowship and fun. We played games, played with and passed around a toddler so his parents could relax, and talked about our lives. Second Church

supports young adults as they journey in faith, and this group continued to grow and strengthen with more gatherings throughout 2022.

Over the summer, I delighted in working behind the scenes as we continued to Shine God's Light with the great idea to give away \$50,000. I love numbers and statistics (and the ways they can tell a story), and you all taught me so much about different organizations building up the beloved community around Virginia and the world. Surprising so many mission partners with an extra check was AWESOME! It was a joy to share these gifts and Shine God's Light with the abundance from your generosity.

In July, we celebrated the ordination and installation of the Reverends Kelley Connelly and Jay Morgan. What a joy to celebrate the ways this church family supports pastors as they begin their ordained ministry!

On a personal note, I gained confidence and new energy in preaching during the spring of 2022. After a rough go in my Preaching & Worship class (I can tell the story, if you want) and years (17 to be exact) of telling kind people that preaching "just isn't in my skill set," I felt comfortable in the pulpit. Second Church, you were a gracious partner with the Holy Spirit to make that happen. For the first time ever, I enjoy preaching...for the most part. For the first time ever, I feel like I have something worthy of the text and your time to share. My parents noted the change. My pastor pals have hugged me when I've shared this new normal. I can't articulate how you blessed me with getting "my inside world—my mind and my heart—put right" before God and you saints in the pews and online from the pulpit, but the change is real and makes a huge difference in how I approach and appreciate the craft of preaching. I still prefer to listen and learn from my colleagues, but I no longer push through my preaching dates. Thank you for loving me through this process.

We are blessed in so many ways at Second—we are a 10-talent church! I'm grateful to be along for the adventure with each of you.

Blessings and Light,

Kate



Report from the Worship Council **Betty Dickie, Chair**

The Worship Council provides support and feedback to our Pastors and Director of Music on Worship related matters. The Council regularly engages in discussion about all the worship opportunities at Second, and further provides support for worship through the ushers, communion coordinators, and Arts Committee.

With vaccinations and lower Covid-19 infection numbers, the Council's focus in 2022 shifted from online worship to finding safe ways to add to worship in person in the Sanctuary. Mask mandates and social distancing continued, but we began to gradually add full hymns, the doxology, and the choir section leaders in the balcony. By fall, the full choir returned, and masking and social distancing was left up to individual discretion. The modified method of serving communion continued.

The choir continues to provide great inspiration. During the summer months we enjoyed soloists including our own David Wilson and Michael Hawn. Laura Carr continues to coax wonderful things from our children's choir.

Many thanks are also due to Bo Jacob for his tireless technological support that not only enhances worship but makes it accessible to our members and beyond.

Despite Covid and its changes, our worship has continued to inspire through the Word, music, and art. We are grateful for those who took to the pulpit in 2022, including Alex Evans, Kate Fiedler, Roger Gench, Kelley Connelly, Sam Adams, and our youth.

We welcomed Kathy Toole as our new organist on October 2. Before joining us, Kathy spent 26 years at Bon Air UMC as minister of music. We are so glad to have her with us!

And finally, thanks to those who do the work of this Council: Alex Evans, Kate Fiedler, Jeff Riehl, Ginger Evans (staff); Becky Hudson, Sam Dalton, Hannah Garrity, and Michael Hawn (elders), and in consultation, Cliff Henderson, and Helen Adams.



Director of Christian Education Report

It has been one of the greatest joys of my life to serve at this wonderful church! I have felt the love and support of each member as we have worked to grow in our faith and faithfulness throughout these 14 years. I decided it was time to retire when I met Hannah Garrity and discerned her interest in serving at Second. It is with great joy that I pass this work on to her for this Church Family I love so dearly!

We began the year still meeting mostly virtually or together in masks. For Adult Education we continued great classes in the Dining Room or Chapel.

January 10: Julian Hayter, from the University of Richmond on the role of the church during the Civil War, Reconstruction, and during the Civil Rights struggle.

January 17, 24, and 31: "Prayer – Growing in the Ways of Faith, Hope, and Love" with Alex Evans, Kate Fiedler, and Roger Gench

February 6 – 27: Michael Hawn on "Spirituals and Singing the Faith"

March 6: Sally Johnston and her Pilgrimage Team

March 13: Sarah Scarborough, Executive Director of Real Life

March 20 and 27: Philemon with Frances Taylor Gench

April 3 – 24: Almond Ka Kwan Sin, Visiting Professor of Old Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary, on “Some of the Unnamed Wives in Biblical Literature”

May 1: Julie Bilodeau, Executive Director of CrossOver Ministries

May 8: Emily Nyce, Executive Director of Yaupon Place

May 15 and 22: Roger Gench and Kelley Connelly on Taizé Worship

After the summer break, Adult Education classes began again.

September 11 – October 2: Alex Evans led a series, “A Refresher Course of the Bible.”

October 9 – 30: A series based on Matthew 25: “Welcoming the Stranger to Richmond, Virginia” featuring Carmen Elena Diaz Anzora, PC (USA) International Peacemaker from El Salvador; Humphrey Muraya, Pastor, All Nations Presbyterian Fellowship; Kate Ayers, Executive Director, ReEstablish Richmond; Tonya Gonzalez, Executive Director, Sacred Heart Center

November 6, 13, 20: Roger Gench discussed “Deep Faith and Our Actions in the World.”

December 4 - 18: Michael Hawn led “Music of the Season.”

Dan Ream led the wonderful group that is the Faith and Literature Class all year. They finished reading “In Sunlight or In Shadow: Stories Inspired by the Paintings of Edward Hopper.” Next, they read “Same Place, Same Things” by Tim Gautreaux. Then finished 2022 reading the anthology of short stories “Listening for God-Volume 3.”

Franklin Reding continued his Bible Class with a small but devoted group.

Kerygma Bible Study Group met on Wednesdays via Zoom and in-person and studied the Interpretation Commentary on the Book of Esther.

A highlight of the year was *A Congregational Event which took place on Monday, January 24, on Zoom*, for a presentation by award-winning author, Ty Seidule, who wrote Robert E. Lee and Me.

Another highlight of the year was the Lenten Pilgrimage led by Sally Johnston and her team: Kathy Pryor, Kathleen Murphy, Marjorie Clark, Kelley Connelly, June Henderson, and Clare Diester.

Children enjoyed meeting in person with masks and care for each other. It was wonderful to get back in person and to be able sing and learn together. Ms. Laura (Carr) continued to lead us in music all year. Ginger taught the class with the able assistance of Hadia and Orzo Rhamaty and Allison Mays.

Youth met online and in-person aided by the incredible energy of Kate Fiedler. On February 20, we held a powerful Youth Sunday with Lucy Lomeling, Joseph Foltz, and Charlie Adams as our preachers. Other youth who participated included Liam Barkley, Frances Coats, Knox Dendy, Whitner Lilly, Benjamin Lomeling, Henry Scott, and Zoe Scott. The Youth were blessed by their youth advisors Jay Morgan and Martin Pinckney.

Caregivers of Aging Parents met on Zoom and in person in homes for a simple meal and a time of sharing. This group was a great support to many of us.

The Historical Timeline Task Force divided up our 175 years as a church into these teams: 1845 - 1900 – Kathleen Murphy and Barbara Batson; 1900 - 1930 – Barbara Batson and Julia Allred; 1930 -

1960 – Minor Weisiger; 1960 - 1990 – Marjorie Clark and Sally Johnston; and 1990 – 2022 - Jack Berry. Barbara Batson engaged a graphic artist who began working on the design.

The Second Presbyterian Child Care Board officially disbanded and asked Session to appoint a Task Force to work with the YWCA to discern the possibility of opening a Sprouts School in our facility. Many thanks go to Sue Munro and Katie King for all their work to close the Center. At its January 19 meeting, the Session of Second Presbyterian Church approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the YWCA Richmond. The Child Care Center Task Force, Cathy Howard, Ginger Evans, Cherry Peters, Sheri Highfill, Jack Moorman, Cicely Powell, and Betty Dickie, continued to work on this partnership. Many thanks go to Sheri Highfill who continued to serve as Treasurer seeking to close out the books and continue to pay remaining bills and take care of many loose ends. Also, many thanks go to Chuck Wall who served as our lawyer in all the negotiations that led to the Memorandum of Understanding.

With love and gratitude!

Ginger Taylor Evans



Report of the Membership Council **Vernon Mays, Chair**

Coming out of the shutdowns caused by the pandemic, our church membership made significant strides during the past year. Membership Council performed its regular slate of duties, which include helping prospective members understand the mission and culture of our church and coordinating Council members and other congregational volunteers to greet visitors after worship.

To celebrate the launch of the church year, the Council sponsored a Rally Day gathering in the South Courtyard prior to worship on September 11. Coffee, juice, and donut holes were served to all comers for good fellowship and a welcome back from summer's hiatus.

In June, the Membership Council unanimously recommended to Session a change in our Welcome Statement to keep the church in sync with issues that are current in our society. The recommended changes include the underlined language that follows: “We welcome all whom God calls into life, worship, work, and leadership of this church without regard to gender, cultural heritage, skin color, socio-economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstances.”

In the Council's discussions, we agreed that this clarification, along with the other characteristics listed, communicates a welcoming message to those who are impacted and separates Second Presbyterian from other congregations who explicitly discourage or deny participation in their church activities by these individuals. After discussion, we agreed to modify the term “circumstances” as “other life circumstances” to add more context to what

we believed was too vague a term. At its June meeting, Session unanimously approved these changes.

Over the course of the year, we greeted many new visitors who have found a church home at Second Presbyterian. In April, we were blessed to welcome this class of 11 new members to our congregation.

Amelia Adair
Kevin and Kitty Bryant
Terry Crickenberger and Joe Earhart
Julia and Will Merritt
Nancy Millsaps
Anna Moore
Evan and Kiana VanDyke

In addition, we were thrilled to welcome a second class of eight new members in October. Those members include:

Almond Sin and Pan Chan
Joel and Juliet Faul
Laura Knouse
Lindsey Slaughter
Randy Smith
William Harkleroad

Baptisms

Tanner Branch Alexander, June 12
Lucy Elizabeth Fox Carver, August 28
Devon Ann White, October 9
William Joseph Lee Harkleroad, October 16
Rhett William Carter, November 13

Deaths

Morehead Foard, January 20
Suzan Knight Cecil, March 3
Theodore (Ted) Gary Winter, April 14
Billye Catherine Leonard, May 11
John (Jack) Martin Brandt, August 28
John Victor Moeser, October 17
Linda Carter Joynes, October 31



Deaths of Affiliated Persons

John Clay Ford, Jr., January 10
The Rev. William M. Schotanus, February 4
Stephen Alexander Woodward, March 4

Mission and Advocacy Annual Report

Cathy Howard and Lucretia McCulley, Co-Chairs

In 2022, faith-based advocacy and mission activities continued to work “side by side” by advocating for systemic changes while providing hands-on mission assistance through our Urban, Presbyterian and International mission partners, as well as our in-house church mission programs.

Advocacy priorities for 2022 included *Immigrants/Refugees, Earth Care, Racism and Racial Equity* (including criminal justice reform and gun violence). Consistent attention on these priorities were shared with the congregation through education, prayer and action. We partner closely with Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP), Virginia Interfaith Power and Light (VAIPL) and the PC-USA Office of Public Witness to communicate with state and congressional representatives on issues and legislation related to our priorities. The “Advocacy@2ndPres” Google Groups email list alerts church members about faith-based advocacy actions and learning opportunities. Nearly 80 members are currently on the list.

We are an Earth Care congregation, and Sally Johnston continued to coordinate earth-keeping activities. Twenty-seven church members served as reading buddies in the Yaupon Place Eco-Camp, a partnership with the Northside YMCA, Shalom Farms and Union Presbyterian Seminary. This initiative was the beneficiary of the Winn Endowment fund. With support from our Building Manager, Gene Roland, Carolyn Crighton organized a church recycling program for cardboard and paper.

A Lenten and Earth Day Pilgrimage booklet was created for the congregation. This booklet was based on the videos from the Fall 2021 church school series, “Perspectives on Richmond's Emerging Story,” and focused on reflections and actions to address racism and racial equity.

Racial equity advocacy also takes place through the Clergy and Citizens Against Racism (CCAR), a coalition of diverse faith leaders in dialogue striving to dismantle systems of inequality and foster a more just, compassionate and inclusive community. Second Presbyterian members joined other churches on November 10 for a bus trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture. In March, several church members attended a CCAR Zoom session with Dr. Ravi Perry to learn about critical race theory. We also joined CCAR members in February at Bethel AME Zion Church for a prayer vigil focusing on voting rights.

On September 10, Alex Evans collaborated with an interdenominational group of ministers to host a “Day of Repentance” service at St. John’s United Church of Christ, related to the monuments erected and removed on Monument Avenue. More than 20 Second Presbyterian members were in attendance.

During September and in collaboration with VICPP, 10 volunteers from the church wrote over 100 postcards to encourage registered voters to vote in the upcoming November election.

In October, the Mission and Advocacy Council sponsored a 4-week church class entitled: “Matthew 25: Welcoming the Stranger to Richmond, Virginia.” This was an opportunity to learn about our mission partners who support immigrants and refugees. A highlight of the series was a special guest speaker Carmen Elena Diaz Anzo, PC (USA) International Peacemaker from El Salvador.

Kim Bobo, Executive Director of VICPP spoke to the Mission and Advocacy Council in December and discussed VICPP legislative priorities for the 2023 General Assembly. These included limiting

the use of solitary confinement; health equity for maternal health; paid sick days and affordable housing. Seven church members committed to attend VICPP's "Day of All People" at the General Assembly on January 18, 2023.

The Mission and Advocacy Council and the Arts Committee collaborated once again in December to create an impactful orange ribbon display remembering gun violence victims in the City of Richmond. On Sunday, January 15, 2023, our worship service included litanies and prayers focused on gun violence, including the reading of gun violence victim names, and bringing the orange ribbons forward to the communion table. In addition, the bell tolling for gun violence victims in the City of Richmond continued each Monday morning throughout the year and prayers for victims are included in the bulletin each week.

Our Mission activities provided support to many existing partners and to new endeavors through funding and volunteer efforts. We uphold the Matthew 25 framework as our lens to determine how to distribute our resources and engage in partnerships. We continue to learn about the work of our partners through special presentations at Mission and Advocacy Council (MAC) meetings, church school classes, and Minutes for Mission during worship. Members of the congregation can learn about Second's mission partners and opportunities to volunteer by clicking the outreach tab at <https://www.2presrichmond.org/>.

During the year MAC heard presentations from: Fran Bolin with Assisting Families of Inmates (AFOI); Kate Gooch with the Pace Center on VCU campus (and partner with UKirk); and Karla Koll in Costa Rica with the Latin American Biblical University. Betsey Moe, with CEDEPCA in Guatemala, joined worship service via livestream, and Cindy Corell, mission worker with Haiti, led worship and a group discussion in July. MAC also toured the new CARITAS facility where a plaque was displayed acknowledging the gift from Second Presbyterian. Also, Sarah Scarborough with Real Life presented at Church School where she led a discussion about the film, 16 Bars, which members were encouraged to preview. Marvin Daniel provided a Minute for Mission on the Shower Ministry and Greg Dickie spoke about ReEstablish Richmond.

The Shower Ministry grew as a new outreach effort for people who reside on the streets. Every Tuesday morning volunteers welcome men and women to the Hawes building for a hot shower, new clothing and a place to relax for a few hours. The ministry started the year with about 7 people and grew to 25 by year's end. Church members have been generous by providing supplies needed for the showers and clothing for the guests.

Walk-In made adjustments throughout the year to follow Covid protocols. When not possible to serve indoors, guests were provided with bag lunches. Once a month the Daily Planet provides a mobile medical van and guests are invited to be seen for primary care concerns.

Another new initiative was launched, the Winn Mission Endowment Fund, which was established as part of the Capital Campaign. Mission partners were informed of this one-time funding opportunity to support a transformational project at their organization. In 2022, Yaupon Place received funding to support their summer eco-camp for children, and Richmond Hill received a grant to support the Transcending Walls mural project. Information about the Winn Mission Fund and the application process is available on the church website.

The Child Care Center reopened through a partnership between the YWCA and Second to establish the Sprout School at Second Presbyterian. The Mission funds for the Child Care Center will continue to support scholarships for children in this new arrangement. Renovations were completed and staff were hired by end of year and children will start attending in January 2023. MAC is

extremely pleased that this important ministry to provide high quality childcare will continue in our building. After church on May 22, the YWCA leadership provided a tour of the newly renovated YWCA building. Many members of the congregation attended and learned of their services and saw the innovative building design to accommodate these services.

MAC continued to sponsor collection opportunities to support our partners and programs within the church. Collections included: lasagna baking ingredients that were used to provide a special meal for our Walk-in guests on President's Day; towels and sheets for Real Life houses; nonperishable foods for Health Brigade pantry; warm clothing for Walk-In; toiletries, towels and clothing for shower ministry (ongoing); and books for Richmond Public Schools.

In 2022, the Fair Trade Coffee team continued with face-to-face sales after worship in the chapel every first and third Sunday. Free home delivery of coffee and tea purchases is still available but is rarely requested now that worship at the church has resumed. Promotion of our sales days have been made through the church's Facebook group, Sunday bulletins, and weekly e-mails during sales weeks. Starting in the fall, several new members joined the Sunday sales team. We are very happy to have Sue Munro, Zoe Scott, Henry Scott, Greg Dickie, Tom Edmonds, and Nancy Millsaps join our ongoing sales force of Don and Elsa Falls, Lollie George, and Dan Ream. We greatly appreciate the support of Dorothy DeJong and Willa Jacob in the church office for assisting with our accounting and promotional efforts. According to Equal Exchange, we purchased \$4,630 of Fair Trade Coffee in 2022, which they say places us "well within the top tier among Interfaith Partners."

Kelley Connelly and Bo Jacob produced several new podcasts for Second Serving. Guests included Roger Gench, Karen Stanley (CEO for CARITAS), and Fran Bolin, (Executive Director of AFOI). Kate Fiedler has joined the Richmond Public Schools Interfaith Council and is serving as the contact with Chimborazo elementary school in anticipation that a partnership will be renewed with that school.

MAC provides the stewardship of the church's resources that fund our partners: local (18), international (4) and through the Presbyterian Church (13). MAC was able to increase funding to several partners: PCUSA Mission agency was increased by \$10,000 and international missions was increased by \$10,000 and distributed to CEDEPCA (\$5,000), All Nations Church (\$2500) and FONDAMA for Haiti (\$2500). The existing \$2,000 for Malawi was designated to go to the Daeyang Nursing School for scholarships at the recommendation of Sue Makin.

The congregation was offered a unique opportunity to designate funds to a nonprofit of their choice through the Shining the Light Campaign. With \$50,000 from the Capital Campaign, each member was granted a voucher worth \$150. Two hundred and five members participated and approximately 75% of the contributions went to existing partners. In the end, the vouchers were doubled in value and a contingency fund of \$3,000 was established for future needs.

MAC continues to discern how Second Presbyterian can uphold the tenets as a Matthew 25 Church and as an Earth Care Congregation and to make Christ known in Richmond and the World through the generous support of the congregation's time, talents and resources.



Report from UKirk Campus Ministry

UKirk at Virginia Commonwealth University is a campus ministry of the Presbyterian Church USA. UKirk provides a thoughtful, worshipping community where students can gather to learn about God, one another, and experience a Christian community. Many college students do not have a church home; therefore UKirk is the community of faith that they come to in order to experience God and fellowship with their peers on a spiritual level. UKirk also seeks to provide a safe and welcoming place for those students who may have never experienced God. We strive to make UKirk a place of hospitality for both students who are born and raised in the church, as well as those who may be seeking God for the first time. VCU has a very diverse population of students, many of whom do not identify as religious. What I have found over the years, especially after such extensive periods of isolation, is that students are longing for connection and community, they just aren't sure where to find it. Which is why UKirk seeks to be a place of belonging for *all*. Just as Christ prepares a table for all people, we too seek to welcome all students who come to our programs.

Spring 2022 Events

- ❖ Book Club
- ❖ Scripture and Conversation
- ❖ Senior Lunch
- ❖ Graduation Brunch

Fall 2022: Formalizing our partnership in Campus Ministry with The Pace Center

What are the benefits of partnering with The Pace Center?

- ❖ **Location, location, location!** The Pace Center has its own building right in the heart of the VCU campus. With their proximity to campus, this gives me a regular presence on campus. I now have regular office hours at Pace and can be available for pastoral care and other meetings as needed.
- ❖ **Asset Based Community Development:** Pace uses an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) strategy to develop communities at VCU where people's gifts are valued. ABCD builds on the assets that are already found in the student community and mobilizes individuals to come together to build on their assets instead of concentrating on what students need. VCU students do this by first identifying the assets of their community through a series of listening interviews. Once they discover the assets and passions of their diverse community, individuals are matched with people or groups who have an interest or passion in that asset. The key is to use the gifts that VCU students possess to create student-led programming and build a stronger, deeper VCU community where students hold the power.
- ❖ **Deepening relationships in Richmond:** For several years, faith communities in downtown Richmond have tried to find a way to support VCU students. Pace has found a way to do thoughtful campus ministry in downtown Richmond, and it works! Second Pres, along with other downtown churches, are eager to get involved with Pace.

UKirk and Pace are now official partners in campus ministry and seek to extend Christ's hospitality to *all* within the VCU community.

Fall 2022 Events

- ❖ Stories and Lunch
- ❖ Walk a Dog
- ❖ Morning Communion
- ❖ Community Cafe
- ❖ Mentorship Program
- ❖ Student Circles
- ❖ Serve
- ❖ Strings and Things

This last year my eyes have been opened to a multitude of possibilities! In this new collaboration with the Pace Center, we encourage this space to be a place of learning, adapting, and meeting student needs. For me, I understand the future of this campus ministry as 'a laboratory for the future of the church.' A space where all are welcome, and all can belong. A space where it's always safe to ask questions and be curious. A space where we can learn and witness God at work in all that we do. Each day is an opportunity to reimagine what this means. Over this next year I plan to keep learning from my students and listening to the needs of this incredible community. May we lean into the work of the Spirit, and trust that God is near.

I again express a word of gratitude and joy for being given the privilege to serve and be a part of this wonderful community - not only the UKirk community, but also the congregation of Second Presbyterian Church. Because of the substantial support from Second Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of the James, and Union Presbyterian Seminary, I've had the opportunity to reimagine what community can look like for UKirk RVA and invite others to join in this discernment. I look forward to the growing and dreaming that lies ahead for us. I could not be doing what I do each week without the support and nurture of these communities. Thank you for your generosity that makes this possible, and as always, please keep us in your prayers.

God's Peace,

Rev. Kelley Connelly



Report from the Building Administrator Gene Roland

Our campus saw a great deal of activity in 2022, not the least of which was the return of worshipers and volunteers to the buildings and grounds. While COVID's impact on the global supply chain is still present, careful, and deliberate planning on the part of Property Council and Rob Fergusson, our previous Building Administrator, allowed me to assume my duties at the start of 2022 with confidence.

Second Presbyterian began contracted recycling services in 2022 which strengthens our commitment to the environment as an Earth Care Congregation. Leading a team of dedicated church members, Carolyn Crighton worked closely with me to extend recycling services - at no charge - to each of our tenants in the Virginia Building.

For the church staff, changes and improvements included a new, robust email server accessible through Microsoft's Enterprise Service software. A new voice over internet phone system, or VoIP, was also installed that allowed Second Presbyterian to move away from an expensive service provider.

The LED lighting in the chapel was increased during the first half of the year and negotiations with an LED manufacturer, Luxtech, allowed us to secure several years' worth of repair parts for discontinued fixtures in the sanctuary. The acquisition of these parts allows us to perform simple lighting repairs without involving outside contractors.

Taking my lead from Tom Holland, the second half of 2022 brought the installation of new carpeting and wood flooring in the hallway between the chapel and the sanctuary. We also increased wheelchair seating in the north transept and for those needing assistance, we added a motorized door opener at the north courtyard entrance to the sanctuary.

June brought us a small, clothes dryer fire in the Hawes Building and in July we suffered a serious lightning strike during a summer storm. Marvin Daniel quickly secured a new washer and dryer which allowed the Shower Ministry to continue its outreach with little to no disruption. Likewise, Bo Jacob and I worked for several weeks to identify, repair, or replace all the equipment damaged by July's storm.

Lastly, we spent a good portion of the year preparing for the resumption of full-day, early childhood education with our new partners at the YWCA's Sprout School. We managed the upgrades to the basement bathrooms and the YWCA managed the upgrades to the classroom spaces. Improvements include all-new child sized restroom fixtures, new flooring, new lighting fixtures and new paint. During this period, we also improved our curb appeal on Main Street with a new awning and new window guards for the children's center.

It has been a joy serving the needs of Second Presbyterian for the last year. 2023 brings new challenges and new goals, but I know that I am fully supported by Property Council, by our ministers and ministry teams, by our staff and by each of you. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to minister to your physical and fiscal needs as Building Administrator. Onward and upward!

Report from the Personnel Committee

Jon Heckel, Chair

Members: Amanda Healy, Anne Grier, Chris Reina, June Henderson, Sam Highfill

The Personnel Committee has ongoing responsibilities to support our church staff members to help them to successfully engage in their professional roles within the life of the church. In addition to administering the annual Personnel budget, a recent focus of the Committee has been the selection and hiring of new staff members when necessary.

This year the following church and staff members provided invaluable assistance when staffing transitions occurred:

Financial Manager Search Committee (Anne McDonnell, Sam Highfill) In consultation with the Budget & Finance Council, the Robinson Consulting Group (RCG) was selected to be the church's new accountancy partner.

Organist Search Committee (Barbara Batson, June Henderson, Jeff Riehl, Kelley Connelly, Alex Evans) After careful evaluation and consideration, the Committee welcomed Kathy Toole to Second Church, bringing with her 30+ years of experience, most recently with Bon Air United Methodist Church.

Director of Christian Education Search Committee (Allison Vogler, Marjorie Clark, Amanda Healy, Betty Dickie, Allison Mays, Kate Fiedler, Alex Evans) Working through the fall of 2022 in preparation for Ginger Evans' retirement, the Committee redefined the DCE role and created the new Director of Christian Faith, Life and Arts position. After conducting an internal and external search, Second selected our very own Hannah Garrity to join the church staff, to be fully in role as of March 1, 2023.

Pastor Transition Planning Committee (June Henderson, Amanda Healy, Anne Grier, Kate Fiedler, Alex Evans) Following the pastor's retirement announcement, this group began meeting regularly to plan for a smooth interim transition.

We also welcomed a new **Handbell Director**, Chuck Todd. Chuck is also the nephew of Second Church's former organist, Michael Simpson.

As we progress into 2023, the church will be tasked with starting the search for a new pastor in response to Alex Evans' planned retirement. Second Presbyterian has been truly blessed to have Alex and Ginger's leadership, care, love and commitment over the past 14 years, and they will be greatly missed. An interim pastor will be hired to complement our highly capable ministerial bench of Kate Fiedler, Kelley Connelly, Mary Jane Winter, and Roger Gench.

We are so grateful for our talented and highly committed administrative staff members: Dorothy DeJong, Gene Roland, Willa Jacob, Bo Jacob, Kerry Randolph, and Cliff Anderson. We are thankful too for those who provide ongoing support for programming and outreach at Second: Jeff Riehl, Marvin Daniel, and Elva Mapp. The life of our wonderful church is made easier through the collective efforts of this fine team. We sincerely appreciate all that is done to keep our community moving forward in service to Richmond and beyond.

Report from the Budget and Finance Committee

Anne McDonnell, Chair

The Budget and Finance Committee has two main responsibilities.

First: The Committee monitors the Church's revenues and expenses in relation to the annual budget approved by the Session. At its regular meetings, the Committee reviews financial reports prepared by the Church's Accounting Service, Robinson Consulting Group. These financial reports are then presented to the Session. The Committee also receives financial information about the Endowment Fund, the Virginia Building, and the Parking Deck.

Second: The Committee coordinates the preparation of the Church's annual budget. In the fall, the Committee receives the Councils' spending requests for the following calendar year and reviews anticipated revenues from stewardship pledges, plate offerings, prior year pledges, the Endowment Fund annual draw, Virginia Building net income, and several other revenue sources. If necessary, the Committee and the Council Chairs meet as soon as is practical to reconcile spending requests and anticipated revenues. When final year-end financials are available, the Committee finalizes its budget recommendation and presents a proposed budget to the Session for approval.

In December of 2021, the church contracted with Warren Whitney as fractional CFO to handle the church's accounting needs following the resignation of our Financial Manager. The relationship proved unsatisfactory for a number of reasons, and the decision was made to find another firm. We did secure a contract with Robinson Consulting Group (RCG). The firm has been far more responsive, and is working diligently to get our accounting in order. It is not an inexpensive alternative, as it increased our administration costs substantially, but this arrangement assures we always have some back-up through the company as regards our financial needs.

The Committee also orders and receives an annual audit of the Church's financial statements prepared by an independent outside auditor. We did not conduct an audit for 2021, due to the resignation of our Financial Manager and the difficulties we had with the performance of Warren Whitney. RCG stepped up to help us address this, and we will have a financial review of 2021 and an audit of 2022 conducted by Robinson, Farmer, Cox in 2023. If there are any concerns following the 2021 review, we will conduct a full audit.

The Church remained in a strong financial position at the end of 2022. Plate offerings were less than half of what was budgeted, a number of expenses increased (e.g., insurance, contracted maintenance), and new expenses were incurred (e.g., security during worship). However, we did end the year with a \$30,000 increase in net assets. The endowment did take a \$2 million dollar loss as a result of the worst year for the market since 2008. Total net assets for all funds stand at \$10,270,913.

The 2023 budget process began in October, when Council Chairs were asked to begin evaluating their needs in 2023. Initial requests for the 2023 budgets significantly exceeded anticipated income. Council Chairs were asked to re-evaluate their requests, and this committee's chair made some budget cuts based on the prior 2 years spending history. The Trustees recommended and the session approved increasing the endowment draw from 3.5% to 4%. Closing the remaining gap required the use of cash not tied to the endowment. The Committee's proposed budget was presented to the Session at its meeting on February 22, 2023.

The Committee members: Anne McDonnell (Chair), Carolyn Brandt (Treasurer), Don Falls (Assistant Treasurer), Marvin Daniel (Elder and Lay Minister for Mission and Advocacy), Katherine Weisiger (Trustees), Sam Highfill (Elder), Cherry Peters (Assistant Treasurer), Richard Reynolds (Deacon), Terry Sheets (Elder) and Tom Edmonds. The Committee is supported by staff members Alex Evans, Pastor; Dorothy DeJong, Office Manager; and Stephen Weir and Tyler Bodlak from RCG.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TO THE SESSION AND CONGREGATION FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Background. The Trustees are charged under the Book of Order of the PCUSA and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia with the ownership and management of the real, tangible personal and intangible property of the Church, subject to the ultimate direction of the Session. (Under a resolution of the Session, the Property Council handles maintenance of all Church real property.)

2022 Results. The Trustees meet at least quarterly with the Pastor, the Church’s financial manager and representatives of The Colony Group, the Church’s fee-based investment advisor, to monitor performance and conditions. Discretionary investment management is provided by our advisors under an investment policy and an asset allocation model adopted by the Trustees. The General Endowment Fund (GEF) is invested in a mix of large cap, small cap, growth, value, international and fixed income mutual funds, including index and actively managed funds. This mix of investments is designed with a goal of minimizing risk and volatility, while maximizing return.

Set forth below is information from the GEF for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020:

General Endowment Fund	2020	2021	2022
Balance at beginning of year	\$6,737,165	\$7,468,965	\$9,020,025
Withdrawals	\$ 217,200	\$ 232,000	\$ 270,000
Contributions	\$1,013,634	\$ 914,443	\$ 24,955
Balance at end of year	\$7,468,965	\$9,020,025	\$7,640,727
Investment Gain / Loss	13.0%	11.1%	-16.0%

The GEF contributes on a quarterly basis to the Church’s annual operating budget. During 2022, the GEF contributed a total of \$270,000 to support the Church’s operations. These contributions are determined by a formula set by Session, which equals 3.5% of the average of the fund’s year-end balances over the preceding three years.

Other Invested Funds. Additional funds invested with the endowment, but have special designated uses, totaled \$1,818,214 at the end of 2022. The Toms Music Fund, which provides money for special music projects had an ending balance of \$3,429. The Capital Reserve Fund, which provides resources for unanticipated repairs or improvements to the Church’s physical plant that cannot be covered by the operating budget of the Property Council had an ending balance of \$443,670. The Organ Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance to our organ had a year-end balance of \$37,516. The ending balances in the Winn Mission Endowment and the Education Scholarship Fund were \$731,683 and \$118,134, respectively. Other funds invested with the endowment include the Capital Campaign 2016 Fund (\$57,042), the Davis Urban Engagement Fund (\$138,996), and the Gus and Virginia Davis Enrichment Fund (\$65,611). In addition, remaining

endowment funds from the Second Presbyterian Church Child Care Center were transferred to the church's endowment during 2022 and had a year-end balance of \$222,132. The Manse Fund (\$317,491 as of December 31, 2021) previously had been held as a separate source for lending money to its pastors to assist in the purchase and upkeep of housing. By action of the Session upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Council, the Manse Fund was transferred to the GEF in 2022.

The monies in all of these funds are invested according to the identical strategy as the GEF and provide identical returns. Periodically, some of these funds are spent for the purposes intended.

Miscellany. In December 2021, \$620,000 of the GEF was used to refinance the 2015 bank loan that was obtained by the church to buy out the former parking deck lease and make repairs to the parking deck. The Parking Deck Committee signed a note to repay the GEF in monthly installments of principal and interest over four years at an annual interest rate of 4.5%. An additional \$100,000 principal payment was made in 2022 from surplus revenue from the parking deck operations. As of December 31, 2022, the outstanding balance on the parking deck loan was \$375,573.

In 2021 and 2022, the Trustees engaged in a study of the history and growth of the GEF, for the purpose of determining if the endowment could support a higher spend rate to support the church's operations without adversely impacting the principal. As a result of the study, the Trustees concluded that the endowment can reasonably support a higher annual spend rate and voted to recommend to Session an increase from 3.5% to 4.0% in the annual draw rate. This recommendation was supported by the Budget and Finance Council and adopted by the Session for implementation for the 2023 budget. The increase will add approximately \$40,000 to the church's annual budget.

Respectfully submitted,

The Trustees of Second Presbyterian Church

Katherine Weisiger, Chair

Steve Allred

Sheri Highfill

Matt Horn

Mac Pence

Second Presbyterian Church 2021 and 2022 Operating Fund Budget

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>Approved 2022 Budget</u>	<u>Approved 2023 Budget</u>
SUPPORT and REVENUE				
CONTRIBUTIONS				
Pledged Contributions	\$906,822	\$924,189	\$905,000	890,000
Prior Year Pledge Payments	4,500	750	1,000	1,000
Plate Offerings	9,352	7,461	14,500	8,000
Special Contributions	100			
Subtotal Contributions	<u>920,774</u>	<u>932,401</u>	<u>920,500</u>	<u>899,000</u>
OTHER SUPPORT and REVENUE				
Tax Credits	-	-	-	75,000
Investment income	113		1,000	1,000
Facilities Use	470		500	500
VA Bldg Net Income Transfer	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Endowment Transfer	232,000	270,000	270,000	323,299
Allocation of prior accum surplus	not needed	85,432	85,432	30,865
Cash				68,653
Subtotal Other Income	<u>297,583</u>	<u>420,432</u>	<u>421,932</u>	<u>564,317</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	<u>1,218,357</u>	<u>1,352,833</u>	<u>1,342,432</u>	<u>1,463,317</u>
EXPENSES				
MISSION	<u>151,122</u>	<u>220,283</u>	<u>227,832</u>	<u>227,800</u>
WORSHIP & MUSIC	<u>25,859</u>	<u>43,737</u>	<u>48,850</u>	<u>50,500</u>
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	<u>7,778</u>	<u>18,357</u>	<u>23,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>
ADMINISTRATION	<u>55,465</u>	<u>54,877</u>	<u>79,950</u>	<u>132,350</u>
STEWARDSHIP	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL	<u>67</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,800</u>
BOARD OF DEACONS	<u>1,808</u>	<u>2,172</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
KITCHEN OPERATION	<u>483</u>	<u>1,759</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
PROPERTY	<u>170,479</u>	<u>221,916</u>	<u>178,500</u>	<u>214,121</u>
PERSONNEL	<u>719,699</u>	<u>758,865</u>	<u>775,000</u>	<u>808,446</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,132,760</u>	<u>1,321,967</u>	<u>1,342,432</u>	<u>1,463,317</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 85,597</u>	<u>\$ 30,866</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Church Staff in 2022

Ministers: All members of the congregation

Pastor: Alex Evans (aevans@2presrichmond.org)

Associate Pastor: Kate Fiedler (katef@2presrichmond.org)

Director of Christian Education: Ginger Evans (gevans@2presrichmond.org)

Director of Music: Jeffrey Riehl (jriehl@richmond.edu)

Organist: Kathy Toole (ktoole@outlook.com)

Building Administrator: Gene Roland (groland@2presrichmond.org)

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Office Manager: Dorothy DeJong (ddejong@2presrichmond.org)

Financial Manager: RCG Advisors (CPAs)

Administrative Assistant: Willa Jacob (wjacob@2presrichmond.org)

Production Director: Bo Jacob (knobturner2001@yahoo.com)

Theologian-in-Residence: Roger Gench (rgench@2presrichmond.org)

Pastor Emeritus: Ben Sparks

Walk-In Coordinator: Elva Mapp (eamapp@icloud.com)

Sexton: Kerry Randolph

Security: Cliff Anderson

Missionaries: Karla Koll, San Jose, Costa Rica

Cindy Corell, Haiti

Betsey & Eric Moe, CEDEPCA, Guatemala

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