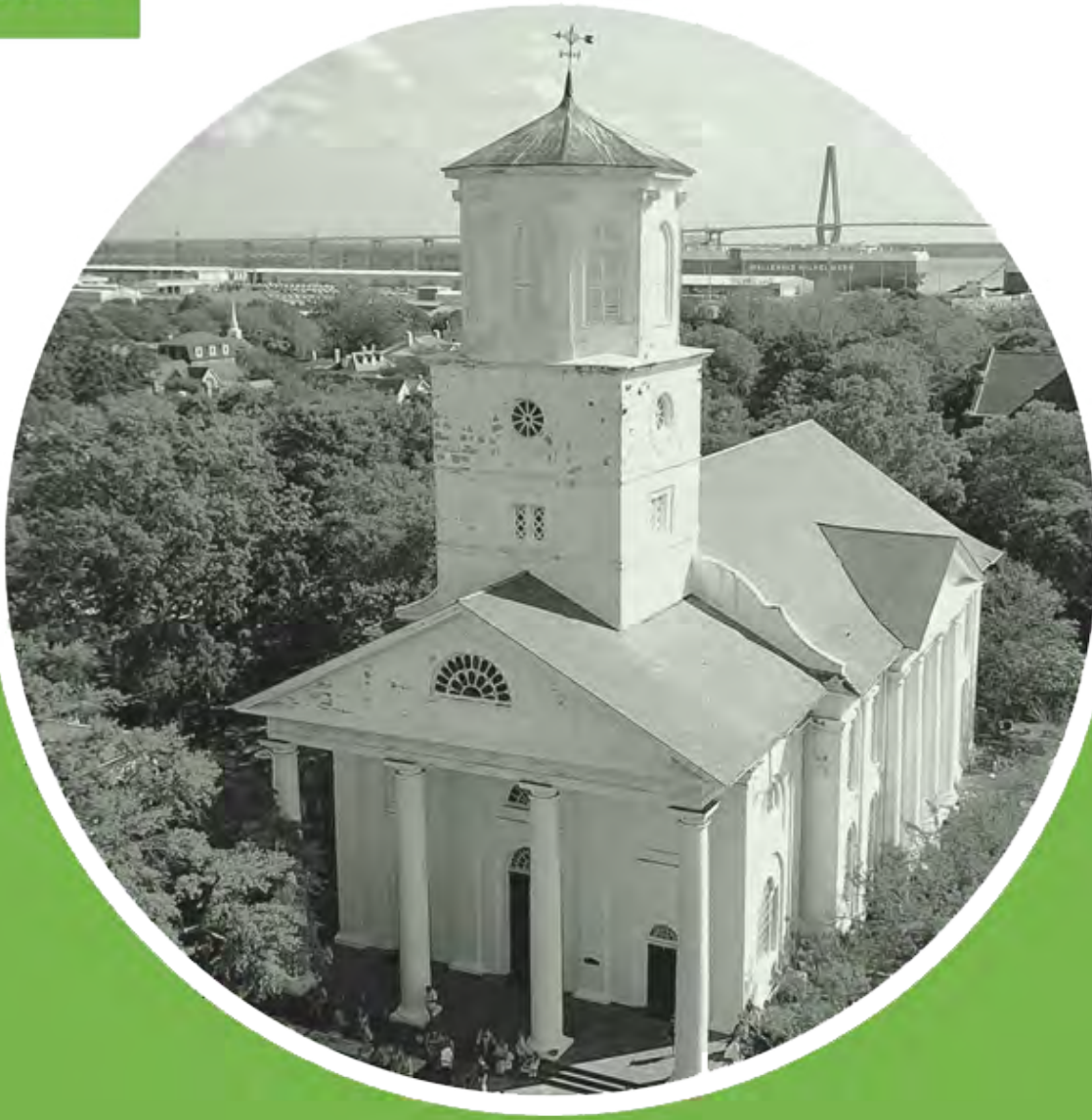




2018



ANNUAL REPORT

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHARLESTON

Brimming with life, community, and outreach in response to the love and grace of God

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MESSAGE

FROM OUR PASTOR



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2017. You will find a narrative that I hope will encourage you and inspire you as we have sought to be God's people this past year.

I pray that you'll be encouraged as you read the page that presents the life of this church detailing activities that occur through each week and season.

I pray that you will be inspired as you see our partners in ministry – individuals and organizations with whom we have

coupled efforts, joined resources and hearts in service.

I pray that you will see yourself, your friends and your family in the pictures and in the story of the Second Presbyterian Church this past year.

You will see the evidence of a congregation with diversity, spiritual purpose, vitality and joy – that punches above its weight in the community and beyond.

And you will see our challenges. We are not immune to the trends the larger church faces in patterns of attendance or support.

You will find a Narrative Budget – a pie chart and supporting comments that move beyond line items and describes our allocation of resources for the work we are given to do as stewards of buildings, legacy and most important, the love of Christ.

Friends, I invite people each week to be a part of a community of believers where they will be known, nurtured in Christ's love, and where each person is significant in the joyful work of Christ's great reclamation. May we all be moved to continuing – and greater – service this coming year as we continue to live into God's great narrative here at the Second Presbyterian Church.

With joy in being your pastor and in great anticipation –



BAPTISM OF GEORGIA HOLLIDAY POWELL

WHAT WE BELIEVE

ROOTS

We affirm the central truths of historic Reformed and Biblical Christian faith, seeing ourselves in a long line of generations taking part in the endless conversation between God and people. We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the voices of many who have come before us, inspired by God to pass along their poems, stories, accounts, and letters of response and relationship with each other and the living God. To know where we are going, we have to know where we have been.

REDEMPTION

We trust that God wants to bring about a new humanity by redeeming every part of us. We embrace the salvation Jesus offers as the only hope for the healing of our relationships with God, each other, ourselves, and creation. We believe that all of life is spiritual, and that all of our fears, failures, and brokenness can be restored and made whole. We value the process of our journeys because we want to be fully integrated people—with all our mind, body, soul, emotions and experiences offered together to God.

CALLING

We have great confidence that God will restore all of creation under the authority of Christ. We believe that every church has to ask the question: "How are we called to live out that future reality today?" We want to constantly explore, question, and wrestle with new and creative ways to live out and communicate the teachings of Jesus. Since we see ourselves as much called to new living as Abraham was when he was called out of the Babylonian city of Ur, change is expected and rebirth is welcomed.

COMMUNITY

We value the image of God in all people, everywhere. We believe that we were created to live deeply with one another; carrying each other's burdens, sharing our resources, praying for and confessing our sins to each other, suffering and celebrating together. It is in these honest, loving relationships that God transforms us, and truth of Christ's promises becomes a reality. The way of Jesus cannot be lived alone.

SERVING

We believe that Jesus is God in human form, and that the church is God's ongoing presence in the world. Led by the Spirit of God, we are passionate about relieving suffering and fighting injustice by joining the God of the oppressed in living out the transforming message of the resurrected Jesus. Jesus calls his church to be a compelling force for good in the world, and we believe that the church is at its best when it serves, sacrifices and loves, caring about the things God cares about. We were created to live for something larger than ourselves.

CELEBRATING

We take great joy in partnering with God to change the world, embracing the truth that all of life is sacred, hope is real and that tomorrow can be better than today. We celebrate the divine in the daily, pursue lives of hope, reflect gratitude, and renew ourselves in worship. God invites everyone everywhere into this way of life, and we believe it is the best possible way to live.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Early Morning Kickboxing & Power Lifting
Young Professionals Fellowship Groups
Young Families Group
Women's Bible Study Group
2nd Presbyterian Men's Society
Youth Fellowship Gatherings
Annual Oyster Roast
2nd Edition Book Club
Second Presbyterian Travel Club
Seersucker & Fancy Hat Sunday
"Seconds Please" Tea Room
"Supper at Second" Wednesday Night Fellowship
Game Night
Talent Show
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Vacation Bible School
Summer at Second (summer camp)
Community Thanksgiving
Food Drives for Lowcountry Food Bank and Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation
Parents' Night Out Youth Fundraiser
Souper Bowl Sunday
Operation Christmas Child
Journey (Campus Ministry)
Advent Workshop
Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat
Christmas Pageant

PARTNERSHIPS

Charleston Bible Society
Easter Egg Hunt with First Scots
1st Wednesday Men's Luncheon at St. Philips
Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center
Gospel Choir & Spiritual Ensemble
Community Worship Services at Thanksgiving and on Maundy Thursday
MUSC Camp Communication
Hands of Christ
Sisters in Serenity
The Shaw Center
Charleston Illumination Project
Sophia Institute's Social Justice Racial Equity Collaborative
Beth Heyward Missions
Bible Foundation Shipping
Boys & Girls Club (Shaw Center)
Loving America Street
Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy
Colin McKay Grant Home
Coward-Bolivia Service
Crisis Ministries
Feeding of the Multitude
Florence Crittenton Home
G.O.A.L.
Habitat for Humanity
Heifer International
Help for Haiti
Kai Dutton Fund
LEAP
Medical Benevolence – Congo, Medical Missions
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Presbyterian Communities of SC
Presbyterian Student Association
Rural Missions
Star Gospel Mission
Thornwell Home
Tywanza Sanders Legacy Foundation
Water Missions International

CONGREGATIONAL STATS

2017 End of Year Congregational Statistics

Membership: 261

New Members: 28

Baptisms: 5 (4 Children and 1 Adult)

Weddings: 13

Certificate Transfer Losses: 6

Deaths: 3

Other Losses: 21

- Marion Mitchell, Clerk of Session

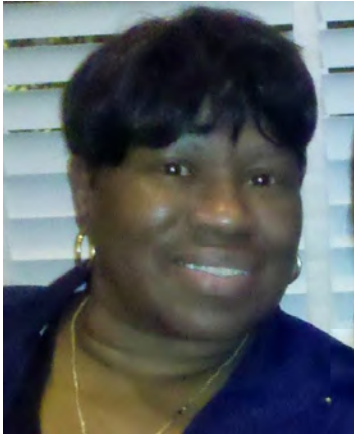


CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

NEW MEMBERS



FRANK & MARTHA BARKLEY



EARTHA BROWN



DAWN DUBS



MARGARET FLEMING



ROB & DAWN MCCREADY




EDMUND MOST & AMBER BRIGGS-MOST



RUSSEL & TAYLOR POWELL

A portrait of Geneva Frayer Canty, a woman with glasses and curly hair, wearing a white top, looking at a book.

GENEVA FRAYER CANTY

A portrait of Joseph Leslie and Scott Kerkstra, two men sitting with two children, smiling.

JOSEPH LESLIE & SCOTT KERKSTRA

A portrait of Bebe Coyle, a woman with red hair, smiling, with a child's head visible in the foreground.

BEBE COYLE

A portrait of Jeanne McBride, a woman with short white hair, wearing a white sleeveless top, smiling.

JEANNE MCBRIDE

A portrait of Nicole Schuerman, a woman with dark hair, wearing a grey jacket, smiling, with a blue sky and green hills in the background.

NICOLE SCHUERMAN



GENEVA FRAYER CANTY & SUE HENDERSON MAKING WREATHS DURING ADVENT WORKSHOP / JANUARY SNOW
NATHAN WALKER & MICHAEL BAILEY ON DECORATION DAY

CHURCH LEADERS

ELDERS

Class of 2018: Sue Henderson, Brad Milner, Marion Mitchell, Laura Ott

Class of 2019: Debra Gammons, Jerald Hucks, AJ Manett, Aled Pritchard

Class of 2020: Dave Jackson, Sarah Morton, Tina Smith, Nathan Walker

Nominating Class of 2021: Ken Carrington, Rob McCready, Chuck Medberry,

DEACONS

Class of 2018: Ruth Carr, Allyson Carrington, Sarah Mitchell, Meredith Mosny

Class of 2019: Cathy Lipp, Dolly Hamlin

Class of 2020: Erin Mellen, Mia Maness

Nominating Class of 2021: Geneva Frayer, Dawn McCready, Debbie Smith

2017 OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Spence Roddey, President

Patterson Smith, Vice President

Peggy Hay, Secretary

NOMINATING TEAM

2017: AJ Manett, Waring Howe, Dolly Hamlin, Liz McNulty, Erin Kerr, Peter Rupert, James Hackett, Cress Darwin (ex-officio)

2018: AJ Manett, Liz McNulty, Erin Kerr, Peter Rupert, Cress Darwin (ex-officio)

Nominating: Cathy Lipp (deacon), Aled Pritchard (elder), Patterson Smith (member at large)

SLATE OF NOMINEES



Ken Carrington was born in Grovetown, GA, has two sons. He is the River Dogs announcer and a musician. He loves sound design, being a DJ, and teaching the Children's sermon.

Rob McCready and his wife Dawn joined Second Pres in 2017 after moving to Charleston two years ago from Connecticut. Rob is a retired electrician and serves as a member of the Property Committee. He and Dawn are responsible for the re-illuminated bell tower and stained glass in the sanctuary.

Charles (Chuck) Medberry grew up at Second Presbyterian and is a retired physician. Chuck and his wife Lucie moved from Kansas back to Charleston and joined Second Pres in 2015. They have two grown children who were baptized here. Both Chuck and Lucie volunteer at the Tea Room.



Geneva Frayer Canty grew up in Mother Emanuel AME Church and transferred her membership from Emanuel. She found her home at Second Pres by way of our Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study.

Dawn McCready and her husband Rob joined Second Presbyterian in 2017. They moved to Charleston two years ago from Old Greenwich, Connecticut. Dawn has been a very involved member.

Debbie Smith has been a member of Second Presbyterian for over 30 years and she and Patterson have two children. She has previously served as a Deacon and on the Congregational Care Team.



Cathy Lipp and James have two boys, Elliot & Wyatt. She teaches yoga and spin classes and is an active participant in Wednesday night activities. She has served as a Deacon for two years.

Aled Pritchard grew up in the Presbyterian Church in Scotland and immigrated when he got married in 2008. He and Jordyn moved to Charleston in 2010 and joined Second Pres in 2014. They have three small children. He has served as an Elder for two years.

Patterson Smith has been a member of Second Church for over 30 years. During that time, he has served as a Deacon, an Elder, and Chair of several Committees. Currently, he co-chairs the Property Committee. Patterson and his wife, Debbie, are both active in church activities.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LIV CAPPELMANN, SUE HENDERSON, ERIN KERR, ERIN MELLEN & LAURA OTT

Christian Education at Second Presbyterian is widespread with Sunday Morning classes, Wednesday Evening programs and other weeknight Bible Studies. We also plan and implement special events like The Fall Carnival with the Kindergarten and the Kindergarten Sunday Celebration. The Christmas Pageant was a huge success enjoyed by our entire church family and many guests. The pageant was followed by a pizza supper in the Fellowship Hall. Friends and families also enjoyed Christmas cookies and hot chocolate to drink. We also continue to partner with First (Scots) Presbyterian to host the annual Easter Egg Hunt here on our church's campus.

This year we also hosted a church-wide trunk-or-treat and fall festival event. We invited families of The Shaw Center to be a part of this event. It was a great success! We are thankful for all of the many individuals it took to pull off this fun night.

We are continuing to see the weekly Young Adult groups grow in their faith and size on Tuesday nights. The young adults meet in different houses in West Ashley and Downtown and offer a point of entry into the life of Second Presbyterian. There have been many young adult leaders serving in various capacities in the church school and church who have been nurtured in the small group ministry.

We kicked off the year with Homecoming Sunday on August 27, 2017, recognizing children and youth who made milestone transitions in school. Each Sunday we offer Sunday school for children beginning at 10:00 a.m. We also have Sunday school for preschool children at 10:00 downstairs and childcare for children under 3. The children and youth have choirs beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Mixed Adults class, led by Dingle Howe, continues to work through the Present Word curriculum beginning at 10am.

Christian Education offerings on Wednesday night begin with dinner at 5:30 and study groups begin around 6:15. We kicked off the year with an intergenerational Game Night. It was great to see so many different ages all playing together. The children and youth all join together for fun and meaningful lessons taught by Domonique Brown, Liv Cappellmann, and Jessica Rodman. Domonique & Jessica lead the 5th-8th graders each Wednesday in Bible studies and mission projects. Liv takes K5-4th grade. Childcare is provided by Emily McDaniels and Anna Albright for children under 5 years old.

The Young Families group tackles books such as *Present Over Perfect*. This group has also been working through some of the same Bible stories their children are also studying on Wednesday evenings.



KA'MYA MANIGAULT, SASA DARWIN & HOPE STAUBES SINGING AT THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT / MUSC CAMP / PARENTS' NIGHT OUT / YOUNG ADULT RETREAT /

The Women's Bible Study has continued to grow and is an energetic group as they welcome new members and continue to pray and study together.

It has been a huge help to have the different ministry groups of Second Presbyterian take responsibility for the meals on a weekly basis. Many thanks to all the hands who have helped prepare meals this year: Session Groups A, B, and C, Women's Bible Study, West Ashley Young Adult Small Groups, Mixed Adult Sunday School, and Young Families Study Group.

We look forward to closing the Wednesday Night Program with a big production, The Second Annual Second Presbyterian Talent Show. Children and adults will showcase their many gifts and talents. Plan to join us in the audience or if you choose, on the stage! The date is April 25th, with supper at 5:30 and show time at 6:15pm.

On Friday, February 23rd we hosted a "Parent's Night Out" fundraiser. We had 17 children participate in a night of fun, food and games in the Fellowship Hall with their church friends. We will host a second "PNO" fundraiser on Friday, May 11th. All of the money raised will go to support our youth who are participating in the Montreat Youth Conferences.

This summer will be a big summer for Christian Education at Second Presbyterian. June 10th-16th Liv will be taking 3 of our high school youth to be a part of the Montreat Youth Conference. These young ladies will spend the week experiencing God and growing in their faith through worship, keynote, recreation and small group studies.

We will also be taking a group to the Montreat Middle School Conference at Maryville College in Maryville, TN. These young people will also grow in their faiths through keynote, worship, recreation and small group activities and study. Please keep these groups in your prayers as we travel and spend a week at these conferences.

Plans are well underway for Second to host our first "Community Vacation Bible School" the week of June 24th-28th. We will be hosting an evening VBS (5:30-8:00 each evening) starting with dinner follow by a rotation model of learning. Children will rotate within their assigned groups to different areas such as music, arts, recreation, discovery and Bible time. Second is proud and thankful to partner with Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Charleston Family Promise, The Shaw Center and City of Charleston Recreation Department, Laundry Matters, East Cooper Community Development and other local organizations to extend our invitation to families on the east side of Charleston. We are looking forward to this missional opportunity and cannot wait to see God's plans and handiwork unfold.

- Liv Cappelmann



EASTER EGG HUNT / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
GAME NIGHT / TALENT SHOW / HOMECOMING SUNDAY

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN KINDERGARTEN

SCHOOL STAFF

SUE HENDERSON
DIRECTOR

ERIN KERR
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

IRENE ROSE SMITH
MUSIC AND SPANISH

SARAH ELIZABETH CRAW
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

SUSAN LAU
KINDERGARTEN VOLUNTEER

ALLIE WILKINS & KATHERINE ALBRIGHT
PRE-K (4) TEACHERS

CHRIS BAILEY & AMY PRAUSE
PRESCHOOL (3) TEACHERS

SUE M^cMANUS, MARY BROWN & RACHEL HORNE
PRESCHOOL (2) TEACHERS



Second Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten has nearly completed our 40th year of offering young children in the Charleston Area a safe, happy environment for learning. We welcome children ages 18 months through five to participate the program. Our teachers provide positive discipline and teaching skills. They take pride in making the classrooms inviting. This year the Parents' Guild raised money to replace the aging area rugs in the rooms and gave the restrooms a fresh look with new toilets and sinks.

- The Parents' Guild purchases much-needed extras for teachers such as easels, audio equipment, books and games.
- The Guild organized with the help of Erin Kerr and Olivia Cappelmann, the Kindergarten Sunday Event with special music lead by our music teacher, Miss Irene Rose Smith. Over 200 church members and kindergarten families were present for this celebration.
- Parents' Guild funds pay for safe and effective mosquito and gnat control.



(ABOVE) CURIOUS MINDS "ERUPTING"
(TOP) CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

(BOTTOM) FOOD DRIVE FOR SEA ISLAND HUNGER RELIEF

OPPOSITE

(LEFT) SINGING IN WEEKLY WEDNESDAY CHAPEL

(TOP) THANKSGIVING FEAST

(BOTTOM) FUN IN THE 3'S CLASS



- The school maintains the back entrance to the grounds and the play areas.
- This year the school coordinated with the church a food drive that yielded 322 items of food for Sea Island Hunger Relief. Board member, Peter Rupert, helped deliver the food.

The Weekday Program serves 55 children. Routinely 15-20 of these children attend the Wednesday night children's youth group activities. The school is a Christ centered program and the Christian atmosphere is most visible on Wednesday mornings when we gather to worship in the Chapel. Parents often join us at this joyful time to praise God through

the Word, music, prayers and stories. Liv Cappelmann, our children's ministry leader, spends time with the children and the staff and we plan children's events together. The church staff and the staff of the weekday program work closely together spread the gospel to young children. We are planning an event April 29 to honor our beloved teacher, Mary Brown, who is retiring. The Annual Parents' Guild silent auction will be April 20 at The Albemarle Supper Club. Our closing program and picnic is May 15. We will sponsor Summer Camps June 21-23, 11-15, and July 9-13.

- Sue Henderson

JOURNEY

A WORSHIPING COMMUNITY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

After a semester of focusing on teaching "Healthy Christian Community," Journey steps into a new semester on "The Basics of Christians Belief". In other words, all those theological words you heard growing up in church, but might not know what they actually mean!

AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Spring averages at College of Charleston: 35 – 50

Spring averages at the Citadel: 30 – 40

SPRING BREAK

Six Journey students travelled to Cuba for a second time in March, bringing requested needed supplies to Hurricane Irma-ravished town of Caibarien.

MINISTRY RESIDENT

In the second and final year of providing a ministry residency for the denomination, Elena Layton was called from New Jersey to Charleston this year. Elena has done fantastic discipleship with both CofC students and Citadel Cadets. She hopes to stay in Charleston after the completion of her contract in April to do ministry and provide licensed counseling services.

- Colin Kerr



JOURNEY STUDENTS AT:
THE CITADEL (L)
COLLEGE OF
CHARLESTON (R)

MUSIC

JULIA HARLOW, TIM THOMPSON & LEE LINGLE

The Adult choir continues to sing weekly in the service in repertoire ranging from Renaissance polyphony to works composed this year. In Advent, 2017 we sang selections from Handel's *Messiah*, with choir, soloists, strings and organ. Lee Lingle assumed choir directing duties in October and has conducted the choir well since then. We hired Clarissa Rider in December as soprano section leader and her wonderful voice is often heard in solos and descants. Our adult choir continues to work hard and faithfully contributes to worship on a weekly basis and for festival services. The Bell Choir continues to play at least monthly in the service. We had joint services with several area churches both for Maundy Thursday, when we sang an anthem jointly with Westminster's choir, and the Community Thanksgiving Service in November.

Several members of the choir sang with the choir of First Scots in August, 2017 for Rev. Holton Siegling's installation there, and First Scots' choir came to Second in February, 2018, where we sang two anthems together in the morning service. We have had several instrumental soloists through the year, some professional, some through the College of Charleston. Members of the Charleston Gospel Choir or Spiritual Ensemble sang twice in services, and will continue to do so.

We hired Tim Thompson in the summer as pianist and music director for the Chapel Service, and his gospel and contemporary style of playing and improvisation is appreciated there.

The choir continues to improve vocally, and a move to a 6:30 pm time on Wednesdays has been helpful because the choir is more alert and rehearsals now end earlier.

- Julia Harlow



(1) CHOIR DOWNSTAIRS ON COMMITMENT SUNDAY

(2) MEMBERS OF THE CHARLESTON GOSPEL CHOIR SANG FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(3) MIKE PARTAIN PLAYING THE TRUMPET DURING THE EASTER SERVICE BEFORE THE CONGREGATION WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE CHOIR UPSTAIRS FOR HANDEL'S "HALLELUJAH CHORUS"

MISSION TEAM

SARAH MITCHELL, MARION MITCHELL, CATHY HINSON, DAVID SAVARD, PATTERSON SMITH, KATE STANTON, KRISTIN WALLACE & SARAH MORTON

The members of Second Presbyterian Church shared God's love with God's people this past Easter by giving generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing. \$1,634. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in"(58:12). His vision is being worked out in Puerto Rico and Houston and still in South Carolina through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. In Uganda, a widow farms to feed her three children and eight grandchildren, aided by the Presbyterian Hunger Program. In Ohio, the Front Porch Café community helps recovering addicts or individuals released from prison with guidance in employment opportunities, and to re-enter society as positively changed. A Self-Development of People grant allowed them to renovate their building for this current use. Other special offerings in the past few months helped Thornwell children and their families (Thanksgiving offering) and aided retired Presbyterian pastors with emergency needs (Christmas Joy offering). We will have several other opportunities later in the spring, the Mother's Day offering for SC Presbyterian Communities and the Pentecost offering, 40% of which will help with our own community-wide Vacation Bible School in June. Giving to special offerings is one way of being a mission-oriented church, but personal involvement is important as well. The Seconds Please Tea Room is not only a fun way to get to know other church members; it is a critical fund-raiser for mission projects locally and globally. The volunteer chart is up in the Education Building. The Vacation Bible School volunteer signup forms are available on the church website, as well as with Liv Cappelmann. The Hands of Christ school clothing and supplies event (August 13 & 14 at Second) needs our members to help, both at our church and at other sites. We will need folks to unload the truck Monday, set up the rooms, and be shopping helpers to go around with each child. Very importantly, Hands of Christ staff will be training some of our members to work with registering the families as they arrive. Please come join us in one or all these gifts of yourself in God's name.

- Sarah Mitchell



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE BUILD ON JAMES ISLAND / MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNITY COMMUNION SERVICE

TEA ROOM

CATHY HINSON, DOLLY HAMLIN, ERIN BEAM, SARAH MITCHELL, RUTH CARR, REBECCA KETTERING, KURT TAYLOR, SUE HENDERSON, MIA MANESS & MEREDITH MOSNY

The "Second's Please" Tea Room enjoyed a very successful year in 2017. The purpose of our Tea Room is to provide funds for the Missions programs of our Church. Our 2017 donation to Missions was about \$8,000.00. We are always delighted that the efforts of our committee and our congregation reap such amazing rewards that benefit our community in a very positive way.

The Tea Room staff totals about 25-30 people each of the 4 days of operation and about a dozen people working on prep days. The committee puts countless hours into planning the event. We are so very proud of the efforts of our dedicated committee and the willingness of our members to volunteer. The Tea Room has been one of the most successful events of our church in building faith relationships through the fellowship of our congregation and our ministry in the community.

We have added a new member to the committee for 2018 and that is Rebecca Kettering. With the help of our wonderful congregation, we look forward to another successful year of Tea Room.

- *Cathy Hinson*



TEA ROOM

SPRING IN THE PARK



SPOLETO CRAFT
FAIR IN THE PARK

DIACONATE REPORT

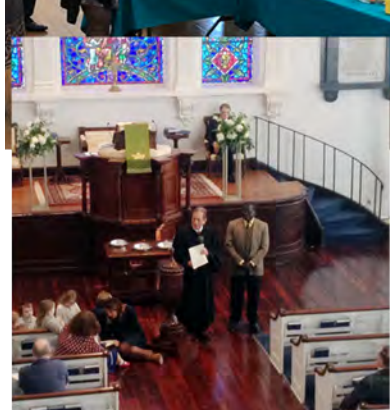
RUTH CARR, DOLLY HAMLIN, CATHY LIPP, SARAH MITCHELL, ERIN MELLEN, ALLYSON CARRINGTON & MEREDITH MOSNY

The Board of Deacons is a group of dedicated members of the church, working quietly behind the scenes to care for the needs of the congregation. We have been active keeping in touch with members of the church, making sure the physical and emotional needs are met, whether they need a home-cooked meal, a visit, a call just to say 'hello', a shoulder to cry on, a ride to a doctor's office or to church.

We are responsible for providing the meal for the Wednesday night fellowship on a rotating basis with other groups in the church. Talking about food, we are all active in the "Seconds Please Tea Room", planning, cooking, serving, preparing orders or doing whatever is needed to help. Cathy Hinson is a leader extraordinaire and we all work for the success of the tearoom.

If you need us we are here, just a phone call away, and ready to serve the needs of our congregation.

- Ruth Carr



(LEFT) RETIREMENT OF "UNCLE" MELVIN
 (1) SEERSUCKER SUIT & FANCY HAT SUNDAY
 (2) PATTERSON SMITH WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF CHARLESTON'S FAITH COMMUNITY BEFORE THE ILLUMINATION PROJECT PRAYER GATHERING IN THE SANCTUARY
 (3) ANNUAL CHURCH OYSTER ROAST

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

LAURA OTT, SARAH MORTON, TINA SMITH & JULIA HARLOW

The Music and Worship Committee is responsible for all parts of the worship service, including advising music selection in coordination with Dr. Harlow and the Reverend Darwin, liturgy, ushering, greeting, communion, and preparing the sanctuary for worship. The Committee is also responsible for the Music and Worship portion of the budget. This year the M&W Committee oversaw the hiring of our Chapel service accompanist, Tim Thompson. Tim's talent and love of music, has been a beautiful addition to that worship service! We also welcomed long-time choir member Lee Lingle as the chancel choir director. Lee has been active in recruiting new choir members and welcoming members of the congregation to join the choir on several occasions. The M&W Committee also continues to work to include a variety of types of music at both the Chapel service and the 11:15 service. A large part of the committee's work is recruiting volunteer greeters, ushers and liturgists. We have worked to get both long-standing and new members involved as well as adults and kids of all ages. To make it easier to volunteer, an online sign-up was created. It can be found by going to the church website (2ndPC.org) and clicking on "worship". We have also worked this year to create more opportunities for our Members to have fellowship with one another, regardless of which service they attend and working to reach everyone at their point of need.

- Laura Ott





ROB & DAWN MCCREADY HAVE GENEROUSLY WORKED TO REILLUMINATE THE BELL TOWER AND STAINED GLASS IN THE SANCTUARY

CHAPEL SERVICE

The 9:30am Chapel Service maintains a small but stable attendance and an increasingly diversified gathering of worshippers. We welcomed Tim Thompson as our Director of Chapel Music. His talent and knowledge of different types of worship music has been a real blessing to the service. This year, we did not have guest musicians, and instead relied completely on Tim's musical leadership. The Chapel service continues to be an entry point for new members, as the service is a more casual, very welcoming service. This year we saw fewer college students and Journey members worshipping at Chapel. Instead, the service reflected the multi-generational look of the larger church.

- Laura Ott

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

BRAD MILNER, PAT MELLEN, JERALD HUCKS, PATTERSON SMITH, EDMUND MOST, PETER RUPERT, KATIE MCCLURE, BOB HOFFMAN, JIM KIMMETT, ROB MCCREADY, MARION MITCHELL, RUSSELL SMITH, SPENCE RODDEY & RANDY COOK

The Property Committee has, like many of its peers, focuses on the health, safety and comfort of our congregation. Ongoing efforts to maintain the integrity of the main Church and the Education Building have consumed a majority of our budget. In this area we have repaired our main slate roof after interviewing and selecting a suitable slater. For long-term wear slate is the best choice for waterproofing but it is also labor and material intensive. By maintaining this roof we save the church untold amounts of money in future replacement costs. We have also carried out extensive studies of the fabrics that make up our buildings such as the stucco that covers both the Church and the Education Building. This is done to keep the committee informed of future repair possibilities as well as provide the Session with estimates of cost for a full future planned renovation.

On a lesser note, we have replaced some of the many HVAC units in the Education Building. This remains a major area of study for comfort and reduction of operating costs to this all-important structure for our congregation. In that line, we have also returned to new condition our aged icemaker in the kitchen. As the result of the efforts of the committee we were able to locate the complete internal assembly for the machine for a pittance of the replacement cost for such a unit. With the coming of Spoleto and the operation of our famous Tea Room, this was a most important undertaking. Stop by the kitchen and take a look at the new and improved ice cubes we are getting!

With the efforts of Brad Milner, Jerald Hucks, Patterson Smith, his son Russell, and the remainder of the committee, we can claim to be the largest 24/7 working committee at 342 Meeting Street! If you are looking for a home at our church and are not afraid of getting dirty once in a while we invite you to join us.

- Pat Mellen



FINANCE COMMITTEE

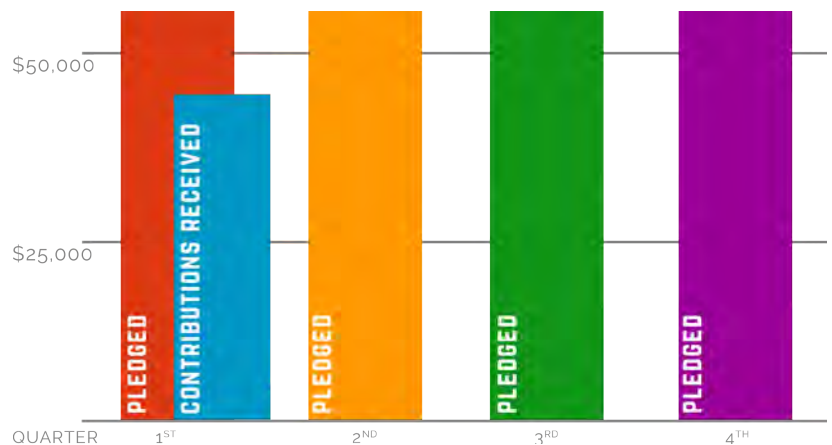
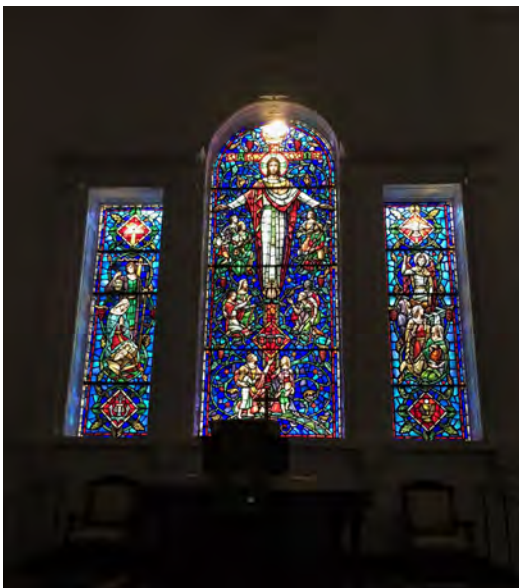
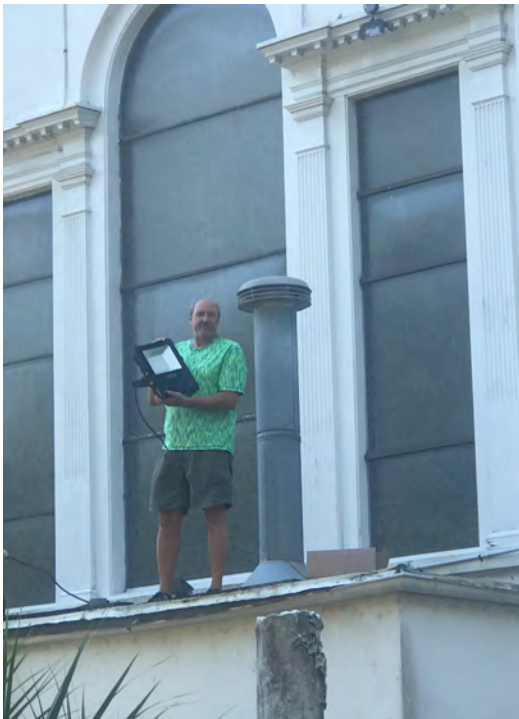
DEBRA GAMMONS, MIA MANESS, MELODY TAYLOR, LAURA OTT, CASSANDRA HUTCHENS, ALED PRITCHARD & PATTERSON SMITH

Debra Gammons serves as Chairperson and is the current Treasurer succeeding the service of Peter Rupert in June 2017.

Second Presbyterian has been blessed with giving from members and friends who have been generous. Five funds are currently being handled by Millennium Private Wealth. These funds are the Roberson Fund, Thiele Fund, Allan Fund, Foundation Account, and Cemetery Fund. Yearly expenses for the church for 2017 was \$565,855.68 and income totaled \$486,262.04. Contributions (offerings) totaled \$312,307.00. Expenses exceeded income so that 2017 ended with a deficit of \$79,593.64. Mission Giving totaled \$18,932.21.

Estate planning and leaving a financial legacy of love and hope will help Second Presbyterian navigate these financial waters. Help from everyone is needed. Pledges for 2018 totaled \$226,336 and year-to-date contributions total \$51,464, less than a quarter of the amount pledged. Giving from the heart and giving a little more is necessary for the ongoing operation of the church. Second Presbyterian has to move forward in decreasing expenses by having more members volunteer to help with the church and by increasing offerings.

- Debra Gammons



NARRATIVE BUDGET

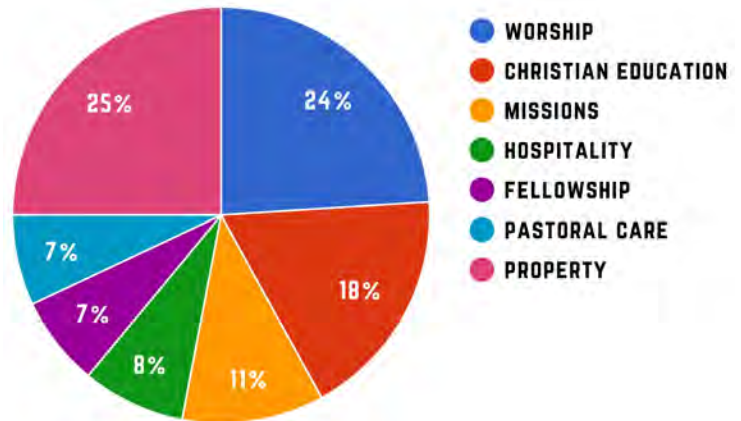
WORSHIP

The responsibility of the Music and Worship Committee is to work with the Pastor and Minister of Music to create an environment that is conducive to prayer and worship. The committee discusses and evaluates worship services and makes proposals to Session that pertain to worship needs. The spending priorities in the 2018 budget aim to facilitate all areas of worship: both chapel and 11:15 church services, music for both services (including chancel choir, bell choir, accompanists, special music and guest musicians), Holy Communion, Baptisms, special holiday services, as well as inviting guest ministers into our service on special occasions.

All spending decisions are made with the goal of creating opportunities to hear and share God's word and to glorify God.

The decisions were made this year to continue the Chapel service, to hire a Chapel Music Director, to hire a chancel choir director and to continue to have choir section leaders. These decisions were made because **we believe music to be an integral part of our worship services.**

There were some reductions made in the Music and Worship budget such as for the children's choir director, as we hope to find a volunteer willing and able to take on that task. We also zeroed out the budget for guest musicians, as we are able to use other funds to facilitate this activity. The Session worked with the Minister of Music to make reductions in the budget that would not affect the worship experience, but that would help create a balanced budget.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is a vital part of the life of Second Presbyterian. CE encompasses a wide range of ages—from the youngest to the oldest member of Second. **The budget reflects the mission to equip disciples of all ages to encounter the risen Christ through fun, meaningful and transformative experiences.** This year, because of the generosity of the church we have been able to do new and exciting things within Christian Education. This summer we will be hosting our very own VBS. As we craft our Christian Education budget, we have made sure to prioritize not only providing our members with resources such as curriculum, but also **equipping disciples to move beyond the walls of the church.**

Our Wednesday Night Suppers and study continue to be an enriching ministry that consist of studies and programming for all ages. The West Ashley Tuesday small group took a fall retreat at Montreat in Sabbath, study, recreation and prayer. And this summer we are taking three high schoolers and three middle schoolers to Montreat Conferences. It is through the generosity of our Second family that these opportunities for outreach and Christian hospitality are made possible.

The Christian Education portion of the 2018 budget was increased by about \$3000 to pay for this year's Community Vacation Bible School. The Session believes this to be a important and exciting opportunity for our church to serve not only children from our own families but those in our surrounding community.

MISSIONS

Missions continues to be one of the most active segments of our church community. **The outreach to God's community around the corner and around the world is a hallmark of our church family.** There are numerous missions for which we take up special offerings throughout the year and those are estimated in the budget based on the previous year's collections. However, there are two major changes in 2018: The Church's financial support to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery was reduced by 50%, but Second Presbyterian is still giving more than is mandated by per capita contributions and continues to be active in Presbytery committees. And the Church's financial contribution to campus ministry, Journey, was reduced substantially. For the past few years Colin has served Second

Presbyterian as Director of Young Adult Ministry in recognition of our role in establishing Campus Ministry at the request of the Presbytery and in exchange for office and support services. As Colin finishes seminary and considers next steps we are eager to continue a relationship with the important ministry to college students, offering them welcome, acceptance, and discipleship. Session will continue to work with the campus ministry and will evaluate the financial commitment moving forward.

HOSPITALITY The priority of the Hospitality portion of the budget to create special events and fellowship opportunities for the church community. The events include the Annual Oyster Roast, Tea Room, Seersucker Suit & Fancy Hat Sunday Lunch, and other special brunches and lunches on Sundays, as well as receptions and special meals for congregants. The events put on through hospitality resources offer **an opportunity to reach out to our community, to get to know one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as to welcome new members into our church family.** This part of the budget also goes to fund events to encourage fellowship between attendees of the two services. There was no substantial change to this portion of the 2018 budget.

FELLOWSHIP The Fellowship portion of our budget is directed at funding certain activities throughout the year that create opportunities for our members to join together in worship and celebration. We have been able to get creative with opportunities such as the Talent Show and Inter-generational Game Night in order **to provide robust programming and creative invitations for fellowship to the congregation and our community.** Our Wednesday Night Suppers continue to be a life-giving weekly ministry that consists of a family-style meal prepared each week by a different church group. We have watched our involvement on the east side continue to grow and flourish. We have seen this best in extending intentional invitations to our neighbors at The Shaw Center for things like Trunk-or-Treat and the Easter Egg Hunt. We have also increased involvement with the children and families through Loving America Street at Laundry Matters. These activities are coordinated and executed by our Director of Christian Education.

PASTORAL CARE Pastoral Care includes a wide range of responsibilities, carried out by the Pastor, Elders and Deacons. Most importantly it includes the basic care and nurturing for members as they go through difficult or even life-changing situations. It is important that **the church can reach out to support people in their pain and loss as well as their triumphs and joys.** The Pastor cares for our church family with shut-in visits, hospital visits and by reaching out to members during difficult or challenging times. In addition, Pastoral Care includes new member outreach and current member retention. This budget is wide-ranging and provides the opportunity for the church leaders to have an active relationship with the Church body and our neighbors.

While this is a small portion of the overall 2018 budget, bringing in new members and serving those already part of our church family is one of the most important roles of Second Presbyterian. There were no substantive changes to this part of the budget.

PROPERTY The single largest part of the 2018 budget, by a slim margin, is Property (25%). The preservation and maintenance of our historic church home is expensive, but it is an important part of our stewardship responsibilities. The budget reflects the **commitment to ensure that the church, which was built in 1809, is here for future generations.** The largest part of the Property budget section is the line item for Property Insurance. The Session and staff have worked very hard in the last few months to negotiate new service contracts at lower costs to balance the budget. With the retirement of the church sexton this year, there has been an increase in incidental repair and maintenance costs. However, those are offset with the reduction in the salary section of the budget, as we have yet to hire a new sexton. Property costs include landscaping and maintenance. While the budget shows a slight increase in this part of the budget, Session members have committed to taking on more of this responsibility and organizing "work days" to lower this cost. "Work days" also provide an opportunity for fellowship, so it's a win-win situation.

In addition, this year an assessment was made on the architectural stability of the church building itself, and it was deemed to be in excellent physical shape. The Session was relieved that the building was found to be architecturally sound and that no major repairs are anticipated for 2018.

STEWARDSHIP

**LAURA OTT, DEBRA GAMMONS, PATTERSON SMITH,
REBECCA DARWIN, DAVID SAVARD & ALED PRITCHARD**

The goal of the Stewardship Committee is to design and execute a successful stewardship campaign and to encourage and cultivate a culture of giving in the church family. The theme for this year's stewardship campaign was "LIGHT" and we challenged our Second Family to "Be a Light!" in our church and our community. Our guiding scripture for the campaign was Matthew 5:14&16: *"You are the light of the world...Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven!"* We began stewardship season with an October 8th "Kick-Off Sunday" and a letter to all members and regular attendees. The Committee set a goal of \$315,000 based on previous year's success. We believe the goal to be both ambitious and achievable. The letter asked all to give, and those who have given in the past to consider giving more. For the next 5 Sundays, various members shared messages at both the 9:30 and 11:15 services about why it is important to be a steward of Second Presbyterian Church. Our Fall newsletter included a stewardship message about the importance of participating in the mission of the church, and in Sunday school, the children discussed the importance of being stewards of God's church. We concluded the official campaign with Commitment Sunday on November 5th. The support for the stewardship campaign has positive, but the pledges to date have fallen far short of our goal. There is clearly still much work to be done to educate our members about the importance of financially supporting the work of the church and its mission to spread the word of God. The committee has been encouraged by the enthusiasm of the church family during stewardship season, and it is up to the challenge of continuing its work to increase participation in the church. We are not done yet and we continue to encourage members to contribute a pledge, to be a light in our church community and beyond!

- Laura Ott

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**FELICIA SANDERS SHARING ABOUT THE
IMPORTANCE OF STEWARDSHIP**