

*Second Presbyterian Church
5 North Fifth Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219*

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



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Pastor's Report Alexander W. Evans

The poet, Mary Oliver, writes, "This is the first, wildest, and wisest thing I know: that the soul exists, and that it is built entirely out of attentiveness."

Attentiveness is a constant theme in the Bible. We are reminded to "stay awake," to "pay attention," to see and recognize God's presence, God's promises, and God's purposes for our lives and the world.

At Second, we seek to be attentive as we worship and work for God in this downtown setting and as we carry out our mission: to know Christ and make Christ known.

As a worshipping congregation, 2017 was a year of movement between our sacred Sanctuary and our Chapel and back into the Sanctuary. In February, as the HVAC units that serve the Sanctuary were replaced, we worshiped in the Chapel for two Sundays. From May through August, as the major renovations of the Sanctuary happened, with full scaffolding, with every surface re-done, we worshiped in the Chapel again. This brought intimacy and challenge, but also joy and appreciation for our moveable church family and our ability to adapt and be attentive to God at work all around us. With music and liturgy, with prayers and faithfulness, worship remains central to our common life. We celebrate the wonderful enhancements to our historic and sacred sanctuary.

As a committed congregation doing God's work in the city and beyond, we continue to celebrate the ways God's Spirit guides us. We continue to be attentive to the hungry and hurting on the streets and across the globe. So many volunteers stepped up again in 2017 to enable us to share God's love and light through our Walk-In program, and other ways we serve. Our Mission Council has lots of energy and growing partnerships that allow us to stay awake to all the ways we can work for God's coming reign.

The "Shining the Light of God's Grace" Capital Campaign, which anticipates our 175th anniversary in 2020, continues in full swing. With the completion of upgrades to the Sanctuary (which cost approximately \$1.4 million), we are moving forward with attentiveness to important plans in the Virginia Building, the kitchen, the basement of Hawes Building, and more. By the end of 2017, we had pledges and gifts of \$4.4 million toward our \$5 million goal. We will also use a significant portion of those gifts to deepen our mission partnerships and shine God's light in the community and in other parts of the world.

As we seek to be disciples of Jesus, we keep striving to grow in faith and fellowship. We pay attention to God, to God's love and calling, as we participate in Church School classes, Bible Study, Men's and Women's fellowship events, Youth and Second Seniors, Young Adults, and more.

We rejoice in the New Members who add their gifts to our community. We give thanks for another year of strong financial health in this church. We celebrate the gifted leadership of our Session, Deacons, and Trustees who guide all aspects of our attentiveness.

It remains my honor and privilege to be on this sacred journey with you.



Associate Pastor's Report Kathryn Lester-Bacon

What a full and fruitful year! Alongside personal changes, I celebrate the growth happening throughout our congregation. Helped by the insight and leadership of lay people, here are the places I supervise in our church life:

Parents of Young Children continue to gather in the nursery on the first Sunday of the month. This time is very unstructured, with guided conversation among the adults present. This once-a-month time carves out an important space for connecting with others at a similarly intense life stage.

20/30s group continues to connect through spontaneous and planned events. Throughout the fall, young adults met monthly at people's houses for food and fellowship. They also gathered for lunch after church on Sundays. Every other week, one of our newer members, Alexi Shepherd, hosts an intergenerational women's bible study at the church, which is an ongoing opportunity for any woman to join! Some of our young adults are going on an upcoming trip to Guatemala. We continue to celebrate when our young adults plug into various areas of our congregational life!

Second Seniors, led by co-moderators Lillian Rhudy and Mary Spain, continued to connect people over 65 in interesting and fun ways, through trolley tours, regional trips, monthly breakfasts, regular potluck lunches, and more!

UKirk students continued to deepen their relationships with each other, while we continued to rejoice in supporting this important ministry by offering funds for the pastoral resident, use of Second space, and provision of home cooked meals. Molly Spangler is overseen by me, as supervisor and by an Advisory Board (Steve Allred, Jacy Jacob, Chris Reina, Mairi Renwick, Incy Teoh, Richard Voelz) with members who come from the Second, Presbytery, and Seminary community.

Deacons, led by moderator Ginger Hudson and vice-moderator, Amy Thompson, continued to connect the church community by hosting weekly Fellowship Hour and Deacon's Desk volunteers, occasional receptions and fellowship dinners. After a thorough and helpful retreat in June, the Deacons made a few changes to their structure. Meetings were moved from Wednesday evening to Sunday afternoon to better capture people's attention and attendance; the results were immediate and appreciated. Also, meetings included a time for congregation members to present on an area of their expertise as it related to the work of Deacons; our speakers were interesting and helpful! Deacons continued to search for ways to connect and strengthen the community of Second.

In January (2018), I began coordinating the worship of our Sunday Worship Nite service. This experience now includes communion each month, with music led by David Wilson, interactive liturgical leadership, and reflection offered by an assortment of preachers. As we continue to grow into this worship, I look forward to seeing what this time can become!

For my own professional growth last fall, I, along with about 50 other pastors, embarked on training for a Certificate in Community Organizing and Congregational Leadership. This was offered by Johnson C. Smith Seminary and the Next Church initiative of the PC(USA), with training from Metro IAF. This learning continues to be rich and fascinating. I look forward to completing the certificate this spring.

Also, outside of church, I continue to seek out books, music, poetry, long walks with Josie, good conversations with colleagues, and whatever chance I can get to worship in other places from the pew, all of which nourish me for my pastoral life at Second!



UKirk Campus Ministry
Molly Spangler, Pastoral Resident

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." -Matthew 25:35*

As the gospel of Matthew reminds us, when we welcome the stranger and share food or drink around a table, we welcome God into our midst. UKirk exists for just such a task. 2017 was a year of welcoming new students, saying goodbye to seniors, and making connections through faith and fellowship. In May of 2017 we sent off six seniors with our blessings. Then in August we welcomed a new group of students as another semester began. Several of our new students say that the first thing they noticed about UKirk was how welcoming the group is. They said that they felt at home as soon as they arrived. No matter how our group continues to change and grow, the gift of radical hospitality seems to remain a constant among us. Needless to say, 2017 was another great year.

Some of our highlights from 2017 include:

- ❖ The Montreat College Conference in January 2017 with the theme, "Beyond Babel: Unity Through Diversity."
- ❖ Guest speakers for our UKirk Thursday night programs included: Mairi Renwick, Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, Rev. Dr. Sam Adams, Rev. Todd Davidson, and Ashley Mejias on a wide range of topics from the book of Revelation to God's justice through prison ministry.
- ❖ Alex Lester-Abdalla, a second year student at Union Presbyterian Seminary, joined our UKirk team as a ministry assistant.
- ❖ Our annual fall retreat at Lake Gaston in September with a group of nine people.
- ❖ Visiting congregations around Richmond that help support UKirk: Second Presbyterian, Southminster Presbyterian, and Three Chopt Presbyterian.
- ❖ We began a new ritual of worshipping together every third Thursday of the month. Our students lead the liturgy and music for our services each month.
- ❖ We also enjoyed recreation events like a bowling night, a bonfire, and game nights.

I would also like to lift up that no ministry is meaningful or effective by the efforts of only one individual. 2017 was a wonderful year for me to continue to share the ministry of UKirk with a phenomenal Advisory Board. I am grateful for a group of people who support me when I need new ideas, and challenge me when they believe I could do more. My gratitude extends to Dr. Steve Allred, Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, Dr. Jacy Jacob, Dr. Christopher Reina, Mairi Renwick, and Rev. Dr. Richard Voelz for their guidance and energy as we continue this journey together. Also, we have a whole village of people who have worked with many food allergies and dietary needs to prepare delicious

home cooked meals for our students. Day to day meals might be something we take for granted, but at UKirk food fellowship is essential for building relationships and an atmosphere of hospitality. Thank you, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! to everyone who has brought us a meal or donated to pay for a meal. It is my hope in the years to come that our village here at Second Presbyterian will continue to welcome students, and nourish their bodies and souls as they seek an understanding of God and a community they can feel belonging.



Worship Council **Elva Mapp and Katherine Weisiger, Co-Chairs**

In worship, the congregation comes together to praise God. The people come seeking to be connected to God; they gather to be in the company of other members of the worshiping community. The sacraments of baptism and communion take place in worship.

At Second Presbyterian, the order of worship, outlined in the service bulletin, takes into account the diversity of the church's membership. Worship services seek to promote increasing participation by all church members. The scriptures, prayers, sermon, music, as well as the "Time for Sharing Faith with Children," are all directed toward fostering spiritual growth in everyone present, regardless of age or background.

In September, Worship Nite was added to the calendar on the third Sunday of the month. It is a service that has grown into having communion. Following the service, adults participated in the discussion groups while the youth groups met. A communal meal was enjoyed by all.

The Worship Council, which includes the Pastors and the Director of Music, met regularly during 2017 to review and discuss worship-related matters, provide feedback, and otherwise assist in planning worship that is vital.

We continue to live-stream our worship services each week through our website. This is in addition to the recorded video version that is available in the early part of the week. The live-streaming has been well received.

The Arts Council displayed the Easter banners, the Pentecost mobiles, and the mosaic saints for All Saints Day. These visual arts enhanced the worship services.

The choir presented anthems during 2017 to enrich the weekly worship service. The choir was pleased to collaborate with the choir of Ebenezer Baptist Church to provide music for the Maundy Thursday service, and looks forward to another joint service in 2018. In December, the choir offered a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Advent III. Eight section leaders provided valuable ensemble and solo support to the choir's worship leadership: Willa Jacob, Amanda Simon, Laura Carr, Erin Wind, Nathan Bick, Justin Cullum, Clint Miller, and John Ford.

Members of the Worship Council: Elva Mapp, Katherine Weisiger, Lauriston Davis, Becky Hudson, Margaret Wade, Mary Warthen, Mary Millet (Arts Council), Barry Merchant (Communion Coordinator), Dick Gibbons (Flowers), Penny Holladay (Special Events Coordinator), and Tom Flynn (Usher Coordinator). Ministerial and staff support: Alex Evans, Kathryn Lester-Bacon, Molly Spangler, and Jeff Riehl. Greg Dickie rotated off as moderator midyear.

Christian Education Committee and Director of Christian Education Report Ginger Evans, Director of Christian Education and Allison Mays, CE Chair

We are called to be witnesses to and for the world of the new reality that God has made available to all people in Jesus Christ. We seek to know Christ and to make Christ known in downtown Richmond and throughout the world. 2017 has been a busy year as the Christian Education Council has worked together to answer this calling.

Our children continue to be blessed by the creative, loving, and artistic work of Laura Carr, a professional choral teacher and leader of our Children's Choir. They sing together each Sunday morning and blessed our worship services with anthems several times during the year. Our Church School Classes have been taught Debbie and Keith Powers and Allison Mays. During worship, after the Time for Sharing Faith, we have been teaching the younger children from the Godly Play curriculum. Emily Powers taught the class.

The Youth continue to be blessed by the devotion of our Seminary Intern, Elizabeth Baril as well as the Youth Ministers, Alex Abdalla and Ben Brannan, seminary students. Waffles on Sunday morning continue to draw a crowd! We have been trying a new schedule in response to concerns by families who could not get their youth to church for morning and evening meetings. We began having a Sunday Nite Worship service on the third Sunday of each month with more casual music and style. We offer an Adult Study, Youth Group time, and then a meal together. These evenings have been very well received.

Our Adult Classes were well attended this year. Franklin Reding led an in-depth Bible Study all year. Marjorie Clark and members of the Faith and Literature Class read and discussed great pieces of literature. The Dining Room Class had a variety of leaders and topics including:

Corridors of the Kingdom - Studying Transportation and Justice in Richmond, Virginia, led by Lucretia McCulley, John Moeser, John Marriner, and Joani Ferguson; Bruce Miller discussing the Acts of Faith Festival Plays for 2017; Lenten Wisdom from the Desert Fathers and Mothers led by Christine Luckritz Marquis; Insights and Reflections on Worship for our Times led by Richard Voelz; "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple..." led by Michael Bacon; The Pulpit Leads the World: Four Centuries of Preaching in America led by Beverly Zink-Sawyer; and Names for The Messiah by Walter Brueggemann led by Alex Evans.

Kathryn Lester-Bacon led a Church School Class for young parents on the first Sunday of each month on Spiritual Parenting. This class is held in the Nursery so the children can play while their parents interact.

The Kerygma Group continued meeting all year on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month with Ginger Evans facilitating.



Membership Council Heather Harvey, Chair

2017 was a very strong year for membership at Second Presbyterian Church. Over the past year, we welcomed 29 new members into our fellowship. These new members bring a variety of talents and energy to our thriving congregation.

Membership Council has enhanced our visitor greeting process this year to have two greeters in place following worship to facilitate effective communication and interaction with visitors. We have also created "welcome bags" to give to visitors. This is a small bag that contains a Second Presbyterian pen, small Fair Trade chocolates, and a Second Presbyterian sticky pad. We endeavor to give one to each new visitor on Sundays after worship.

The "Visitor to Membership" process at Second is established and continues to function well. This "tried and true" series of events ranges from being greeted as a visitor, to contact from one of our pastors, to chatting with our pastor about membership in the Evans home, to a church tour, to a called Session meeting to welcome these new members in our midst.

Sunday, January 14, 2018, was set aside as "New Member Recognition Sunday." New members who joined the Second Church family in 2017 and their sponsors were noted in the bulletin and recognized. Each new member received a red carnation boutonniere and joined us as our guests at Second Sunday lunch. The New Member Sunday and lunch were coordinated and planned by Lucretia McCulley, Anne Jefferson, and Jeff Wells, with special assistance from Ginger Evans, Ele Bigger and her lunch team, and Willa Jacob.

The 2017 members of Second Presbyterian and their sponsors are:

David Glover (Jeff Wells)
Nan and John Boyd (Anne Jefferson)
Paige and Alex Holder (Kyle and Chelsea Russell)
Sharon and Edson Pederson (Gary and Emma Price)
Ashley Miller (Sloan White)
Jarl Jackson (Bradley and Karen Purcell)
Tell Carlson (Jeff Wells)
Sally and Keith Johnston (Minor and Katherine Weisiger)
Nick and Lori Lape (Heather Harvey)
Bill Richter (Jed and Kristen Dutton)
Alison Sant'Anna (Emily Powers)
Jamie Alexander and Priscilla and Wyatt (Sloan and John White)
Dusty Pritchett (Dot Apperson)
Hank and Susan Postel (Midge and Charlie Cooke)
Lauren and Reid Powell and James (Brad and Laura Howle)
Xel and Kandi Sant'Anna (Lucretia McCulley and Dan Reams)
Karen and Randolph Irby (Bryan and Julia Carr)
Pat Haas (Jane Cecil)

The vast majority of new members join Second Pres because they have attended with friends or family who are already members. Council Member Sloan White coordinates a new member survey that each new member receives, and Membership Council regularly reviews the feedback obtained from these

surveys. Some of the ideas "percolating" for the coming year include refining our name tag system and filming member "testimonies" about 2PC for the website

Membership Council members: Heather Harvey (chair), Bryan Tims, Carol Graham, Jeff Wells, Lucretia McCulley, Sloan White, Kyle and Chelsea Russell, Anne Jefferson, Michael Bacon, and Ginger Evans (staff liaison).

Baptisms

Adkins May White, March 26
Wyatt Grandin Alexander, April 16
Josephine Laura Lester Bacon, April 23
Molly Mayhew Dutton, April 30
Finley Noah Blumenthal, June 19
James de Treville Powell, October 1

Marriages

Maura Mousley Mays & Edward Ernest Henry Roget, January 7
Micah Elizabeth Young & Michael Aaron Kanupp, May 28
Tell Bradley Carlson & Christopher Stephen Reina, December 16

Transfers Out

Ned Moore and Tina Egge
Faith Harmon
Dottie Thomason
Gretchen White

Deaths

John R. Rilling, January 1
John A. Anderegg, February 14
Charles T. Knighton, February 15
Stella S. Bosworth, March 9
Martha D. Newell, March 18
John P. (Jack) Ackerly III, May 18
Jeffrey A. Roth, May 23
Estelle Jackson, July 6
Lillian V. Whitney, July 31
Linda L. Harrah, August 17
Mary Elizabeth Jonas, November 20
Robert D. Murphy, Jr., December 12
Terri T. Caldwell, December 15

Mission Council

Mary Sue Donahue and Lucretia McCulley, Co-Chairs

Members: Mary Sue Donahue, Sharon Blount, Tom Edmonds, Marian English, Nancy Updegrave, Kathleen Murphy, Cathy Howard, Amanda Healy, Mary Jane Winter, Julie Bilodeau, June and Cliff Henderson, Kevin Devins, Bob Diller, Lucretia McCulley, Elva Mapp, Joani Ferguson, Kathy Pryor.

The work of Mission at Second continues to be strong and vibrant through numerous activities and agencies in and outside the church. Here are some Mission Council highlights from 2017:

Second hosted **CARITAS** from April 22-29, providing food and shelter to 30 women. More than 100 volunteers helped with meals, set-up, clean-up, laundry, activity nights and much more. Bob Diller and Kevin Divins organized Second's efforts. Second will not host CARITAS in 2018 due to the inadequacy of facilities in the Hawes Building. Mission Council is seeking ways for our members to engage with other churches to help with CARITAS.

Open Table is a ministry that gathers members of a congregation (8 to 10 persons) to help a single brother or sister in need. Seven members of the congregation completed the training through Open Table and in August began meeting with an 18 year-old-woman. Through the fall the group helped her apply for grants and scholarships and she began taking classes at J. Sergeant Reynolds this Spring semester.

Walk-In Ministry continued to feed hungry people who are homeless or who have severely limited incomes and has been a ministry of Second Presbyterian Church for over 40 years. In partnership with 12 other churches and various community groups, we provided a hot meal of homemade soup, applesauce, crackers, bologna and cheese sandwich, dessert, and a choice of salad plus coffee treats while waiting for lunch service to begin. Second is the only church to offer milk as a beverage choice during lunch along with sweet tea, coffee, hot tea, and water. On holidays, when the church is closed, we offer bag lunches. The program serves 120-220 people each Monday. The number varies according to the time of the month and the time of the year. When our neighbors finish their meal, they are offered a snack supper consisting of a six pack of Nabs, a nutritious breakfast bar, applesauce, water, chips, and dessert. This program was begun in response to the closure of breakfast and dinner programs in the downtown area. The snack suppers are prepared with both purchased and donated items by "Sunday get ready for Monday" gatherings after church every few weeks and by Monday morning volunteers. In 2018, Second hosted the seventh Martin Luther King celebration worship service and luncheon in the Chapel assisted by volunteers from Second (including several youth group members) and CARITAS and City of Richmond AmeriCorp groups. The Reverend Molly Spangler and Michael Simpson led worship. The Walk In program always welcomes additional volunteers and donations. Please see Elva Mapp if you would like to help once or more. The "Street Choir" began in January (2018), a collaboration between VCU Music and our Walk-In guests.

Second was involved with other downtown churches and IRC (International Rescue Committee) to help the Rahmaty family from Afghanistan. Jon Heckel organized Second's efforts. With the help of this group the family settled in Richmond, the father was able to find work as an engineer and the 4 children enrolled in school. Many members from Second offered donations, language tutoring and transportation.

Emerson Morales and Judith Castaneda from CEDEPCA visited the Richmond area from October 16-23. They spoke in the Sunday Service on October 22 and met with several groups from Second during that week. A partnership trip to Guatemala is being planned for early July, 2018.

Mission Council has been charged by Session to work with Property Council on the plans for the Capital Campaign renovation of the Kitchen and Hawes Building. We look forward to planning these improvements.

Mission Council intends to continue our effort to have a monthly "Minute for Mission" during the Sunday worship services to inform the congregation of our extensive Mission involvement.

At our meetings this year, we had speakers from various partner agencies, including Health Brigade, World Pediatric Project, NEXT Church and Humankind.

In early 2017, advocacy and mission efforts were merged together at Mission Council Meetings. Advocacy and mission work "side by side" by advocating for systemic changes while providing hands-on mission assistance through our mission partners and church mission programs. This change also allowed a larger group of people in the church to stay informed about advocacy efforts. 2017 advocacy issues focused on the Faith Movement for RVA Transit, Health Care expansion in Virginia and refugee/immigrant issues immigrants in our community.

In January of 2017, a four-week bible study, *Corridors for the Kingdom: Thinking Theologically about Public Transportation*, was offered during the church school hour. This study was led by Lucretia McCulley, John Moeser, Joani Ferguson, Rob Ferguson and John Marriner.

On June 11, we partnered with the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy to offer an "Advocacy 101" workshop for church members after worship, with nearly 25 people in attendance.

Eight members from Second Presbyterian attended the "Holy Discontent: Faith and Advocacy in Action" workshop on October 1 at Union Presbyterian Seminary. This workshop was sponsored by the Presbytery of the James Purpose Group on Public Policy.

In September, Mission Council discussed advocacy priorities for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. We affirmed that with the many concerns surrounding refugees and immigrants, we will place our efforts on "Welcoming All" for both our local and national issue, partnering with the PC-USA, Presbytery of the James and Virginia Interfaith Center to make a difference with this issue. Our state issue remains focused on health care expansion for all Virginia citizens. In early December, "Welcome Your Neighbor" yard signs were sold at the Advocacy Table during Fellowship Hour and sample letters to contact congressional representatives about refugee concerns were distributed. In late December, the Advocacy Table offered additional information and sample letters for contacting state representatives about health care expansion.

Lucretia McCulley continues to administer the "Advocacy@2ndPres" email list to alert members to faith-based advocacy actions and learning opportunities. Over 50 members are currently on the list and we seek further involvement from the congregation.

Plans are underway for involvement at the 2018 "Day of All People" at the General Assembly and the annual Gun Violence Vigil in January. In mid-April, Mission Council will offer a 4-week church school

study on refugee resettlement issues in the Richmond area. We also hope to recognize World Refugee Day at Second Presbyterian in June.



Property Council Franklin Graham, Chair

The Members of the Property Council in 2017 were Dick Gibbons, Keith Powers, Chris Blanton, Garland Moss, Bill Moye, Joe Yates, Henry Tenser, Tom Flynn, Ralph Rhudy, Kathy McDaniel, and Franklin Graham.

The extensive renovation and refurbishment of the Sanctuary is the major project of 2017. The \$1,500,000 was designed and managed by the Property Council from conception to completion. A Council subcommittee consisting of Kathy McDaniel, Henry Tenser, Joe Yates and Franklin Graham provided immediate supervision and Century Construction managed the day-to-day work. Session approved details of the project, based on a plan submitted by Property Council in March 2015 after three months of study. Construction occurred between May 1, 2017 and August 31, 2017, during which worship services were moved to the Chapel. Major components included a complete replacement of the lighting system with modern fixtures and controls, repainting all surfaces, replacement of carpeting and pew cushions, major re-construction in the attic space and replacement of the HVAC systems for the Chapel and the Sanctuary. A highlight was re-purchase of the original Sanctuary Chandelier from the University of Richmond, thanks to efforts by Joe Yates and Steve Allred to locate and acquire the fixture. The project was completed approximately \$250,000 under budget. Session approved use of the surplus to replace aging HVAC systems in the Virginia and Hawes buildings (see below). The remainder was returned to the Capital Campaign budget.

The Church has more than two dozen individual HVAC systems throughout its campus. As noted above, savings achieved in the Sanctuary project allowed replacement of those systems that were more than twenty years old—over 15 systems—through use of \$200,000 in Capital Campaign funds remaining from the Sanctuary project. The replacements will allow the Property Council to better schedule a replacement cycle in the future.

Property Council's third major endeavor in 2017 involved the Church's kitchen that has not undergone renovation in many years—an area utilized by nearly every mission outreach. In 2017, at the request of Session, Council Member Keith Powers met with various users of the kitchen to design the renovation. A design and budget of \$300,000 for construction and equipment replacement was approved by Session in December 2017. Council plans to undertake construction in the summer months of 2018.

Property Council's Tuesday Group of volunteers, under the leadership of Ralph Rhudy, again in 2017 contributed approximately 425 man-hours of maintenance activities. Each year this group saves the church an estimated \$23,000 dollars in expenses that would be incurred with the use of outside contractors.

The Property Council accepted the resignation of Franklin Graham as Chairman in December; Tom Flynn was elected Chairman effective January 1, 2018.

**Parking Deck Task Force
Tom Jefferson, Chairman**

Members of this committee are Jack Spain, Webb Moore, Elizabeth Scott Turner, Tom Flynn, Bill Flowers, Franklin Graham and Tom Jefferson. Gabe Harrah joined our Task Force in the fall.

For those who would like a little history about the parking deck, please see last year's report for 2016, especially paragraphs 2, 3, and 4.

At the end of 2017, many of the planned initial repairs to the deck are nearing completion, plus a mixture of additional needed items discovered during the year. A significant item to be done in 2018 is the installation of a new elevator cab and its operating equipment. Our new gates and electronic ticket equipment are gradually being completed and operating properly. We anticipate getting these features smoothly incorporated and perhaps in the summer being able to tackle additional normal maintenance items.

Our operator Lanier Parking has worked carefully through the year to get good financial results even in spite of the repair work's inconvenience to our parking customers. We are optimistic that the year 2018 will provide even better financial results to help us accommodate these extraordinary expenses while borrowing the least possible.

As chairman, I am deeply indebted to members of this committee who have taken individual responsibility for many items and complete them successfully for our Church's benefit. We should all be proud of these servants.



**Personnel Council
Steve Allred, Chair**

Members: Steve Allred, Bryan Carr, Anne Grier, Sam Highfill, Cherry Peters

Highlighted activities for 2017:

- ❖ The Personnel Council drafted and submitted to the Session a new policy on Sexual Misconduct. The policy was unanimously adopted by the Session.
- ❖ The Council also conducted a senior staff evaluation using a form emailed to all members of the congregation, and then made salary recommendations.
- ❖ The Council advised the Pastor on four personnel matters that arose during the course of the year.

Stewardship Council
Julia Carr and Katherine Goodpasture, Co-chairs

Committee Members: Julia Carr, Katherine Goodpasture, Sarah Graper, Matt Horn, Alex Evans

As a community of Christians, we are called to something more than to raise a budget. We are called to become a people of generous hearts who day in and day out love one another and serve God as fully as we are able with all that we have – time, talent, money and love.

The Stewardship Season for 2017 began in the fall, when through personal testimonies, sermons and letters, the Stewardship Council challenged and invited the congregation to focus not on the budget, but on the valuable role that stewardship plays in our individual and collective journeys of faith. The committee met in August and November of 2017 to discuss the new committee and agreed that a small committee would be fine and we would grow it over the year as we see fit. We are pleased to have a younger representation included in the group.

The committee has invited Associate for Stewardship of the Presbytery of the James, Deborah Rexrode, to lead three Sunday School classes in the spring of 2018 that would include a class on legacy giving in the church. Deborah is scheduled to meet with the committee on February 3rd, in Richmond, to give guidance on productive activities that would keep the church membership engaged and thinking about stewardship during the “off season” months building up to her spring visit.

In September, Ginger Evans designed a beautiful brochure celebrating our life together in photos and words and reaffirming who we are and what our ministries are at Second Church. For three Sundays during Stewardship season, members testified about the impact of a ministry of Second Church on the community and on their lives. The Committee Co-chairs sent a letter to the congregation on October 25, asking for consideration of pledges and gifts to the stewardship campaign. A second letter was sent to the congregation on November 3 from our Pastor.

On November 12, Dedication Sunday, the assembled congregation brought forth as an offering our pledges of financial support and time and talents to support the work of the church in the year ahead. We are grateful for our generous congregation.



Budget and Finance Committee
Tom Jefferson, Chairman

Members: Carolyn Brandt (Treasurer), Cherry Peters, Don Falls, Tom Edmonds, Richard Reynolds, Jackie Jackson, Philip Hart, and Tom Jefferson.

We get enormous help from Terry Sherman, CPA; Dorothy DeJong, Office Manager; and the Rev. Alex Evans, Pastor.

Our principal job during the year is oversight of both income and expenses for our church’s budget. At the same time, we keep track of the Endowment Fund, pay attention to the Capital Campaign pledges, income, and expenses, and since spring, the addition of financial data regarding the Parking Deck.

The other major function we are involved in primarily occurs in the fall when we begin to receive councils' proposed budgets for the coming year. Our Stewardship Council alerts us to anticipated pledge income for the future year after our November Pledge Sunday. There are a few sources of additional income: from the draw on the Endowment Fund, rental income from the fourth and fifth floors of the Virginia Building, and plate offerings not connected with a pledge. Your Budget and Finance Committee oversees a meeting of Council Chairs when the council budgets are adjusted (if necessary) to meet the expected income so we are operating on a sound basis. Upon completion of this step, Budget and Finance Council goes to Session with a recommendation for a balanced budget which Session hopefully approves unchanged. Session, of course, has the final decision.

In 2017, Philip Hart and Richard Reynolds, worked on updating leases for the tenants of the fourth and fifth floors of the Virginia Building by re-measuring all the office space. The tenants were provided with three-year leases. This Committee also received the professional audits for 2015 and 2016, which were approved by Session.

Our church is very fortunate to have dedicated members who are consistent in their support as well as a growing number of new members these last several years who are generous in their tithing as well! Almost every year we lose to death some members who have been generous tithers as well as active supporters and we worry they can't be replaced, but somehow the Lord provides. Thanks be to God!



Capital Campaign Committee
Allison Mays, Vernon Mays, Jeff Wells, and Mac Pence, Co-Chairs

Members: Julia Carr, Marjorie Clark, Greg Dickie, Mary Sue Donahue, Don Falls, Tom Holland, and Tom Jefferson.

Our "Shining the Light of God's Grace" capital campaign has received \$4,471,725 in pledges and monetary contributions from 161 individuals/families. This represents more than 89 percent of our \$5 million goal. Launched in April 2016, this is a three-year campaign that will take us to our 175th Anniversary in 2020.

The committee extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to this landmark effort at Second Church to spread the light of God's grace in our church family, in our city, and throughout the world. We have structured the overall campaign to support the church mission with planned funding in three areas:

- ❖ \$2 million for Mission Programs
- ❖ \$1.5 million for Sanctuary Renovations
- ❖ \$1.5 million for Welcoming & Hospitality Upgrades

We would like to report the following highlights from the year:

- ❖ Work was completed on the first major initiative of the campaign—a series of needed upgrades and improvements to our historic Sanctuary. We give thanks to the members of the Sanctuary Renovation Committee and others on the Property Council who have given their time and talent to shepherd this good work for Second Presbyterian Church.

- ❖ As the new year of church programs began in September, we also celebrated the completion of updates to the choir room supported by Campaign funds.
- ❖ Working in collaboration with Mission Council, we outlined a plan for Mission outreach that dedicates up to \$2 million to support a range of initiatives intended to expand our Mission outreach in meaningful, transformative ways. These include international outreach; local programs such as Camp Hanover, Assisting Families of Inmates, and urban ministry; education outreach including support of Union Presbyterian Seminary and scholarships; and a mission endowment that will propel us forward as future needs come to light.
- ❖ Applications were filed for Historic Preservation Tax Credits with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. If approved, these credits will offset some of the renovation costs of our historic buildings.
- ❖ Two forums were held in June and July to present preliminary plans and solicit congregational feedback for proposed property enhancements to the atrium, restrooms, meeting space, Heritage Room, basement shower/laundry facilities, and South Courtyard.
- ❖ The “Moving Forward Together” task force, with Alex Evans as Moderator, was formed in June to bring leadership, clarity, and unity for recommendations to the Session regarding these property enhancements. The task force met monthly through the summer and fall, presenting its recommendations to the congregation at a forum on Nov. 5. Final recommendations—including needed upgrades to our kitchen facilities—were presented to Session in December. The approved items will move forward in 2018.



**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TO THE SESSION AND CONGREGATION FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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. Pursuant to provisions of The Book of Order and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the real property of the Church is owned by Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Inc. (the “Corporation”), a Virginia corporation chartered by the Church in December, 2008. Pursuant to the Corporation’s Articles of Incorporation, the members of the Corporation are the current, active members of the Church. The directors of the Corporation are the Church’s then-current Trustees. The Church’s real property is owned by the Corporation for the benefit and on behalf of the Church and consists of all the Church structures and the land on which they are situated, as well as all the contents of the structures. Intangible personal property includes funds, securities and receivables held in the Church’s General Endowment Fund (“GEF”), as well as such items contained in several other special purpose endowment accounts.

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. Under an investment policy and an asset allocation model developed by the Trustees with the advice and counsel of our investment advisors, the GEF is invested in a mix of large cap, small cap, index, growth, value, international and fixed income mutual funds, all with solid performance records, recommended by the

advisor and approved by the Trustees. This mix of investments is designed to minimize both risk and volatility, while maximizing return.

For the past three years, the December 31 balances in the Church's endowment accounts, including (i) a Capital Endowment Reserve Fund created in 2006 to provide resources when needed for unanticipated repairs or improvements to the Church's physical plant that cannot be covered by the operating budget of the Property Council, and (ii) an Organ Maintenance Fund created in 2008 with a restricted gift for that purpose, were as follows:

	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17
General Endowment Fund	\$5,278,525	\$5,501,780	\$6,156,131
Toms Music Fund	\$17,702	\$15,883	\$16,339
Manse Fund	\$189,394	\$195,805	\$225,132
Capital Endowment Reserve Fund	\$151,338	\$190,697	\$398,112
Organ Maintenance Fund	\$39,370	\$40,294	\$31,527

Our overall return for the year was 15.6%. The GEF received a total of \$36,960 in gifts and bequests during 2017.

The invested portion of the GEF is maintained in custodial accounts with Charles Schwab. During 2016, the church bought out / terminated the lease agreement with the outside operator of the parking deck. In 2017, a \$500,000 line of credit was obtained to cover critical repairs to the parking deck, which is secured by a separate pledged account at Schwab. The Parking Deck Committee has been authorized by the Session to spend up to \$400,000 of this line. If any/all of the additional \$100,000 is needed, specific authorization from the Session will be needed to access it.

The GEF contributes on a quarterly basis to the Church's annual operating budget. During 2017, the GEF contributed a total of \$188,000 to support the Church's operations.

Earnings on the Toms Music Fund provide money for special music projects, and the Manse Fund is the source from which the Church may lend money to its pastors to assist in the purchase and upkeep of housing.

Our investments, which are fairly conservative in nature, have performed relatively well and in a fairly stable manner during the volatility of the past six years. Earnings (or declines) on each of the special purpose endowment accounts are posted on the church's books back to the corpus of that account, so that all of these will continue to grow (or decline) to the same extent the overall endowment grows (or declines). Of course, periodically some of these funds are spent for the purposes intended.

Respectfully submitted,
The Trustees of Second Presbyterian Church

Carolyn R. Brandt Jeff Gallagher Philip Hart	Greta B. "Cherry" Peters Ken Powell Kathryn L. Pryor
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Second Presbyterian Church
2017 and 2018 Operating Fund Budget

	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>Approved 2017 Budget</u>	<u>Approved 2018 Budget</u>
SUPPORT and REVENUE				
CONTRIBUTIONS				
Pledged Contributions	\$846,701	\$832,370	\$840,000	\$870,000
Prior Year Pledge Payments	3,012	175	3,000	500
Plate Offerings	46,821	46,635	45,000	46,000
Subtotal Contributions	<u>896,534</u>	<u>879,180</u>	<u>888,000</u>	<u>916,500</u>
OTHER SUPPORT and REVENUE				
Cole Trust Fund Earnings	2,472	2,740	2,400	2,400
Investment income	2,950	767	2,000	1,200
Facilities Use	240	320	500	200
VA Building Net Income Transfer	56,000	60,000	60,000	70,000
Endowment Transfer	186,000	188,000	188,000	197,000
Special Gifts Transfer - Trust	3,700	-	-	-
Allocation of prior accumulated Surplus; transfer from special funds	-	30,098	59,175	42,000
Subtotal Other Income	<u>251,362</u>	<u>281,925</u>	<u>312,075</u>	<u>312,800</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	<u>1,147,896</u>	<u>1,161,105</u>	<u>1,200,075</u>	<u>1,229,300</u>
EXPENSES				
MISSION	<u>148,760</u>	<u>170,095</u>	<u>176,120</u>	<u>188,620</u>
WORSHIP & MUSIC	<u>36,469</u>	<u>37,382</u>	<u>40,255</u>	<u>40,255</u>
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	<u>27,099</u>	<u>18,530</u>	<u>27,800</u>	<u>29,200</u>
ADMINISTRATION	<u>62,105</u>	<u>58,932</u>	<u>59,500</u>	<u>59,500</u>
STEWARDSHIP	<u>34</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL	<u>512</u>	<u>1,022</u>	<u>5,200</u>	<u>5,900</u>
BOARD OF DEACONS	<u>2,383</u>	<u>1,985</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>
KITCHEN OPERATION	<u>6,568</u>	<u>5,811</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
PROPERTY	<u>193,032</u>	<u>197,643</u>	<u>198,500</u>	<u>204,500</u>
PERSONNEL	<u>645,432</u>	<u>669,705</u>	<u>682,000</u>	<u>691,625</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,122,394</u>	<u>1,161,105</u>	<u>1,200,075</u>	<u>1,228,800</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 25,502</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>

Church Staff

Ministers: All members of the congregation

Pastor: Alex Evans

Associate Pastor: Kathryn Lester-Bacon

Parish Associate: Sam Adams

Director of Christian Education: Ginger Evans

Director of Music: Jeffrey Riehl

Organist: Michael Simpson

Building Administrator: Rob Fergusson

Seminary Intern: Elizabeth Baril

Youth Ministers: Alex Lester-Abdalla, Ben Brannan

UKirk Campus Minister: Molly Spangler

Office Manager: Dorothy DeJong

Financial Manager: Terry Sherman

Administrative Assistant: Willa Jacob

Walk-In Coordinator: Elva Mapp

Child Care Center Director: Ginger Hudson

Sextons: Kerry Randolph, Chris Adams

Security: Cliff Anderson

Production Director: Bo Jacob

Missionaries: Karla Koll, San Jose, Costa Rica

Cindy Corell, Haiti

Leslie Vogel, CEDEPCA, Guatemala

Pastor Emeritus: Ben Sparks

Our missionaries are partially supported by the regular benevolent giving of our church.



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