How We Love God, Ourselves and Others...

Online Worship & Gatherings to Change the World

- During this time, all in-person gatherings and worship services at Second are on pause until mid-May. We are continuing to gather for worship online with live-streaming on Sundays at 9:45 a.m., available at secondpres.org/livestreaming.
- All regular attendees of The Common Room are invited to join Second's live-stream, where we will be encouraging online conversation and interaction.
- The Open Table KC, which normally gathers at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, is continuing its gatherings online. Tonight's gathering will be a Taizé guided meditation, available via Zoom from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Zoom link will be available on The Open Table's Facebook page at facebook.com/theopentablekc.

Caring for Others

We're in this together. Second is in need of folks to write care cards, make phone calls to our home-bound members, assist with projects at Second (which do not require in-person contact), and more. If you're able to help care for others or with upcoming projects, please let us know by signing up here. In addition, the Covenant Presbyterian Church Food Pantry is continuing to distribute food (without physical contact) to those in need. If you would like to support the Food Pantry with a financial gift, checks can be mailed to: Covenant Presbyterian Church 5931 Swope Parkway Kansas City, MO 64130.

Online Small Groups & Gatherings

New Online C3 Groups Connect with others. Share Conversation. Build Community. Tuesdays, Mar 24, 31, Apr 7, 6:15-7:15 p.m. via Zoom. A brand-new online C3 group will begin meeting next week via Zoom. Meet with others to talk about the sermon and scripture passages preached on the previous Sunday. Sign up here!

Gathered: A Weekly Gathering of Connection, Community & Prayer Wednesdays, 8:08 p.m. via Second's Facebook Live. Join us each Wednesday to slow down, be present, and reconnect with God, yourself, and others. Each week's gathering will last about 10 minutes and include prayer, scripture, poetry, and a chance to connect with others. Available at.facebook.com/kcsecondpres.

How to Practice Love in Trying Times Real Conversations about Loving God, Self, & Others When the World Falls Apart. Fridays, Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 & 17, 12:12-12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Join us for real talk about how to practice love in the midst of uncertainty. We'll share practices for staying sane, centered, and connected and have time for conversation mixed with scripture readings and sacred reflections. Sign up here to receive the Zoom link and then join the conversation whenever it works for you.

Family Ministries

Like and follow the Family Ministries Facebook page where we'll be sharing activities, stories, weekly reflections, digital resources and creative ways to stay connected.

We invite you to fill out the online Connection Card (click here) so we can reach out online in the week ahead!

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

1 Connect We invite you to fill out the online Connection Card (click here) so we can reach out online in the week ahead!

2 Learn More Visit secondpres.org to learn more about who we are and what's coming up in the life of our community.

3 Questions? Please contact Jimmy Itczak at jitczak@secondpres.org.

4 Activities for Children & Families We've put together a great list of reflections, conversation starters, digital resources and activities for children and families to stay connected. Contact Geneva McAuley, gmcauley@secondpres.org, for details!

Message about Live-Streaming: If you're connecting through Facebook, you'll be able to interact. If you are following us on the website and have comments or prayer requests, you can email them to staff@secondpres.org. If you would like assistance in being able to access Facebook, let us know and we will be glad to help.

Throughout the service, whenever you see this keyboard icon, we invite you to interact by sending messages through the Facebook Live comment stream.

Prelude

Welcome to the New Reality & Checking In

What resources, books, games, websites & activities have you found to help you cope, grow, and have fun during this time?

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Message for Our Children & Families Geneva McAuley

Hymn #35 – Praise Ye The Lord (all verses)

The Glory to God Hymnal can be found online at hymnary.org. We'll also include the words on the screen.

Prayer of Confession
ASSURANCE OF GRACE & CHORAL RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

We invite you to share a greeting, emoji, or word of support with your fellow online worshipers, in the Facebook comment stream. What are ways you’ve found to reach out to others and be the peace of Christ?

SERMON – Why do Animals Matter to People of Faith?

Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper
Genesis 7:1-5, Job 12:7-10
Lenten Series: “The Stones are Crying Out”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Blessing of the Animals

We invite you to share photos of your pets in the Facebook comment stream. You can also share photos on your own profile with the hashtag #forsuchatimeasthis.

CALL FOR OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Jimmy Itczak

Giving Options
1. Text your offering to 816.656.2298 with the word "give."
2. Give online at secondpres.org/give.
3. Mail a check to the church: 318 E. 55th St. Kansas City, MO 64113

Connection Card
Let us know you’re tuning in by filling out the online connection card (click here).

Anthem
Ave Maria I - by Rihards Dubra

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Kristin Riegel

If you have specific prayer requests for yourself or others, please post them in the Facebook comment stream.

The Aramaic Lord’s Prayer, translated by Kevin Thew Forrester
O Breath of Life, Your name shines everywhere! Release a space to show Your Presence here. Holy is your “I Am” now. Embody Your desire in every light and form. Bring to us this moment’s bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us. As we release our judgment against others, help us to remember our source, yet free us to be reborn in every moment. From You comes forth every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering. Amen.

HYMN #17 – Sing Praise To God, You Heavens! (v. 2-4)

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

Choral Response #574 - Amen, Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP CONCLUDES, CHURCH CONTINUES THROUGH US

News + Updates

Please see the other side of this bulletin for ways we are continuing to be the church as we connect, care for one another, and build community together online.

Second Family News

We pray for Leslie Anderson (recovering from hip surgery), for Carol Gibson (recovering from hernia surgery), for Kayla Uhl, and for Steven Thomas & Sue Minsavage. We also invite you to share any prayer requests in the Facebook comment stream, or send them to Rev. Kristin Riegel at kriegel@secondpres.org.

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Second is a LGBTQIA+ open and affirming congregation that is part of both More Light Presbyterians and the Covenant Network, organizations that work for the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).