That Jesus!

“When they had carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and they are now his witnesses to the people.”

Acts 13: 29-31

Dear Second family and friends,

Happy Easter! The New Testament records numerous appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. It was not unheard of for Jesus to be journeying along with people and for them not to realize it until he was gone. These accounts from scripture were not the first time that God’s presence was not known until after the fact, and they would not be the last.

This phenomenon reminds me of a similar experience that happened to one of my friends, Rosemarie, in a congregation I served in North Carolina. After the death of her father, Rosemarie took her mother into her home and cared for her for the next six years, but as her mother needed more and more attention Rosemarie finally realized that she would have to move her mother into a local hospice facility.

Because her devotion to her mother was intense and emotionally absorbing, Rosemarie stayed with her mother day and night. While there, she met and developed a spiritually helpful relationship with a woman whose daughter was also a patient at the facility. In a passing conversation, Rosemarie said to her, "I want to see Jesus when he comes to take my mother." This gentle woman responded, "I surely hope you do see Jesus. Maybe you will."

That night Rosemarie collapsed into the make-shift bed in her mother's room. Although she was physically and emotionally exhausted, she managed only an occasional fitful doze. The quiet in the room was broken only by her mother's "death rattle" and the soft sound of the wind in the oxygen mask. In the early morning Rosemarie was startled from her light sleep when she realized that the only sound in the room was just the wind in the oxygen mask. Her mother was not breathing. As two nurses came into the room, she jumped up from her bed and asked, "Is she gone?" The nurses nodded - it was 6:02 A.M.

Rosemarie looked around the room, scanning every space from the floor to the ceiling. No Jesus -- not even an angel. She was overcome with grief and disappointment. Jesus had come for her mother and she had missed him. What to do? She reached for the phone and calmed herself by beginning to do those things that must be done when someone dies. She commenced to call family, friends, the pastor from her hometown who would do the graveside committal for her mother as he had for her father years earlier.

After doing all those things you do to keep busy following the death of a loved one, she walked out in the hallway and found her spiritual friend. "Mother's gone -- left early this morning." "Yes, I know" she said. "Word gets around here." They walked down the hall with

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
Stated Session Meeting—February 19, 2013

Moderator Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Blair opened the Stated Session meeting and welcomed new Elders Andrew Birmingham, Geoffrey Hardin, Shay Herman, Barb Newbauer, and Heather Warnack. He thanked Eloise Bensberg and Dan Shackelford for their dedicated service as they are rotating off. Since this was a transitional meeting, Elders and Elders-elect divided into discussion groups to share their experience as serving on the Session and discuss the following questions:

1. What have I learned along the way that I wish I had known before I started?
   a. About this Church?
   b. About this Session?
   c. About Pastors Tom and Jenn?
   d. About something else important?
2. Where I have encountered that God?
3. In what ways have I given?
4. What did I receive?

Elders discussed what attracted them to Second Church and why they are serving as an Elder. The Elders engaged in a wide-ranging discussion touching on the following key points:

- History
- Vision
- What we have learned
- Epicenter Church
- How Elders make themselves known to the church
- Discussions
- Issues

Elders and Elders-elect were pleased to learn that both Rev. Blair and Rev. DiFrancesco have their own unique style of ministry but their roles are quite complementary. Elders also agreed that interaction between the Session and the Board of Trustees is very important.

Second Presbyterian received a note of thanks from St. Mary’s Ecumenical Institute of Theology, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary, for a $50,000 donation from Second Presbyterian. Rev. Brent Laytham, Dean of the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary’s, will be preaching at Second Presbyterian this summer.

As a follow-up action to the Uptown Metro Ministry Group Training day that took place on January 26, 2103 at Towson Presbyterian Church, the Baltimore Presbytery will be donating $70,000 for a future cluster for a mission project.

Elders also heard news from the “Kitchen Cabinet Committee” that is

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Mission Day

Announcing
2013 MISSION DAY
Saturday, April 27, 2013

This is the day that our entire congregation joins together in service. This year we are bringing back a few favorites as well as trying a new partnership effort.

We will host PB&J sandwich-making at the church and deliver hundreds of sandwiches to Our Daily Bread.

We will also join our faithful efforts with ServeFest, which is a regional partnership of churches serving their communities on April 27th. You will have the opportunity to sign-up for any of the projects listed on the servefestmd.org website. Second Presbyterian is also hosting a project for others in the Baltimore area to join. This is a great way to serve side-by-side with your church friends and family, and to meet new friends in service from other parts of town.

The day of service and fun will start with a continental breakfast in the Westcott Room at 8:30 am.

Check out more fun and physically–active mission activities on page 11.

April Sermons

APRIL 7
“What You Missed on Easter”
Emmaus road, “Our hearts burned along the road, as he opened to us the Scriptures”
The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco

APRIL 14
Acts 6:1-14, 7:47-60
“Stephen’s Ministry”
Controversy in the early church; some set aside for service. Stephen forgives and is martyred.
The Rev. Dr. Tom Blair

APRIL 21
Acts 8:26-39
“Telling the Story by Heart”
Ethiopian reads the Scriptures, comes to believe
The Rev. Dr. Tom Blair

APRIL 28
Acts 15:1-17
“Gentile of My Mind”
Council at Jerusalem, Faith gives identity to both Jews and Gentiles
The Rev. Dr. Tom Blair
(Left) Our Sunday School Classes made Hamentashen cookies for Purim in March, which were later given to Manna House when congregation members served breakfast there. (Right) “Queen Esther” (Louise DeLaVergne) told the story of the Purim celebration.

Easter Egg Hunt
March 23, 2013
Easter 2013

Easter Brunch
April Birthdays

1st
Will Beckman
Caroline Hughes

2nd
Ann Young

3rd
Hadley Bramhall
Bob Laubach
John Rodman

4th
Josie Kaestner
Janet Short
Joe Strauss
William Vincent

5th
David Barton
Nancy Tuttle

6th
David Britton

7th
Margaret Budd
Christian Dudek
Gail Levy

8th
Donna Foley
Meghan Ramzy

9th
Anita Dinwiddie
Eileen McMullen

11th
Mike Craft
Barb Gilliss
Rachel Hess-Mutinda
Bob Smith
Evan Smith

12th
Pam Russell
Jeff Saxton
Jordan Van Horn

13th
Tommy Monahan

14th
Joon Park

15th
Lee Glowacki

16th
Gray McCrickard

18th
Tom Dineen
Bryce McMullen
Fay Miller
Emarie Payne
Hank Young

19th
Danielle Dupre
Caitlin Formby
Scott Silverwood

20th
Bruce Behrens
Katherine Miles

22nd
Shelby Herndon
Rachel Seba

23rd
Shawna Garliss
Tom Young

24th
Scott Vincent

25th
Barbara Reade
John Saxton
Dayna Stueck

26th
Katherine Crosby
Ross Herman
Wesley Seba
Katherine Snyder

27th
Peggy Duer

29th
Genevieve Creaby
Harriette McPherson
Judith Smith
Kevin Spence

30th
Catherine Stueck

Church Family News

We welcomed these new members March 24, 2013:
Andrew and Cathy Beto
Jennifer Gilbert
Dr. Meghan Johnston
James and Flora Logie
Eugene Miller
Aaron and Rachel Mongeau

We celebrated these baptisms on March 24, 2013:
Jennifer Grace Gilbert
Michael Anthony Putnick, Jr. Michael, born August 5, 2007, is the son of Jennifer Gilbert and her husband,
Michael Anthony Putnick, Sr.

Second Church Small Groups

Tuesdays at Ten
What is the plan God has for Israel and how are Christians to read the prophesies about Israel? These important queries will be examined as we conclude the video Bible program, “Land of Conflict: An Arab and Jewish Conversation” in April. In the latter part of the month, we will begin a new video study of the Gospel of Mark, titled “Hope for the Gentiles.” In this DVD presentation we will visit Rome and Israel to explore the life and character of Jesus through the experiences of Peter. Please join us on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for about one and one-half hours; view the videos; participate in the discussions; and enjoy the Christian fellowship ever present when we meet. (Please use glass door entrance by the Chapel on Stratford Rd.) For more information, please contact Gene Haupt at 410.366.7599 or mghaupt@comcast.net.

Helping Hands

First Thursdays, April 4 & May 2, 9 a.m.
Many hands make light work and more fun! Our Daily Bread needs the casseroles of hunter’s stew for 200 that we make in the church kitchen each month. Please join us about 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. on the first Thursday (April 4th and May 2nd) as we chop, sauté, and mix while getting to know each other a little better. Come occasionally or regularly. Contact Betsy Bond at 410.296.5554 or betsybond3@gmail.com.

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Tapas, Talk & Theology
Fridays, April 12 & 26, 7 p.m.

We continue with our new study of *The Screwtape Letters*, a novel written by C. S. Lewis in which Hell’s senior demons, Screwtape and Wormwood, live in a peculiarly morally reversed world, where individual benefit and greed are seen as the greatest good, and neither demon is capable of comprehending God's love for man or acknowledging true human virtue when he sees it.

The April 12th meeting will take place at the home of Carol Clark; 118 Croydon Rd., 21212; 410.323.3235 or cvfclark@yahoo.com and Margaret Budd will host the April 26 meeting in her new home in Roland Park Place 830 W. 40th St., #209, 410.243.5958.

The study begins with a light supper followed by discussion. Anyone interested in this study course is encouraged to attend and can contact Becky Ferrell at 410.377.3830 or rrussferr@verizon.net for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.
Calling knitters and crocheters (or those who ever wanted to learn) to join Second Presbyterian’s prayer shawl ministry group. The patterns are simple. Completed shawls are blessed at a church service and given to fellow members in need of care or comfort. The April meeting will take place in the home of Tracy Russell, 222 Woodlawn Road in Roland Park.

Wednesday Fellowship
April 17, 12 noon

John Butler returns to take us along on another vicarious trip to “Alaska: By Land and Sea”. John is a master photographer as well as a fascinating raconteur. We’ve enjoyed his trips to Russia and to Greece; join him now in Alaska, America’s last wilderness.

We begin in Anchorage and travel to Mt. McKinley in Denali National Park enjoying the views and the wildlife. By sea, we travel on the Sapphire Princess to Hubbard Glacier and in Glacier Bay National Park, seeing whales, otters, and other sea life along the way. John brings it all to life with interesting anecdotes along the way.

We meet in Smith Hall at noon today for lunch and fellowship. Bring a sandwich; dessert and beverages are provided. The program will follow lunch. All are always welcome. Questions? Call Joyce Zimmerman at 410-467-4210.

Candlelighters
Monday, April 22, 7 p.m., Manse
The Candlelighters group is focusing on the theme of "Feminine Power" this year, spending time looking at women and power in the Bible, thinking and reflecting on our own femininity and our own relationship to power, and learning about women theologians who have studied and written about God, women and power. Please join us as you are able! We usually meet the 4th Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the manse library. Questions? Contact Kate Foster Connors at kate@fosterconnors.com.

Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage
The Centennial Edition
Guilford Tour
Sunday, April 28, 2013
10 am—5 pm

Second Presbyterian Church is one of the stops on the home and garden tour celebrating the Guilford neighborhood’s centennial. Volunteers are sought to work a shift for the tour and then can purchase a half-price $15 ticket for the tour. Contact Catherine Searson at 410-467-9022 or searson@mac.com.
We Welcomed these New Members in March

**Andrew and Cathy Beto** moved to the Guilford neighborhood over a year ago from Nashville, TN. They met while students at the University of Kentucky and have lived in many cities. They have a son who teaches 8th grade English at Old Court Middle School and a daughter (Megan—in the photo) who attends Roland Park Country School. Andy is an engineer and currently COO for Len the Plumber; Cathy works for an ad agency.

**Jennifer Gilbert** and her young son, Michael, live near the church and have been visiting for some time. Michael has enjoyed being in our church school. Jennifer is a TV news anchor for WBFF-TV, channel 45 Fox News. She grew up in Oxford, PA on a farm still owned by her parents. Jennifer’s husband, Michael Putnick, Sr., is transitioning from Philadelphia to Baltimore.

**Dr. Meghan Johnston** has also visited at Second Church for a long time. She and her husband Reuben were married at Second Church and their daughter Clara, 1½ yrs. old, was baptized here. Meghan is a veterinarian at Hunt Valley Animal Hospital. *(not pictured)*

**James and Flora Logie,** parents of Beth McCrickard, have attended Second Church for several years for part of the year while they lived here in Sparks, alternating with warmer months at another home in Massachusetts. Flora has sung in our chancel choir for over 15 years; she and Jim were with the choir on the trip to Scotland in 1998. They now live permanently in MD and are transferring their membership from their church in MA.

**Eugene Miller,** a lifelong Baltimorean, retired from the telephone company after several years. Widowed, he went to work part time at Eddies of Roland Park, where he met Second Church member Sallie Patterson *(middle)*. They were married at Second Church in July 2010. *(Right- Gene’s granddaughter Ariana.)*

**Aaron and Rachel Mongeau** have a daughter, **Caroline,** who is 11 months old. Rachel, an instructional systems designer, works in Linthicum. She has also taught English at several levels and enjoys teaching English 101. She is from upstate NY near New Paltz and grew up in a Dutch Reformed church there. Aaron, originally from southern Minnesota, is a specialist in therapy equipment and works for BTE in Hanover, MD. He is an avid bicyclist and runs the racing team for the Baltimore Bicycle Club. He has been drawn to our church by a sense of community he finds here.
Mark Your Summer Calendar

Around the World Vacation Bible School

July 22—July 26, 2013
9 am—12 pm*
Open to 3 year-olds—5th grade
*Before care available at 8 am
And extended care available until 6 pm

Sponsored by
Cathedral of the Incarnation
First English Lutheran
Second Presbyterian Church
SS Philip and James

Online registration coming soon
www.secondpresby.org

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, April 12

Come see the enchanting, Oscar-winning movie, Brave, in Smith Hall
6:00 p.m. Pizza; 6:30 p.m. Movie

Children are encouraged to bring a friend.

Rated PG; Run time – 1 1/2 hours

Admission is $5 per family and a food donation for the C.A.R.E.S. Food Pantry
Questions: Contact Heather Warnack at harlanwarnack@gmail.com

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investigating the scope and cost of renovating the church kitchen as a standalone project. The Committee will look into questions as to whether or not the Church can afford this project and when it is likely to take place in their follow-up meetings.

Rev. Blair and the Elders closed with individual prayers of thanks and intercession by those present and with the Lord’s Prayer.

Scott Silverwood for the Session

Children’s Choir Schedule
All practices are held in the Chapel from 9:50—10:15 a.m.

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Help equip at-risk boys.

Acts4Youth 3rd Annual Fun Run
Friday, April 26, 6 pm
Druid Hill Park, Baltimore City

Join A4Y students, youth, families, individuals and teams as we walk and run 2.5 miles to raise funds for our after-school academy. To register: http://acts4youth.donorpages.com/FunRun2013

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their arms around each other. Crying softly, Rosemarie said, "I didn't get to see Jesus when he came for mother."

Rosemarie wrote this description about what happened next. "She stopped me and turned me to face her, placed her hands on my shoulders to stabilize me, then compassionately and fiercely said to me, 'That Jesus, he is a tricky one!' We collapsed into each other's arms laughing. Mother was gone. I had missed seeing Jesus, and we were laughing. That Jesus, he IS a tricky one!"

In her final recollections of that very sad, yet beautiful and unforgettable day, Rosemarie remembered, “Later I saw my new friend and with eyes aflame with faith, she said to me, 'And by the way, you did not miss Jesus! He is all around you...in the radiant light about you...even within you. And there were lots of angels too. I can see them clearly.'"

Then Rosemarie said, "I don't even know the name of that beautiful woman of faith, and I never saw her again."

Who might she have been? THAT JESUS, HE IS A TRICKY ONE

May the surprises of Easter continue in your lives, and the lives of those around you!

With you, in Christ’s ministry, together, 

A DAY TO PLAY
Softball Tournament & Family Fun
Saturday, May 11

Greater Homewood Community Corporation will host their 2nd Annual Day to Play at Wyman Park. Second Presbyterian is fielding a team again and needs players of all skill levels. If you're not a player, there are plenty of fun activities for all ages.

The team will have a practice or two in April to shake off the rustiness, have fun, and get to know one another! Contact James Woods at jwwoods28@gmail.com or Andrew Birmingham at ambirmingham11@gmail.com to join the team.

2011 Softball Team
Wonderlic Voice Competition Finals
Sunday, April 21, 2013
3:30 p.m.

Established in 1990 through a bequest of the late Russell C. Wonderlic, this competition alternates annually between voice and piano and has allowed many young artists the opportunity to launch international music careers. Three finalists will contend for top honors and cash awards in this competition recital.

Chamber Music by Candlelight
Sunday, April 28, 7:30pm

SERENADE FOR STRING TRIO IN C MAJOR,
OP. 10
Ernst von Dohnányi (1877-1960)

SEPTET IN E-FLAT MAJOR, OP. 20
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)