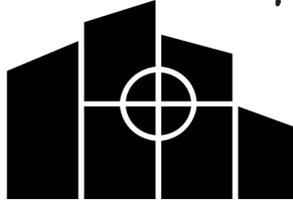


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**SECOND PRES**

At the Crossroads

Rev. Dr. Laura Reason

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:00 AM

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**PRELUDE**

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

Moderato in E-flat Elizabeth Stirling

**WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER**

Jamie Kaiser

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Chapel Choir

I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say Bernedette Farrell

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

Kathy Frank

With what shall I come before the Lord?

**Shall I come before him with burnt offerings?**

What will please the Lord?

**He has showed you what is good!**

And what does the Lord require of you?

**To act justly and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.**

**\*CALL to CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER of CONFESSION**

**Even as we eagerly await your return, Lord Jesus, we must confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, with our entire mind, or with all of our strength. We have loved our past and our memories more than you alone. Forgive us our complacency and our fear of living. Your sacrifice has, once and for all, covered all our sins. Give us hearts that trust your saving word. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

This is the Good news!

**God's mercy has no end.**

**God's compassion is forever.**

**God's grace is beyond our understanding.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Congregational Singing

**\*PASSING of the PEACE**

Jamie Kaiser

**\*SONG of the DAY**

Congregational Singing

What Does the Lord Require No. 405, *please join on verse 2*

**FOUNDATIONS**

Jamie Kaiser

————— *Children invited to attend Sunday School* —————

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Elder Sara Palmgren

Psalm 127 NRSV

**WORD IN SONG**

For This Joy Susan LaBarr

Chapel Choir  
Rich Schroeder, clarinet**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Ruth 1:6-19 Anchor Bible

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**MESSAGE**

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**\*HYMN**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee No. 357

Congregational Singing

**OFFERING**

Offertory Prelude, op. 38, no. 12 Władysław Żeleński

Deacon Ellen Wylie

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

Ending with the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Laura Reason

**\*HYMN**

How Great Thou Art No. 467

Congregational Singing

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Laura Reason

**POSTLUDE**

Fanfare of Praise Jason W. Krug

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

*\*Please stand*

# UPCOMING at SECONDPRES

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST REV. DR. LAURA REASON

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Laura Reason, a retired PCUSA pastor. Most of her professional and volunteer work in the past 40 years has centered in transitional and transformational ministries. She loves helping people discover the joy of faithful living. She currently serves as the Moderator of the Committee on Ministry in Great Rivers Presbytery and is the ministry partner to Second from COM. She and her late husband Sam have two sons and four grandchildren.

## FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF JOHN W. STEVENS

This Sunday, flowers are given in memory of John W. Stevens given by Nancy Stevens and Emily Zande.

## LIVE NATIVITY AT SECOND PRES DECEMBER 6, 5-8 P.M.

The Live Nativity at Second Pres is just around the corner! On Friday, December 6 from 5-8 p.m., in conjunction with the Downtown Bloomington First Friday, Second Pres will hold a live nativity in the parking lot off East and Jefferson. If you are interested in being an actor, we are still looking to fill a few roles! No prior acting experience is needed. Actors will rotate in shifts to ensure everyone stays warm! If interested, contact Solomon Bloomer at [ministryadmin@secondpres.com](mailto:ministryadmin@secondpres.com).

## EVERY SUNDAY

8:45 am: Sunday Morning Brunch  
9:00 am: Worship Service  
10:15 am: ACE (Adult Christian Education)  
10:15 am: High School Brunch  
3:00 pm: Lego League Robotics (Grades 4-8)

## EVERY TUESDAY

7:00 pm: Scouts Troops 903 and 9903  
6:00-8:00 pm: First Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics (Grades 7-12)

## HELPFUL REMINDER

Before the service begins, please check in using your pew pad (located in each pew) or via the Second Pres church app. To download the app, search "Second Pres" in your phone's app store. Alternatively, you may click on the person icon at the bottom of our website homepage.

If you missed a service and would like to view the bulletin or announcements from this year, visit [secondpres.com/weekly2024](http://secondpres.com/weekly2024)

## VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST

In honor and recognition of those who have served our country, all veterans, spouses, and guests are welcome to a free breakfast following service. The program will include remarks, memorial tributes, prayer and photos.

## REVERSE ADVENT

Reverse Advent will begin on Sunday, December 1 but calendars will be available starting Sunday, November 17. Each of the four weeks of Advent have suggested donations items to help those in need in our community. You may, of course, donate any item at any time. The donation area will be located just outside of the sanctuary doors. If you have any questions, please contact Local Mission Elder, Jan Harrell.

## ADVENT DECORATING

Decorating the church for Advent will begin on Monday, November 25 and conclude on Tuesday, November 26. If you are interested in helping decorate, please contact Tammy Haggard for more information by calling the church or by emailing [tammy.haggard@secondpres.com](mailto:tammy.haggard@secondpres.com)

## ACE SURVEY

The ACE Committee is collecting information from the congregation about educational interests for future ACE classes. Please complete the survey at [bit.ly/ACESurvey2PC](http://bit.ly/ACESurvey2PC).

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00-7:30 pm: K-5th KidsMin (90 min.)  
6:00-7:30 pm: 6-8th YOUthMin (90 min.)  
  
6:30-8:00 pm: Chapel Choir Rehearsal

## EVERY THURSDAY

11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch

## BIBLE STUDIES

### EVERY TUESDAY

8:30 am: Morning Men's Bible Study (Wylie)

### EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

11:30 am: Bible Study (Jones)

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00-7:45 p.m. The Gathering Bible Study (Jennings)

For more information on Bible studies  
visit: [secondpres.com/biblestudy](http://secondpres.com/biblestudy)