



Second Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church! We are conveniently located at 801 Waller Street, across from Portsmouth High School. Dr. Stanley N. Webster, MAT, D.Min., serves as our pastor. The mission of Second Presbyterian Church is to individually and collectively seek to become more Christ-like through faith, responsible stewardship and worship participation.

Our Sunday morning worship service begins at 9:30 AM. Hearing devices are available for everyone who needs help in hearing the service. Ask our friendly Greeters to show you where they are located. The sanctuary is open for private meditation at 9:00 AM preceding the service. Following worship service, all members and guests are invited to gather in the parlor for fellowship during our Coffee Hour at 10:30 AM. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:55 AM. A Bible Study Class meets at 11 AM on Tuesdays.

A nursery is provided with caring adult supervision, as well as a room where parents may watch their children and listen to the Morning Worship Service through our speaker system. Please ask a Deacon for assistance. This is for your convenience, but don't feel that young children are not welcome in our Sanctuary. Those young voices are our future!

Second Presbyterian Church's Christian Education goes on all year with Sunday School for adults and youth, Bible School, song practices and presentations, the worship service's children's story time, acolyte participation, church camp attendance and community outreach programs. For more information on these and other activities, we invite you to visit our new web site at www.secondpres-portsmouth.com. Here you will find timely announcements, a monthly calendar and a wealth of information about Second Presbyterian Church.

Our Women's Circle meets monthly for study, fellowship and service. An active Women's Association provides supporting services for various projects and missions. They sponsor events such as the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Dinner, the annual Election Day Luncheon and an annual Christmas Tea. The annual rummage sale is always a popular event.



In a joint effort by Christian Education and the Outreach Committee, this year's Annual BACK TO SCHOOL BASH was a fun-filled success! School children of all ages – from the wee ones in preschool to the tweens in middle school – enjoyed inflatables, games, face painting and food all to the tune of Christian Rock Music. There were numerous door prizes and certificates donated for the event, including backpacks stuffed full of school supplies. Watch for the announcement of this year's August date for the BACK TO SCHOOL BASH! It's a blast!

Second Presbyterian Church was established in 1875. The present building was dedicated in 1935, after fire destroyed portions of earlier structures in 1895, 1896 and 1933. Our wonderful church is but a symbol for our faith, but in the face of continued adversity -

mostly fires - our congregation has never wavered in providing a meeting place for Christian Fellowship.

In 1996, Second Presbyterian Church became registered as a National Historic Site. The historic significance of our building is architecture and engineering, specifically the periods from 1900-1924 and 1925-1949 inclusive. The newest edifice of Hummelstown brownstone was dedicated March 4, 1935. The architecture is a fine example of Tudor or Collegiate Gothic, the bell tower being a copy of the tower at Magdalene College at Oxford, England.

Especially notable are the stained glass windows in our sanctuary. They are created in the style of great church windows of the 13th century. The pattern of the windows follows those of the famous Cathedral of Chartres in France. Each window has an average of 45 pieces of glass, by actual count, to the square foot! Ask for a tour of our glorious Tiffany stained glass windows! Rescued from the fires, they were reinstalled in the current building, primarily in our chapel.



Organ music has been an integral part of services as long as there has been a church. The Second Presbyterian Church organ is a custom-built St. Louis, Missouri, Kilgen organ of 2,555 pipes, specifically constructed to fit the acoustical and architectural properties of our church. The three manuals connect with Great, Swell, and Choir organs in the two organ chambers located to the left and right of the choir loft. Other features of the organ include a harp of 49 bars, 25 chimes

and a *Vox humana*. Orchestral instruments within the organ include an oboe, a clarinet, a trumpet and a trombone.

Under the direction of Stanley E. Workman, B.A., M.M., an adult Chancel Choir, as well as Seraphim and Cherubim children's choirs, plays a major role in the regular worship service and often performs exceptional programs for the Easter and Christmas seasons. *The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* at Christmas with full orchestra and chorus composed of church and community members is a superb example. Youth dramatizations like "It's Cool in the Furnace" and "The Very Important Christmas Pageant," presented during worship service in the past year, are typical of the church's music and Christian Education programs for young people.

God's Pantry was established by the Second Presbyterian Church Deacons in 1981. It is the largest food pantry in Scioto County, providing food for over 250 meals per day. Our director, Chris Liles, does a great job in utilizing your donations to purchase and provide nutritious food to our neighbors in need. We thank the



community for your support! God's Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 10AM until 2PM to qualified Scioto County residents. To sign up you must bring a picture ID and a SSN for each member of the family along with a proof of residence, like a utility bill. God's Pantry operates on a choice basis where people may select preferred food supplies. Emergency food supplies can be obtained by contacting our church office, 353-4159. Anyone wishing to send a donation can address a check to God's Pantry and mail it in care of Second Presbyterian Church to the address

listed above. For food or personal care product donations, please call the Church so that our volunteers can coordinate the collection of the items with you.

The Second Presbyterian Outreach Committee plans and carries out mission and outreach projects. The Committee hosted a presentation of the Thai Dance Troupe, college-age performers from Thailand, last year as a unique cultural experience for the community. Open to the public, admission was free; a goodwill offering was collected to help defray the group's expenses. In the fall, Ted Wright and his wife spoke about mission work in Africa following a carry-in dinner. He presented a slide show explaining the missions in Africa and also had some items he brought

on display. In 2007, the Outreach Committee again participated in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse spearheaded locally by Bigelow Church, providing 66 boxes for some of the suffering children of the world.



Our trustees initiated one of our greatest recent renovations – our Fellowship Hall. Located in the basement, this massive dining hall has received a facelift. Tireless volunteers scrubbed and painted and even ironed and hung drapes! A beautiful blue carpet now covers our floor in addition to the installation of the new stage drapery that was purchased from Roosevelt School. Our Fellowship Hall will hold 213 guests; when combined with the pantry area it can accommodate 300 people. It is the perfect setting for wedding receptions, reunions and banquets. The adjacent institutional kitchen is a caterer's dream. The newly appointed stage will accommodate a band as well as your special performance or recital. A chair lift is available at

the stairway inside the ramp at the west entrance from the 8th Street parking lot, providing access for people with disabilities and making possible the attendance of meetings, receptions, church dinners and other special events held in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in renting our Fellowship Hall, please contact the church office to check its availability on your special day.



In addition to Dr. Webster and Music Director Workman, the Second Presbyterian Church staff includes Evelyn Hughes, secretary; Jerry Wheeler, sexton; Gladys Reynolds, treasurer; and Polly Bowman, enrichment leader.