

***BENEDICTION**

Becoming like Jesus isn't easy. We cannot do it on our own. Only an examined life, and a life that is examined by others on the same journey, can ever look like Jesus. So go forth, but come back. Pray for others, ask meaningful questions, recognize how roots in this family can strengthen you to walk in the footsteps of Christ. **Amen.**

All sing:

**Let us go to follow you, because you've called our name,
 Let us go where we don't know and never be the same.
 Let us let your love be shown, and be sure your name is known,
 May our lives be ever grown in you, and yours in us.**

As you leave Second, remember that you are deeply loved by God, and you're called to share God's love with others.

Thank you to Stephanie Sugioka for helping to lead the music in worship this morning.

If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office. We will include your request on the prayer request list for a month, unless you request for us to leave it on longer.

MISSION PARTNERS & LIAISONS

LOCAL: HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS

ForKids - Marie Finch
 NEST - Karen McKinley
 St. Columba - Alice Allen-Grimes
 St. Mary's Soup Kitchen - Larry Hull
 LAUNCH Ministry - Joe Morgan
 The Norfolk Street Choir Project - Rich Voter

LOCAL: OUTREACH & INCLUSION

ODU Global Friendship - John Klein
 Faith Inclusion Network - Lori Crouch
 YOURS - Larry Hull
 Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services - Catherine Hart Monroe

INTERNATIONAL

Ben Seidl in Berlin - Craig Wansink
 Jenn West in Holland - Linda West
 The Jungs in East Asia - Roz Klein
 The Kerrs in the M.E. - Katie White

2021 SPC SESSION AND MINISTRY TEAMS

Larry Hull, Clerk of Session

DISCIPLESHIP

Peggy Troyer
 Lynn Ruehlmann
 Claire Ficker
 Kevin Kittredge
 Erin Todd

MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP

Karen McKinley
 Alice Allen-Grimes
 Tami Ndahi

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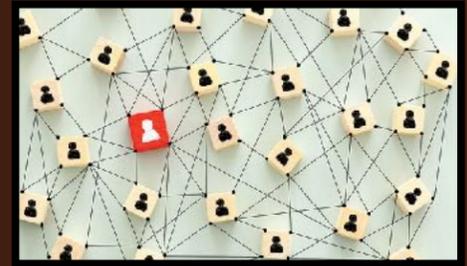
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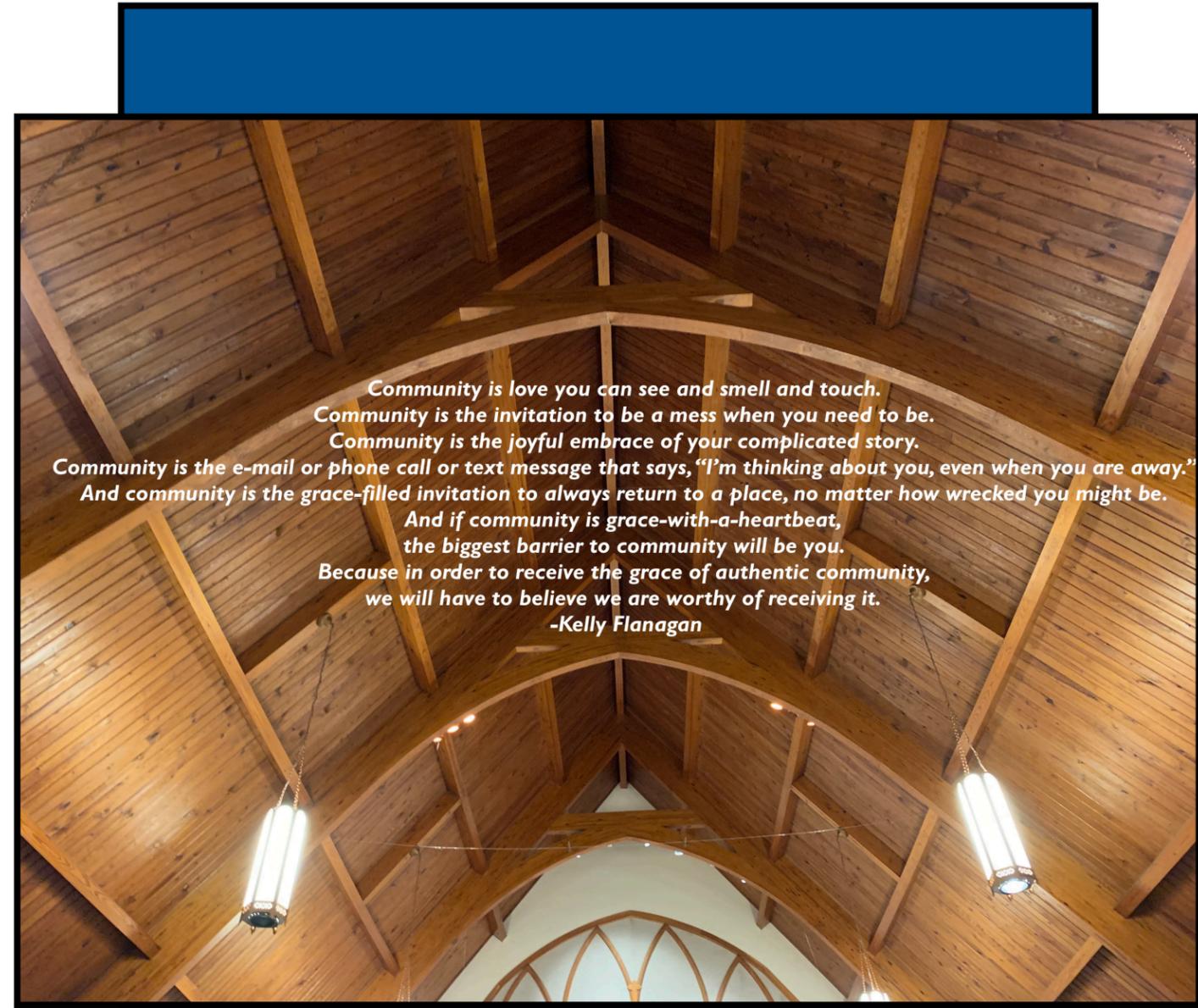
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RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER: ON THE ROAD WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL

**"STRENGTHENED BY COMMUNITY:
 WHERE IS YOUR ANTIOCH?"**



Second Presbyterian Church, February 20, 2022



*Community is love you can see and smell and touch.
 Community is the invitation to be a mess when you need to be.
 Community is the joyful embrace of your complicated story.
 Community is the e-mail or phone call or text message that says, "I'm thinking about you, even when you are away."
 And community is the grace-filled invitation to always return to a place, no matter how wrecked you might be.
 And if community is grace-with-a-heartbeat,
 the biggest barrier to community will be you.
 Because in order to receive the grace of authentic community,
 we will have to believe we are worthy of receiving it.
 -Kelly Flanagan*

We Gather In Christ

“God is Here”
Green/Shoup

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share. Amen.

WELCOME

*PASSING THE PEACE

*SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

No. 246 “God Is Here” (Verses 1, 2, 4)
Words by Fred Pratt Green (1977)

We Recognize our Need to Grow Closer to God

*CONFESSING OUR SIN

Eternal God, when we forget who we are, and act as if we are totally separate from you,

Forgive us.

When our religious activities become dull repetition that keeps you at arm’s length,

Forgive us.

When we keep our world so small that we cannot see who is shut out of it,

Forgive us.

When our images of you are too small, too inadequate or too immature,

Forgive us.

When we keep ourselves busy and put service above prayer,

Forgive us.

When small irritations with each other restrict us from growing in love for each other,

Forgive us.

When we drift in life, away from you and your calling.

Forgive us and renew our faith and love that we might more faithfully live out the Way of Jesus. Amen.

*MEDITATING IN SILENCE

*RECEIVING GRACE

God forgives, God heals, and God restores. God loves, God hopes, and God waits.
Know that there is no place too far, no darkness too deep, where God cannot embrace you.
God forgives us, loves us, and gives us the hope of new life. Amen.

SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

“How Can I Keep from Singing”
by Robert Lowry (1869)

Congregation join to sing the refrain

All sing:

**No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

We Hear the Word

TIME OF DISCOVERY

MESSAGE

—Dr. Craig Wansink

“Strengthened by Community: Where Is Your Antioch?”
Acts 11:19-26

We Respond in Humility

All sing:

**Will we let the blinded see because you call our names?
Will we set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will we kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what you mean in us, and we in you?**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

No. 861 “In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified”
Words by Bob Kilpatrick (1978)

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we all are family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Welcome!

“If the church is a building, then we must be bricks in it; if the church is a body, then we are its members; if the church is a household of faith, then we are part of that household. Sheep are in a flock, and branches on a vine. Biblically, if we are Christians, we must be members of a church. This membership is not simply the record of a statement we once made or of affection toward a familiar place. It must be the reflection of a living commitment or it is worthless.”
—Mark Dever

“The quest is not just believing in God, but believing in other people. Believing in ourselves as children of God, and that we are called to see other people as God sees them, not as we would like them to be.”
—Jean Vanier, founder of L’Arche

“On the most elementary level, you do not have to go to church to be a Christian. You do not have to go home to be married either. But in both cases if you do not, you will have a very poor relationship.”
—Kent Hughes

“There is an amplified encounter in the gathering of faith filled hearts that is not reproducible on your own. However, there is an intensified intimacy in the quiet of our personal and solitary rendezvous that is inhibited by the presence of others. People of faith need both to thrive.”
—Nancy Boyd-Sherman