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KNOXVILLE SYMPHONY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FEATURED IN SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Knoxville, TN – March 5, 2018 – The Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra will perform a free concert in honor of the 200th Anniversary of Second Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church. This performance is free and open to the public** and will be performed in memory of Betsey Bush, who served for many years on the Knoxville Symphony Society Board of Directors and was a member of Second Presbyterian Church. [More information can be found here.](#)

What: This free concert hosted by Second Presbyterian Church serves as one of the signature events in the year-long celebration of the church's 200th anniversary. This concert is dedicated in memory of Mrs. Betsey Bush, who was a beloved supporter of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra and member of Second Presbyterian Church.

Who: **Aram Demirjian**, Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Music Director, conducts the Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra in music specially selected for this concert. Guest artist, **Sarah Morgan**, joins the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra on Appalachian dulcimer.

Musical selections highlight the region's history and the role of Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville over the last 200 years. Traditional folk songs such as *Wayfaring Stranger* and *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* would have been popular during early church history. *Shaker Melody* from Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring* and Conni Ellisor's "Blackberry Winter" with dulcimer soloist are to represent the unique history of Appalachia and feature the dulcimer, an indigenous instrument. Percy Grainger's "Irish Tune from a County Derry" and Copland's *Symphony No. 3* speak to the unique Scotch/Irish traditions important in the history of this area. Traditional hymns including "Morning Has Broken," "Amazing Grace," and "How Firm a Foundation" will be performed to celebrate the musical traditions and ancestries of the Church.

When: Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Where: 2829 Second Presbyterian Church, Kingston Pike

Tickets: This performance is free and open to the public; no tickets are required. This performance will take place without an intermission and there is a reception for all to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

About Second Presbyterian Church / 200th Anniversary Celebrations:

Begun in 1818 by members of First Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church of Knoxville shared its founding pastor, Isaac Anderson, with Maryville College, which he helped found in 1819. The church has had a yearlong series of anniversary events planned to culminate with a grand celebration Oct. 21, 2018 near the actual 200th birthday, which will include a Sunday service with ushers in period attire, a medley of hymns played on 10 tower bells, a catered lunch, and presentation of a new scholarship begun in honor of the anniversary.

About the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra:

Established in 1935, and now under the leadership of Music Director **Aram Demirjian**, the KSO has contributed to the cultural life in East Tennessee continuously for 80 years, providing excellence in musical and educational programs. The Orchestra consists of 80 professional musicians and performs more than 300 programs throughout the region each season, reaching audiences of more than 200,000 people. The KSO performs in traditional venues such as the Tennessee Theatre, Bijou Theatre and the Civic Auditorium as well as non-traditional places like hospitals, schools, city parks and churches. For more information regarding the KSO, please visit www.knoxvillesymphony.com or call 865-291-3310.

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