

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2020–2021

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- If you have any questions about the church, please visit www.spres.org, call us at 540-343-3659, or email info@spres.org.
- The church building is entirely handicap-accessible, and the elevator makes it possible to reach all three levels with ease.
- Second Presbyterian Church is honored to offer an excellent preschool program, expanded to provide full-day options for those who need it. If you would like more information, visit www.sprespreschool.com or call 540-342-6405.

View the online calendar: www.spres.org/connect/calendar/



CHURCH BEYOND WALLS

JOIN US FOR RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 13
THE 2020-21 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM LAUNCHES DIGITALLY SEPT. 13
WITH A LIVE YOUTUBE WATCH PARTY AT 10:00 A.M.!

Before 2020, you may have thought “Church Beyond Walls” described an outdoor worship experiences like Picnic Sunday, worship around Lake Susan at Montreat, or on the Trent Getaway Church Retreat. This year, most of us are worshipping and living our Christian discipleship beyond the walls of our church. It is a strange new reality to worship, fellowship, and learn through screens, telephone conversations, and the written page. It is a strange feeling for us, but not new for the church to exist “untethered” to its meeting place or separated physically from one another. We are reminded time and time again that though we walk through a strange new land, the church has “been here before.”

So, with this year’s Christian education program, we are embracing our current reality and the life-giving promise of the Holy Spirit as the church moves beyond walls. As important and meaningful as our church building is for us, the church has never been our building. The church is the Body of Christ worshipping, growing, and serving wherever we are planted.

With the help of many faithful volunteers, we are excited to announce the creative ways you will be invited to pursue Christian education this fall. We are living into our call to be creative, imaginative, and nimble in our service to the Lord.

RALLY DAY SCHEDULE:

- 9:00 a.m. – In-person Worship in the Sanctuary (*Restrictions in place; RSVP necessary. For more info, visit: www.spres.org/worship/worship-times/*)
- 10:00 a.m. – YouTube Live Rally Day Watch Party!
- 11:00 a.m. – Live Stream Worship Online



CHURCH BEYOND WALLS WORSHIP KITS

Worshiping at home has become the norm for most of us this year. We are fortunate that our church is equipped with reliable live stream capabilities, making live stream worship a smooth experience each new week. Recognizing that worship from home will continue as the primary mode of worship this fall, the Christian Education Committee has come up with a way to help your household prepare a sacred space each week for digital worship.

Sign-up online by September 6 for your own Church Beyond Walls Worship Kit (<https://forms.gle/y8JxxLzvu9fbQFk47>). Be sure to let us know if you have children ages 10 or under so we can include additional supplies for Sunday school!

Each kit will include:

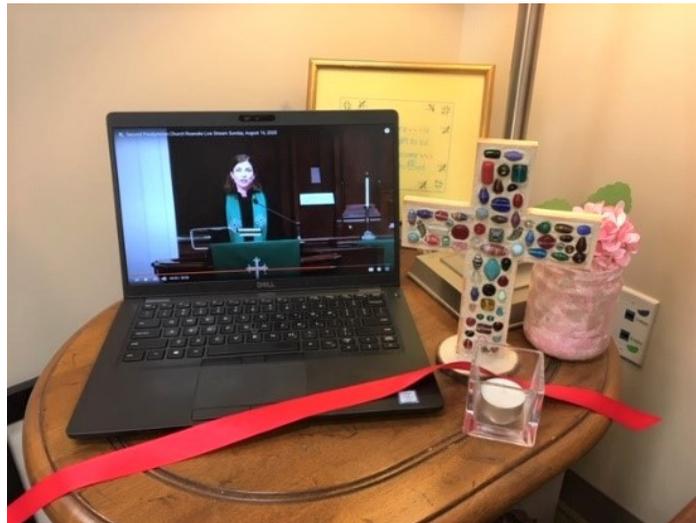
- Laminated “Church Beyond Walls” label
- Craft supplies for a mosaic cross
- Tealight candle and holder
- Liturgical colored ribbons
- Supplies to help make your own musical instruments (if children are indicated on the registration form)

Your household will supply:

- Matches/lighter
- Tablecloth
- Bible

Ideally, these supplies will be kept in a box of your choosing, ready for you to pull out each Sunday morning, or whenever you join us for online worship.

Information regarding when and how to pick up your kits is included in the form and can be found at www.spres.org.



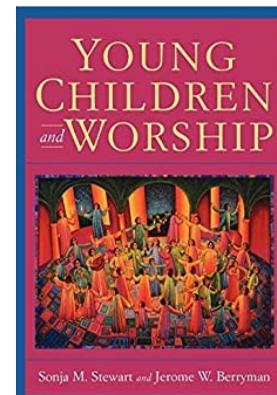
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Traditionally, Second Presbyterian Church has grouped Christian Education programs by age or grade. This year, we are letting parents decide which program is appropriate for their children. If a six-month-old wants to join in on CWW this year, hurrah! If a 13-year-old wants to join the family in the Sunday school video or choir song, the more the merrier!

CHILDREN, WORSHIP, & WONDER (CWW)

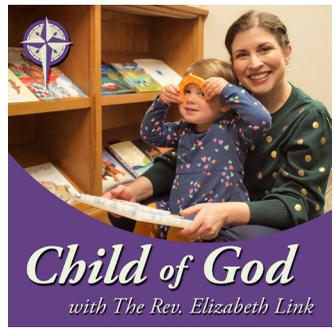
Volunteer Coordinator: Alice Light

Young children need a special environment where they can meet and worship God. We hope to help create that space with the Church Beyond Walls Worship Kits and we invite your children to seek out that space through video storytelling from our own Children’s Worship Center. Each week, volunteer storytellers from Second Presbyterian Church will record beautifully told stories from Scripture using guidance and manipulatives from the acclaimed book *Young Children and Worship* by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman. Parents are encouraged to watch along with their children and allow the quiet time and space to explore the wondering questions with each story. CWW stories will be updated weekly on our church YouTube channel. (CWW is traditionally geared toward children ages 4 years old through first grade.)



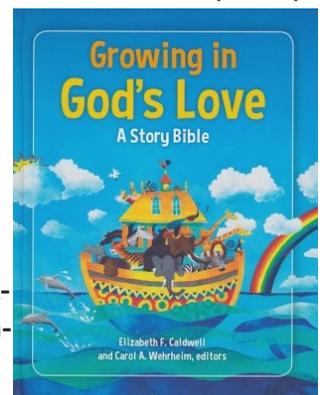
CHILD OF GOD PODCAST

Rev. Elizabeth Link plans to begin season two of her podcast called *Child of God*. Each episode shares a story about God’s people and the ways we are a part of God’s family. The episodes are brief, but meaningful, and you can catch them while traveling in your car, while doing chores, or getting ready for bedtime, naptime, or to start your day! You may subscribe and listen to *Child of God with the Rev. Elizabeth Link* through your favorite podcast platform (or visit www.spres.org/connect/podcasts/).



CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN’S MUSIC

On the heels of our successful Staycation Bible School program, we are embracing a new and innovative format for children’s Sunday school and choir. Using the recently published story Bible *Growing in God’s Love*, we will explore Old and New Testament stories with the help of our own Youth Group members. Middle and high school youth will contribute weekly storytelling and dramatic play videos for our program. Children’s & Youth Music Director Kristen Smith, along with help from other children’s choir directors, will provide weekly songs and instrumental exercises as a part



of each week's Sunday School video. Complete Sunday School videos will be available weekly on our church YouTube channel, and Rev. Elizabeth Link will provide email updates and lesson response activities for families to enjoy together. You may join in on these lessons and activities during the traditional 10:00 a.m. Sunday School hour, or whenever your family gathers to worship and learn together.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MUSIC, CONT.

Participation in Children's Music 2020-21 (4 years-5th grade) will be virtual as part of the weekly Sunday School lessons, including a virtual Christmas Pageant. We will continue to worship God together through music and keep you informed of a hopeful return to doing so in person!

YOUTH MUSIC

Participation in Youth Music 2020-21 (6th-12th grades) will be virtual with options for safe individual or small group performances for the Sunday live stream services along with the Christmas Pageant and Youth Sunday. We will continue to worship God through music and keep you informed of a hopeful return to doing so in person!

Children's & Youth Music Director:

Kristen Smith,
kristenkaysmith2012@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP – LIVE IN LOVE

Due to the level of uncertainty we face this fall, our in-person gatherings will be scheduled month by month. Please refer to weekly email communication for the most up to date information as activities are subject to change based on infection rates in our community. (1) Whenever possible, youth group will meet in-person, outside, typically on the third Sunday of the month. Middle school and high school will meet separately, and RSVP's are required. When we gather in person, middle school will meet from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and high school will meet from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Social distancing requirements will be observed. (2) Virtual Zoom Game Nights will occur the second Sunday of every month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. (3) Beginning in October, Youth Group will meet on the first Sunday of the month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. via Zoom to design February's Youth Sunday service. Please email jbrothers@spres.org to RSVP and for Zoom links.

Tentative In-Person Meetings

- Sept. 20 (rain date Sept. 27)
- Oct. 18 (rain date Oct. 25)
- Nov. 15 (rain date Nov. 22)

Zoom Game Nights

- Oct. 11
- Nov. 8
- Dec. 13

Youth Sunday Planning

- Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year, high school and middle school youth are invited to participate in teaching Bible stories to their younger siblings in Christ through active dramatization or through script reading. Interested youth will help create short Bible story videos that will become vital components for our children's Sunday school curriculum. For youth willing to video themselves reading or acting out a story (scripts will be provided), please contact jbrothers@spres.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

Youth Sunday school moves online this year as teachers and pastors tell Bible stories that will be uploaded to the youth Instagram account: @2pc_youth, as well as the Second Presbyterian Church YouTube channel. These videos are designed to inform and inspire in five minutes or less, and they can be accessed anytime.

HIGH SCHOOL MIDWEEK MANNA DATES

Midweek Manna is a Wednesday evening gathering for senior high girls looking for a break during their hectic weeks. Midweek Manna is currently scheduled to meet via Zoom between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. so that meetings need not be canceled due to sickness or potential contact with someone who is

sick. Midweek Manna will resume meeting in homes as soon as it is safe to do so. The dates for the coming year are below. Please email jbrothers@spres.org for more info and for the Zoom links.

High School Midweek Manna Dates:

September 16	January 6
September 30	January 20
October 7	February 3
October 21	February 17
November 4	March 10
November 25 (TBD)	March 31
December 9	April 7
	April 21
	May 5

HIGH SCHOOL MIDWEEK MAN-NIGHT

Midweek Man-night is a Tuesday evening gathering for senior high boys. This group alternates between hiking activities when possible and interactive Zoom Bible study. Dates for the fall are below. Hikes run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Zoom meetings run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please email Kenneth.Lyons@scouting.org for more info and Zoom links.

High School Midweek Man-night Dates:

Sept. 2nd – Hike to Mill Mountain Star
September 16 – Zoom
October 7 – Hike
October 21 – Zoom
November 4 – Hike
November 18 – Zoom
December 2 – TBD

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUTH

- Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition: Sunday, February 7, 2021
- DR Bibles and Bricks Mission Trip: TBD

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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The Young Adult Ministry is a vibrant group of men and women in their 20s and 30s. We meet for a virtual Zoom Book Club discussion once a month, and for an in-person gathering (outside) once a month.

Weekly details for all Young Adult events are sent out via email. If you would like to join the email list, please contact Jen Brothers (jbrothers@spres.org).

ADULT MINISTRY

Weekly Zoom Adult Sunday School classes will begin their new season on Sunday, September 20. Two of our regular Adult Sunday School classes are taking a break this fall: *The Journey Class* and the *Wired Word Class*. Members of those classes are encouraged to join one of the other weekly Zoom classes or consider taking part in the short-term adult education series this year.

WEEKLY ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

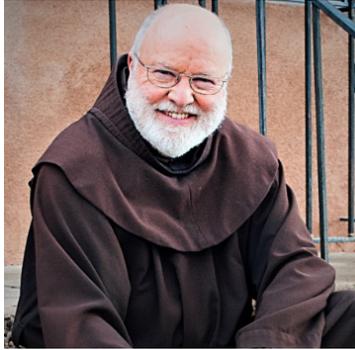
CLASSES:

The Open Door Class (Zoom)

Facilitators: Barry Holman, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Bruce Stockburger, among others.

The Open Door Class is continuing their study of meditations from Steven Charleston, an elder in the Choctaw Nation and the former Episcopal Bishop of Alaska. This fall, the group

will transition to discussing meditations from Richard Rohr (pictured here), a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Both Charleston and Rohr are globally recognized ecumenical teachers. The Open Door Class is hosted by Kay Saleeby and facilitator led; primarily by Bruce Stockburger, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, and Barry Holman. Other members may facilitate as they are available.



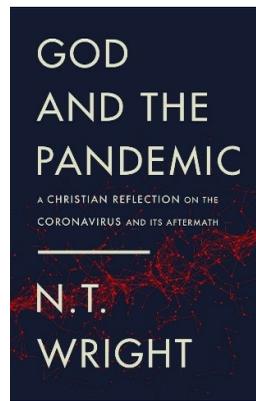
Meditations for discussion are emailed to members each week, as they are available. Please contact Kay Saleeby if you would like to be added to the email list and receive the Zoom link: kaysaleeby@hotmail.com.

Covenant Conversation (Zoom)

Facilitators: Cindy Appel, Jeff Hobbs, Robin Hobbs, Cindy Waters

Between the 24-hour news cycle, interviews with public health experts, and pundits hashing out pros and cons of different disease-fighting strategies, we can feel bombarded with information and perspectives on COVID-19. Yet, there are still many questions we struggle to answer with confidence: *Why has this happened? What should we do in response? And where is God in all of this?* Join the Covenant Conversation Class this fall as they explore theologian N.T. Wright's newest offering

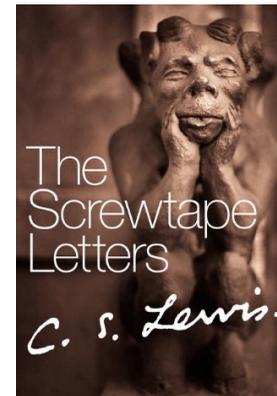
God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath and seek to uncover how scripture speaks hope and peace into our confusion and uncertainty.



Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to the class email list and receive the weekly Zoom link: info@spres.org.

Short-Term Series (Recorded for YouTube and/or Zoom)

Facilitators: Varied
Coming Fall of 2020: *The Screwtape Letters*
Beginning this October, join Carter Brothers for a short-term Zoom series on C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. Originally written in the weekly periodical *The Guardian* between May and November 1941, *The Screwtape Letters* is a series of imagined lessons on the importance of taking a deliberate role in Christian faith. The character "Screwtape" is an administrative demon who acts as a mentor for his nephew, "Wormwood," as he tries to undermine God's



words and promote abandonment of God in his human victim, "the Patient." These compiled letters are interspersed with insightful observations on human nature, the Bible, and God's love for humankind. Each class will be taught and

recorded through Zoom, then posted on our church YouTube channel.

Other short-term series will be advertised via email and the *Second Sheet* throughout the year.

Believing & Belonging (Zoom, Seasonal)

Facilitator: Dr. George Anderson
Join our senior minister Dr. George Anderson for a seasonal two-week class on what it means to be a Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of Second Presbyterian Church. This is a great class for visitors and new members. The fall class will meet on Thursday evenings October 8 & 15 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the church office to register and receive the information.



Contemplative Prayer Group (Tuesdays at 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m., Zoom)

Facilitator: Cathy Shoulders, Jamie Waldrop
Join this small group of seekers for the weekly experience of contemplative prayer and discussion. Explore spiritual practices, both ancient and new, and reflect with a group of faithful disciples on God's work in the world and in our lives. All are welcome to join this supportive group on their journey. Contact Deborah Vaughan (deborah2vaughan@gmail.com) for more information and a Zoom link to join.



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SUNDAY LIVE STREAMS ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE

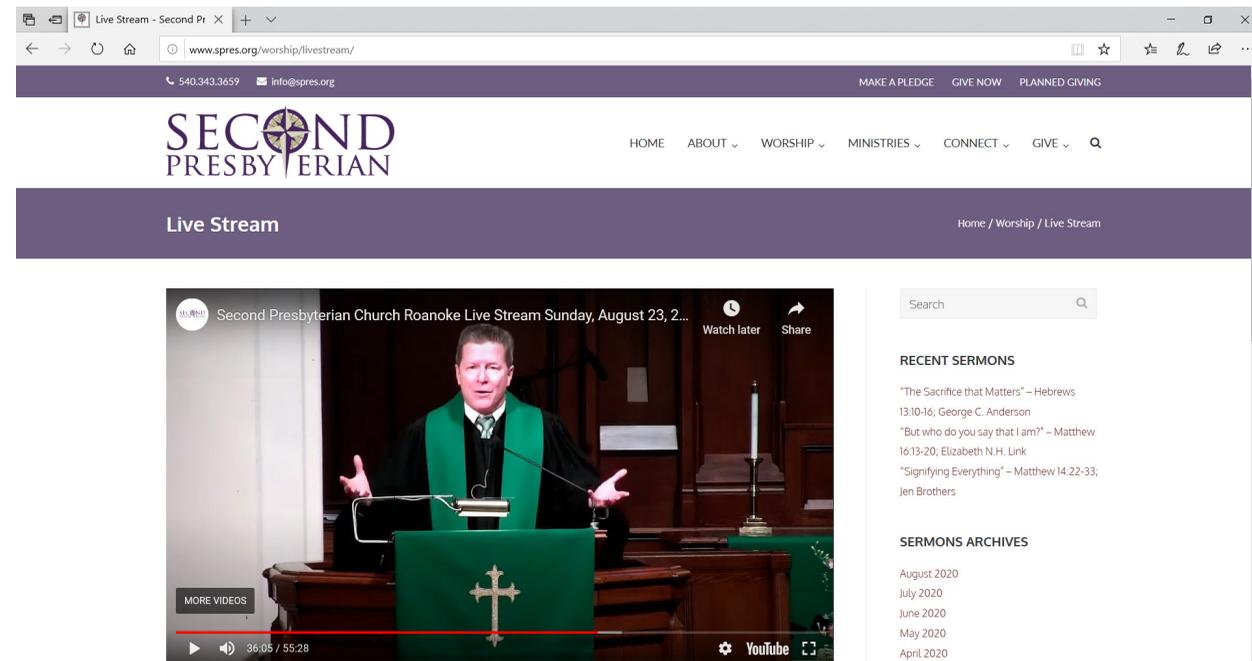
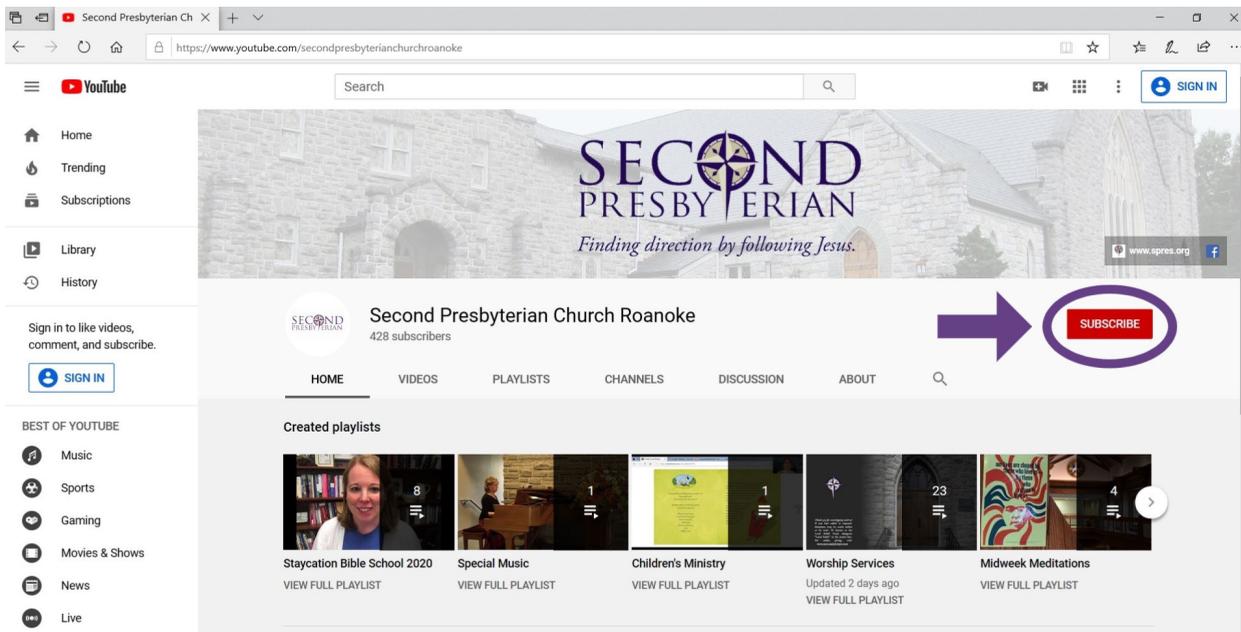
WATCH WORSHIP LIVE EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AND BROWSE OUR ENTIRE VIDEO LIBRARY ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

1. Visit www.youtube.com/secondpresbyterianchurchroanoke (or from the YouTube homepage, search “Second Presbyterian Church Roanoke” and then click on our channel in the search results).
2. Subscribe to our channel (picture instructions below) and then click the bell icon to be notified whenever we add a new video or go live.
3. Browse our created playlists, see all our past live streams, and look through our entire video library.
4. Whenever the church goes live, the live video will appear at the top of our channel.
5. Enjoy!

LINK TO OUR LIVE WORSHIP SERVICES FROM THE CHURCH WEBSITE!

1. Visit www.spres.org (or go directly to www.spres.org/worship/livestream to skip steps 2-3).
2. Click the WORSHIP tab and a drop-down menu will appear.
3. Click “Live Stream” from the drop-down menu. This brings you to the live stream page of our website.
4. Click the PLAY button (▶) on the video screen, and a link to “Watch this video on YouTube” will appear.

NOTE: The live stream typically begins around 10:55 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The video link will remain on the church website through the following Friday.



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