

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sympathy

Our deep sympathies extend to Daniel and Rosemary Guzman on the sudden and unexpected loss of their infant daughter, **Miryam Rose Guzman**, on Sunday, January 2, 2022. A memorial service for Miriam will be held on Monday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Sympathy is extended to Deborah Flannagan on the passing of her husband, **Michael Flannagan**, on Monday, January 3, 2022. We also hold in prayer their children, Hunter Flannagan Johnston and John Michael Flannagan. A memorial service will be held Friday, January 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Sympathy is extended to Mike and Ashley Nester on the death of Mike's father, Ashley's grandfather, **Harold Rogers Nester**, on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

### New Arrival

Congratulations to Caroline & Evan Welchman on the birth of their daughter, **Eleanor Reese Welchman**, on January 5, 2022. Proud grandparents are Kirk & Sarah Ludwig. Great-grandfather is Bill Lemon.

### Thanks to the Confirmation Teachers and Mentors

We are deeply grateful for our confirmation teachers—Ken Lyons, Carolyn Sharpe, John Johnson, and Ben Brannan—as well as our confirmation mentors who have supported the confirmands this year.

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR CHURCH MEMBERS, JANUARY 10-14:** Preschool Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year for church members and siblings of current students only is held January 10-14. Please download the Preschool Application at [www.sprespreschool.com](http://www.sprespreschool.com) and bring the completed application, along with a \$75.00 check made out to Second Presbyterian Preschool, to the church or preschool between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to tour the preschool, please contact Dr. Sally I'Anson, Preschool Director at 540-342-6405 ext. 1 or email her at [sally@spres.org](mailto:sally@spres.org).

**OPEN DOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL INVITATION:** On Sunday, January 23, the Open Door Class will start a study of the book *White Too Long* by Robert P. Jones. Anyone who would like to be a part of this study should purchase the book and email Kay Saleeby at [kaysaleeby@hotmail.com](mailto:kaysaleeby@hotmail.com) for more information about the class. Flyers with further details are available in the narthex and at the front desk.

### POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL JAN. 23 @ 10:00 A.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL: THRIVING

**THROUGH CHAOS** – Clayton Rascoe, Massanetta's Executive Director, will share some of the challenges and triumphs that nearly two years of pandemic has created. 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of Presbyterian Ministry in the sacred space known as Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center. 2020 and 2021 has nudged Massanetta into new ways of ministry, some of them are an acceleration of plans that were being put in place, while other opportunities are completely new. From canceling an entire summer of ministry, to hosting Afghan Refugees, to launching new programs, Clayton looks forward to sharing some of the ways significant challenges have led to incredible growth for Massanetta.

**KIDS' FELLOWSHIP JANUARY 23 – WINTER HIKE AND S'MORES:** Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday Kids' Fellowship. Bundle up, pack lunch and water bottles, then meet us at the Ellerman home at 12:30 p.m. We will depart for a short hike, then return for s'mores by the fire.

**OPEN FLOWER DATES:** The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: February 6 & 27. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; [revercomb@cox.net](mailto:revercomb@cox.net)).

**FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM:** Second Presbyterian Church is on Instagram! If you or your loved one has an Instagram account, help us grow our platform by following our account @spresroanoke so that more people can learn about our wonderful community and see the great work that is happening here at Second. Stay connected to the church in 2022 and beyond with Instagram!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Agnes Reid Jenny, Ashley Mullen, Andrea Becker Persinger.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Today, January 9

#### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:45 AM: Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:00 AM: Church School

10:40 AM: Commission of the Session, Parlor/Zoom

11:00 AM: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream

11:00 AM: Children Worship & Wonder, CWW Room

5:00 PM: Elder Training, Session Room/Zoom

### Monday, January 10

5:30 PM: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom/Session Room

5:45 PM: Scouts

6:30 PM: Scouts

6:30 PM: AI Anon, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library

### Tuesday, January 11

9:30 AM: Staff Meeting, Zoom

6:00 PM: Trent Fund Subcommittee, Zoom

### Wednesday, January 12

12:00 PM: Bulletin Article Deadline

12:00 PM: Second Sheet Article Deadline

5:00 PM: Green Team Meeting, Trent Classroom/Zoom

5:30 PM: Worship and Music Committee Meeting, Zoom/Session Room

### Thursday, January 13

5:00 PM: Property Committee Meeting, Zoom/Session Room

7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Friday, January 14

12:00 PM: Stewardship Meeting, Zoom/Session Room

### Saturday, January 15

### SAFETY PROTOCOL FOR ON-SITE WORSHIP

1. Masks are requested for worship and other indoor gatherings. It is **especially important** to wear your mask if you plan to sing the hymns.
2. Those who have symptoms of illness or who have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19 within two weeks are asked to worship online.
3. Please allow for distancing that makes sense (families and separate households).
4. Donations are appreciated and can be placed in designated receptacles.
5. Nursery care is available by RSVP (<https://rsvp.church/r/Bm7GRJ13>).
6. Outdoor visits are encouraged for catching up after the long pandemic separation.
7. Greeters, ushers, and pastors will welcome questions and offer guidance.
8. Meet & Greet has been suspended for the remainder of January.



For information on the Mission Build Campaign and to track our progress, visit our website at [www.spres.org/give/mission-build-campaign/](http://www.spres.org/give/mission-build-campaign/).

## Staff

### Administrator

Nathan Anderson

### Choir Director

Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg

### Organist

Marianne Sandborg

### Engagement and Children's

Ministry Coordinator

Christal Pearson

### Pastors' Assistant

Meredith Koliba

### Secretary

Stacy Moore

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Beth-El Farmworker

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Dr. Sally I'Anson, *Director*

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For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: [www.spres.org/about/leadership/](http://www.spres.org/about/leadership/)

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

January 9, 2022

# Epiphany



### PASTORAL STAFF

*Dr. George C. Anderson, Senior Pastor*

*The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link, Executive Pastor*

*The Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults*

*Large-print copies of services may be requested from an usher.*

### MEMBERS OF THE SESSION OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### Elders - Class of 2021

Jack Dickerson  
Shirley Fitzpatrick  
Daniel Gunn  
Wayne Lewis  
Ken Lyons  
Christal Pearson  
David Wardell  
Cindy Waters

#### Elders - Class of 2022

John Johnson  
Robert Kulp  
Brooke Rosen  
Mary Evelyn Russell  
Kay Saleeby  
John Saunders  
Beth Smith  
Robert White

#### Elders - Class of 2023

Aaron Copeland  
Helen Dean  
Fred Greear  
Pat Houghton  
Robert Martin  
Sally Nichols  
Connie Polly  
Martha Wheeler

JANUARY 9, 2022

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY<sup>1</sup>

BULLETIN NOTES

<sup>1</sup> TODAY is *Epiphany Sunday* or, in the East, *Theophany Sunday*. The Sunday celebrates the subject of today's *Christian Doctrine* class, "The Incarnation of Jesus." The day remembers the visit of the Magi. The word, "Epiphany" in Koine Greek, *ἐπιφάνεια*, means "to appear." The word was often used to speak of an approaching enemy. Even more, it was used to speak of a revelation of God. Either way, the word evokes more than a revelation, but also that a significant change is on the way.

Today also is a Sunday in which we will have a "Response of Confirmation." In the Presbyterian Church, Confirmation Sunday is liturgy of response to the prior liturgy of baptism. In Baptism, our emphasis is on the unmerited grace and love of God that shapes our identity as children of God. In Confirmation, our emphasis is on the response of faith, where identity is to be lived out in obedience to God.

<sup>2</sup> THE CALL TO WORSHIP is taken from the opening lines of Psalm 8, a passage that helped inform the sermon in speaking to today's theme of stars.

<sup>3</sup> OUTREACH OFFERING: During the month of January, the Outreach Offering will support our *DR Medical Mission Team*. Unfortunately the 2022 mission trip was canceled due to the high risk and very difficult consequences of contracting COVID abroad. Even though our mission team won't be traveling down to the DR this February, the money collected will help pay for medications distributed by the medical team on our next trip. And although each team member pays some of the cost for the privilege of serving, the monies you donate to the January Outreach Offering will help defray the rising costs of transportation and room and board for some of the team members without whose presence the mission couldn't happen. Donations can be placed in the offering plates or receptacles in the Narthex and at the front sanctuary exit. Last week, \$52 was collected.

The total for the 2021 Manger Offering came to \$1,415 from the noon, 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. services combined.

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THIS SUNDAY

**Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God by Robert Floyd Bolling III in memory of **Lou G. Bolling, Robert Floyd Bolling, Sr., and Mary Bigham**, former Director of Religious Education at Second Presbyterian Church (now known as Director of Christian Education).  
*Arranged by Kathryn Barrows.*

**Ushers (8:45 a.m.):** Daniel Gunn (Head Usher). **(11:00 a.m.)** Connie Polly (Head Usher).

**Live Stream Technicians:** Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

**Children, Worship, & Wonder:** Storyteller, Amanda Copeland. Greeter, Susan Carter. Lesson, "Jesus Heals a Boy." Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.

Hymn No. 84 (11:00 A.M.) *Creator of the Stars of Night* (please remain seated)  
v. 1: Marianne Sandborg, Soloist  
v. 2: Congregation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-6 New Testament pp. 777-778  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Stars in Plain Sight* Dr. George C. Anderson  
*Part VIII of the sermon series "Advent in Plain Sight"*

Call to Discipleship<sup>3\*\*</sup>  
Offering  
Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Mark Hayes  
Ritual of Friendship  
*(Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along to others in your pew, then return it to center.)*  
Prayer of Dedication

A Response of Confirmation (11:00 A.M.)  
*At the conclusion of the 11 o'clock service, the confirmed can be greeted in Kirk Hall.*

\*Hymn No. 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Voluntary in G Major* John Stanley

***We would like to recognize the following Confirmands of 2022:***

Michael Duke Avis	Ryan F'Anson
McLure Bailey	Madelyn Lyons
Elinor Blackshaw	Hannah Mizuba
Tyler Bloomfield	Kit Polly
Sabastian Croteau	Henry Smith
William Fowler	Eliza Vogel
Parker Fralin	Cara Wardell
Lincoln Harrington	

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*



Gathering Music *Brightest and Best* Henry Balcombe

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *From God the Father, Virgin-Born* Thomas Chesterton

\*Call to Worship<sup>2</sup>  
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
who are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?  
**Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.**  
Let us worship God.

\*Hymn No. 23 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* (sung to tune of No. 81)  
*(11:00 A.M.) CWW children are excused during the last verse of the opening hymn.*

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession  
**Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins. And you love us still. Forgive us when we don't believe such love is possible; when we wonder how you could love us just as we are, when we forget we are fearfully, wonderfully made in your image. Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you. Help us to trust anew.**

*In the quiet of this moment, shape our hearts to follow you.*

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

\*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from 1 Peter 2:9-10  
By the adopting grace we know in Jesus, we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare your praises as the one who called us out of darkness into a wonderful light. Once we were not a people, but now we are a people of God; once we did not know forgiveness, but now we know what it is to be reconciled.

Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *Glory to God*, p. 35 (using debts, debtors)