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FOUND IN EXILE

2022 LENTEN SERMON SERIES

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor's Notes - George C. Anderson

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LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "FOUND IN EXILE"

I am excited about the Lenten sermon series we have planned for this year. We will look at passages that speak to the context for the most profound spiritual growth of Jewish history, the Exile. After the nations of Israel and Judah fell, the Jews lived in other lands as minority communities. Without national identity, a king or a temple, they found their identity in the realms of worship, study and ethics. Living as a minority people, often oppressed, they developed a moral vision of justice that is not just for the Jews, but for all people. They envisioned a world in which there is human flourishing marked by dignity, compassion and peace.

We often have experiences of displacement in our lives. We've even shared one such experience in losing things that were normal and taken for granted because of the pandemic. Can the wisdom of the world-reshaping experience of Exile help us understand how sometimes it is when we are displaced that we are found? We pastors think so, and the sermon series we have planned is called, "Found in Exile."

To help us understand Exile theology, we will draw on the story and the insights of Jesus. The story of Jesus is of God finding us in exile. His insights are of one who speaks of God's people who know that the last shall be first, that the meek will inherit the earth, that outcasts can be God's agents and that we are judged not by



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Enjoy listening to podcasts? Listen to our sermons on Second *on the Mount*, and our podcast for children and families, *Child of God* with The Rev. Elizabeth Link! www.spres.org/connect/podcasts/



our claiming to be children of Abraham, but in how we witness to the justice, grace and mercy of God.

The series will begin on the Sunday before Lent, February 27, and last till Easter, April 17.

PANDEMIC AND ENDEMIC

More and more it looks like we are moving from surviving, fighting and outlasting a pandemic into living with an endemic. We all would like the COVID strains to disappear as did the polio strain, but that it is not likely to happen. However, we live with ongoing endemics already. Through a process called "antigenic drift," viruses mutate over the years, usually in a milder direction, and our immune systems get workouts fighting them off.

There are signs that we are moving in that direction. Vaccinations have done a wonderful job and are still the best strategy to avoid becoming seriously ill. The Omicron strain and its "Twin Bs" (BA-1 and BA-2) are proving to be more transmissible, infecting the masked and vaccinated (vaccination greatly reduces the impact). The evidence, though, is that they look to be far less dangerous.

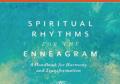
As a church, we have waited longer than some have wished in easing restrictions again. We did so intentionally because we wanted to make promising trends continue. Because this Second Sheet article is written two weeks before being published, I'll not list any changes in precautions so those decisions can be made based on current conditions.

Let's continue to be considerate of each other. I will continue to bend toward others to help them feel safe and respected in order to live out the virtue of "forbearance" as articulated in Ephesians 4:2:

"with all humility and gentleness, with patience, show forbearance for one another in love".

ANNUAL REPORT

Having just written four paragraphs on the pandemic, I don't think that the pandemic was the biggest story about Second Presbyterian Church this past year. Soon, you will get the printed Annual Report where my lead article will be the story I most want to tell about our church from this past year. Look for that report and give it an especially good read for it will be about how the congregation you love fared, and about the witness it made, in 2021.



'The Enneagram of Harmony Triads, are the key to development." – David Daniels, MD, Psychiatrist, Stanford University Professor, and one of the foremost teachers of the Enneagram

Mark your calendars for this Enneagram Workshop.

When: Friday and Saturday, March 18th and 19th

Friday p.m. We gather at 5:45 p.m. for a light dinner and introduction to the Enneagram.

Saturday a.m. 8:30 - 9:00 A light continental breakfast.

9:00 – 5:00 Dig deeper into the spirituality of the Enneagram. A box lunch will be served and we will conclude at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia

Cost: \$45: Register Below

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enneagram-workshop-rediscover-your-goodness-tickets-197210189987

Why: The two days will be a lively, informative, and rich experience based on the extensive and yet very practical enneagram primer, Spiritual Rhythms for the Enneagram: A Handbook for Harmony and Transformation. We encourage all participants to purchase this resource.

Each session during the two days will be facilitated by trained enneagram practitioners:

Art Wimberly - Certified Enneagram in Business Trainer, Certified with The Institute for Conscious Being - Enneagram Training Program, Certified Recovery Coach and Certified Recovery Coach Trainer -Connecticut Community of Addiction Recovery, Group Facilitator: The Nine and Twelve (Enneagramand 12 Step Synthesis Path), Executive Director - THRIVE Birmingham 501c3

Cathy Shoulders - Certified Motions of the Soul Practitioner, Certified with The Institute for Conscious Being - Enneagram Training Program, Certified Spiritual Director

John Shoulders - Certified Motions of the Soul Practitioner, Certified with The Institute for Conscious Being - Enneagram Training Program



KAIROS / LENT 2022

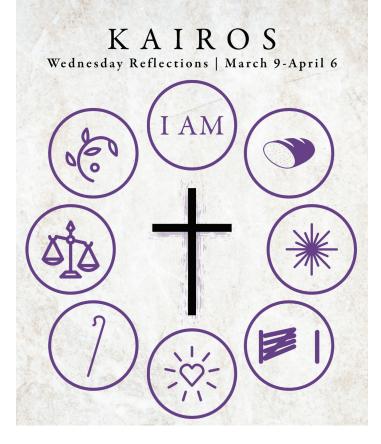
The cyclical rhythm of the church year can be a welcome reminder of the passage of time and God's hand in it. Lent, like Advent, is a time of waiting and preparation. Only, unlike Advent, we're waiting not for Jesus' arrival but for his death and resurrection. Generally, the season is a time of reflection and introspection as we evaluate our lives in the light of who Christ is and what he has called us to be. Many years ago, we named a Lenten practice of evening worship "Kairos." This ancient Greek word describes finding "the right or opportune moment." Kairos (**καιρός**), has been used over the centuries to describe time for spiritual reflection and even, to put it simply, "God's time."

This spring, the church is offering a "blended" experience for Kairos Lenten worship. We will hold both a few in person opportunities for spiritual practice and worship, and offer a number of virtual reflections online. God's time, really, can be anytime. We pray that this Lenten practice may be welcome time of quiet, reflection, and connection to the Holy in the midst of this changing season.

ASH WEDNESDAY March 2

7:30-9:30 a.m.: Drive Thru Imposition of Ashes, Parking Lot

6:00 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Kirk Hall



MAUNDY THURSDAY April 14

6:00 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion, Kirk Hall

TRENT GETAWAY @ EAGLE EYRIE SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 19-21, 2022

KAIROS VIDEO REFLECTIONS

March 9 - April 6

Available every Wednesday

on YouTube and Facebook

At long last, we are hopeful that we can enjoy a safe and joyful intergenerational church retreat in 2022!

This year, our Getaway will be held at the beautiful Eagle Eyrie conference center, located in the mountains outside of Lynchburg, VA. It is about an hour's drive from our church to Eagle Eyrie. All lodging rooms will be hotel-style, the facilities are handicap accessible, and each meal will offer delicious options for different tastes and needs. The area offers beautiful spots for hiking, swimming, and other outdoor activities. We hope you will join us for this special weekend away together August 19-21 (Friday evening through Sunday morning).

We are also excited to share that our guest speaker will be Dr. Ernie Thompson, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC. And, as always, there will be meaningful programs for youth and children, in addition to nursery care for our youngest retreat-goers!



THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Elizabeth Link and Amanda Copeland are co-leading a women's Bible study on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. this

spring. Beginning March 3, the group will explore Frances Taylor Gench's Bible study, Encounters with Jesus: Studies in the Gospel of John. Some copies are available at the Kirk Hall welcome desk (\$14 each), or participants may purchase their own copy online. The class will meet to discuss the book on these upcoming dates:

- IESUS
- Apr 14 (Maundy • Mar 3 – Introduction and Ch 1
- Mar 10 Ch 2
- Mar 17 Ch 3
- Mar 24 Ch 4
- Mar 31 Ch 5
- Apr 7 Ch 6
- Thursday) No Meeting • Apr 21 – Ch 7
- Apr 28 Ch 8
- May 5 Ch 9 & 10
- May 12 Ch 11
- May 19 Ch 12 & 13

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY



On Thursday mornings join Rev. Ben Brannan and Aaron Copeland for a Bible study open to all men of the church from 7:15-8:15 a.m. in the Session Room/Zoom. Each week we will study the scripture passage chosen for the sermon the Sunday prior

and let that guide our discussion. As we reflect, we will We will meet on Sunday March 27 at 3:30 offer insight from our lived experience and how it has p.m. on the playground, concluding in time shaped our interpretations and our faith. Check the for Kids' Fellowship. Please RSVP by March 21 via weekly Pastor's Letter email or contact Meredith Kolithe church RSVP site: https://rsvp.church/r/Bm7GRII3 ba, Pastors' Assistant (meredith@spres.org), to receive and indicate whether you will need childcare for the Zoom meeting info. any younger children. This site is also linked on the Worship Times page of the church website (https://www.spres.org/worship/worship-times/). If you have questions, please contact Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org).

MORNING VBS – SAVE THE DATE JULY 25-28 (M-W) 9:00 A.M.-12 NOON

Children ages 4 years old through rising 5th grade. Location: TBD

Keep your eyes open for more information soon.



SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS' FELLOWSHIP

We are thrilled about the return of our Sunday evening offering for children, ages four through fifth grade. Beginning again on March 13, children are invited to take part in Sunday Night Kids' Fellowship. This weekly event will take place from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on the church playground. The program will provide a healthy outdoor dinner, fun and silly games, a music experience (involving instruments and rhythm games), and kids' calm time around Scripture with Pastor Elizabeth. Parents are welcome to drop children off for this 90 minute event, or stick around and enjoy the fellowship with us.

5:00-5:30 p.m. – Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Games, Music Experience, and Story

Thanks to Lauren Ellerman, Amanda Copeland, and Alison Conte, among others, for planning and coordinating this spring program!

3RD-5TH GRADE COMMUNICANTS' CLASS MARCH 27: Parents & Children Invited to **Attend Together**

For one Sunday afternoon in Lent, families of younger children are invited to explore the meaning of the sacrament of communion. As baptized members of Christ's Church, children are always welcome at the Lord's Table. This learning opportunity is offered to help children understand more fully what happens when we celebrate communion and why.

Youth

Another note of gratitude, thanksgiving, and praise for all of our youth on Youth Sunday. Our young people brought the good news through liturgy, music, prayer, song, sermon, and sacrament! It was truly a blessed moment in the life of this church and the life of our youth! Amen!

31 youth and 5 adults had an amazing time on the ski trip to Winterplace for fun on the slopes...on skis, snowboard, and tubes!

Summer registration continues for the Bibles and Bricks Mission Trip to the DR (July 8 – July 16) and Montreat Youth Conference (July 31 - Aug 6). We have two spots still available for the DR. Please reach out to Ben ASAP if you are interested! Montreat signs ups can be found on the Youth page on the church website. Commitment forms are needed with a \$100 deposit to secure your spot. If trip payments are a deterrent, please let Ben know.

Upcoming Youth Dates:

- March 6 Youth Group
- March 8 Man-Night
- March 9 Manna
- March 13 Youth Group
- March 14 Mental Health Check In
- March 20 Youth Group
- March 22 Man-Night
- March 23 Manna
- March 27 Hike After Church

YOUNG ADULTS

We have had a season of growth in our Young Adults program! Our group is growing closer and closer together through dinners, gatherings, and new additions. If you are interested in joining the email list please let Ben know OR join the text alerts by texting "@2PCYA" to 81010.

Upcoming Young Adult Dates:

- March 2 Ash Wednesday service / Dinner at Mellow Mushroom
- March 16 Dinner
- March 20 Lunch at Church / House of Bread Simulation @ West End Center
 - House of Bread invites you to Experience Re-entry. Participants will work in small groups to navigate the real world challenges faced by women returning to the community after incarceration such as finding a job, securing affordable housing and childcare, and navigating public transportation. This simulation provides a unique glimpse into the lives of returning citizens and an opportunity to discuss how we, as Christians, are called to care for the marginalized in our own communities.
- March 30 Dinner

- News & Notes -

Flowers

Jan. 16 - Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Leigh Hamilton Stockstill by the Stockstill family...... Jan. 23 - Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laura Pickard Richards, David Edwin Pickard, Richard Carey Pickard, and Dick Richards by Patti and Charlie Palmer...... Jan. 30 - Given to the glory of God by Lauren Ellerman in loving memory of Patricia B. Morgan...... Feb. 6 - Given to the glory of God by B.T. and Chasity Fitzpatrick in honor of Ben and Valerie Brannan for their dedication to the youth of Second Presbyterian. Open Flower Dates: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: May 22 and June 5 (Picnic Sunday). Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

Sympathy

Our sympathies extend to Gray and Abigail Caldwell of Charlotte, NC on the unexpected loss of their seventeenmonth-old son, Henry Gray Caldwell, on January 8, 2022. Our prayers are also with grandparents Stoke and Julie Caldwell, great aunts Laurie Saunders and Annie Trinkle, and the family....... Sympathy is extended to Shelby and Jason Bingham and family on the death of Shelby's sister, Angie Goodwill of Chattanooga, TN, on Wednesday, January 12, 2022...... We extend our deep sympathies to Emily Hill and Matthew Harvey on the death of their unborn child, Emaline Rosabelle Harvey Hill.

Concerns

Cheryl Crowell, Christine Harkness, Betty Kulp, Gerrie Lamanna, Sara McGhee, Gene Richter, Carolyn Victorine, Lydia Hayslett.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Laura Grace and Conrad Kauffman on the birth of their daughter, Kenna Virginia-Grace Kauffman, on January 9, 2022. Proud big brother is Rad...... Congratulations to James and Ansley Revercomb on the birth of their son, William "Bridger" Revercomb, on Thursday, January 13, 2022. Bridger joins his big brother, Grove, at home. Proud grandparents are Jim and Denise Revercomb; great-grandmother is Nancy Revercomb...... Congratulations to Kara and Tim Spooner on the birth of their child, Tobin Dene Spooner. We also celebrate with grandparents Karen and Scott Berglund, aunt Whitney and uncle Jason Horn, and cousins Crosby and Bauer Horn.





Can you lending a helping hand? The staff at the Presbyterian Community Center is seeking volunteers in the following areas where your talents can be shared: Food Pantry Delivery Team, Pantry Helper (Monday-Thurs; AM or PM), Front Desk (Monday-Thurs; AM or PM). Safety protocol includes masking, social distancing, and vaccination encouraged. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Cheryl Poe, Directory of Volunteer Services at PCC (cpoe@pccse.org).

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

WELCOME AUSTIN EELLS

Please join me in welcoming Austin Eells, who joined our church by Reaffirmation of Faith on Sunday, November 7, 2021.



He is married to

lifelong church member, Lauren Eells (Stockburger), and together they have 3 children: 8-year-old twins, Tucker and Wyatt, and 4-year-old, Drew.

Austin grew up in Roanoke and attended St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech, Pamplin School of Business and works in commercial construction material sales. When he is not on the road for work, he enjoys outdoor adventures with his family (including their beloved 80-pound red lab "puppy," Moose), specifically hiking, mountain biking, trail running, fishing, and boating. You might also find him on the soccer or baseball field...or trick-or-treating on Stanley Avenue...dressed as Teen Wolf (if you're lucky).

Although Austin is a new member, he has always considered Second Pres his home, and he is excited to officially join our community.

Welcome, Austin!

SECOND WELCOMES THE LEWIS FAMILY

Please join me in welcoming Chris and April Lewis, who joined the church by Reaffirmation of Faith on Sunday, November 28, 2021.

Chris and April are the son and daughter-in-law of church member, Wayne Lewis. Their two children, Jamie (11) and Ben (6), have often attended with their grandfather and have been active in our youth and children's programs.

Chris grew up in Roanoke and studied Journalism at Radford University. He is currently an IT Administrator with Metalsa. In his spare time, Chris enjoys playing video games.

April, a West Virginia native who lived in Baltimore for a time, attended Marshall University and Liberty University, from which she holds degrees in psychology and healthcare administration. She worked as a fos-

ter-care casework supervisor before starting a retail business which she runs from home. Her hobbies include reading, writing, history, genealogy, music, and theatre.

Welcome, Lewis Family!



BELIEVING AND BELONGING - SEASONAL 2-WEEK CLASS SUNDAYS, APRIL 3 & 10 AT 9:45 A.M., TRENT ROOM/ZOOM

Join two of our pastors 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 spring class will meet on Sunday mornings April 3 and 10 at 9:45 a.m. in the Trent Room and via Zoom. Contact Engagement Coordinator Christal Pearson to register and receive the information (christal@spres.org).

THANK YOU NOTE FROM VALERIE AND BEN

We are beyond blessed by the generosity and love of Second Presbyterian Church shown through the February baby shower! The shower was amazing and a testament to the deep faith and generosity that has rooted this church as a true family. Valerie and I both feel at home here and are so excited to raise Camden in such a supportive and loving community of faith.

AIR FILTRATION NOTICE

You might be interested to know that the Property Committee has investigated air filtration in our facilities to make sure it is adequate. It has done so by consulting our HVAC service provider, by research from professional organizations and from air filtration testing sources. Results of the investigation are:

- Our current HVAC system provides outside air makeup that exceeds code.
- We need to insure proper filters and maintenance for our units. This is ongoing by staff.
- Use as much outside air as possible in classrooms.
- Do not overcrowd spaces. •
- Insure air circulation when space is occupied.
- High technology system additions are not needed. • If crowding cannot be avoided, use HEPA room units as a supplement.

Submitted by the Property Committee.

SUSTAINABILITY TIP OF THE MONTH

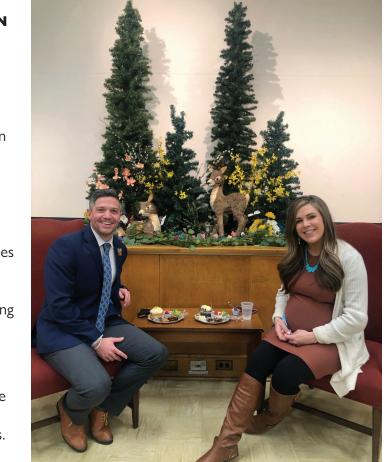
The **Season of Lent** traditionally starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Good Friday. Lasting approximately forty days and modeled on Jesus' time in the desert, it offers an opportunity to reflect on Christ's unconditional love and the miracle of **Easter**. In response, some Christians choose to give up something for Lent to remind them of Jesus' sacrifice. Here's one suggestion: *Meatless Mondays*. Eating a vegetarian diet just one day a week cuts your carbon footprint by 7.5 pounds or 390 pounds of CO2 per year. Not a big sacrifice when you think about it, but a really big deal when it comes to supporting a sustainable future.

– 2PC Green Team

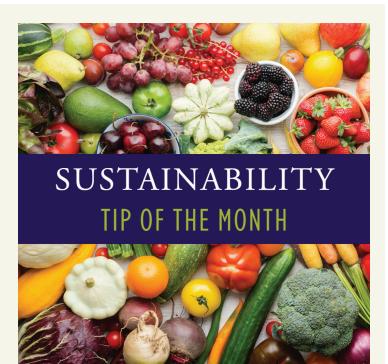
For additional information Google "Meatless Mondays".



Congregational Care







CONTRIBUTIONS TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - JANUARY 2022 -

Music Fund

In memory of **Gale Hancock** by Elizabeth and Doug Harmon In honor of **Pattie Clevenger and Lilli Clevenger** by Meredith Carter

Mountain Ave Fund In memory of **Bob Linkous** by Susan and Michael Silvia In memory of **Jay Finch** by Bill and Carol Broadhurst

Preschool Endowment Fund In memory of **Miryam Guzman** by The Shaw Family Robert and Carla Fishman



Other funds are available for your contributions. Please contact Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator, at 540-343-3659 or email: admin@spres.org. This list includes donations received between December 1-31, 2021.

*We sincerely regret any errors or omissions in this list. Please contact the Church Administrator, 540-343-3659, to help us get it corrected.

AMAZONSMILE

14 Households have registered Second Pres as their receiving charity through AmazonSmile! The AmazonSmile program allows you to shop on Amazon all while helping support charitable organizations as you shop. With Second Presbyterian Church (Roanoke, VA) selected as your charity of choice, the AmazonSmile foundation will donate the equivalent of 0.5% of your purchase price each time you check out on smile.amazon.com.

Registering is easy! The simplest way to register is to visit the church website at https://www.spres.org/give/ amazonsmile/ and click the yellow button in the AmazonSmile banner. Further details can also be found on our web page.

Remember to shop on Amazon by going to smile.amazon.com. This will be your new way to access Amazon shopping in order for Second Presbyterian to be supported. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity with all your future orders from AmazonSmile!

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