

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathy

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of **Olivia Gillespie Graham**, who passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Olivia was a long-time church member and office volunteer. She moved to Ooltewah, TN several years ago to be closer to family. A memorial service was held in Tazewell, VA on Saturday, October 1.

Sympathy is extended to Becky and Bill Russell on the death of Becky's brother, **Larry Orme**, on Monday, September 26, 2022. Our prayers are also with Mary Evelyn Russell, Larry's niece.

Concerns

Tim Potter Mrs. Myers

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL: In churches around the world all Christians practice baptism and communion. But each tradition observes them a little differently. Sprinkle or immersion? Wine or grape juice? What exactly are the theological and historical reasons for the differences and similarities? Why have churches evolved to observe these holy rites in various ways? While many Christians probably give little thought to why or how their denomination or organization has come to practice these two sacraments, it is interesting and meaningful to know the story of how and why we celebrate them the way that we do. Join Elizabeth Link in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. on this World Communion Sunday to explore the history and meaning behind baptism and the church's family meal.

GALS GATHERING NOV. 11-12, REGISTER BY TOMORROW, OCT. 3: This special overnight event at Eagle Eyrie is for women in our church to grow closer to one another and closer to God through study, conversation, crafts, and shared meals. Brochures with more details are available online and at the front office and sanctuary tower racks. Register by Monday, Oct. 3 online at www.spres.org/gals-gathering-registration-2022/.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, THURSDAYS, 9:00-10:00 A.M., SESSION ROOM: What do we mean when we say the Bible is inspired? Using Rachel Held Evans' 2018 book *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, we will explore some favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations. Together, we will explore the many ways that the Bible is not a static work but a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding collection of books that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.

SUNDAY NIGHT PARENTING GROUP, OCT. 2, 9 & 16: For three Sunday evenings this fall, Kids' Fellowship parents are invited to join Elizabeth Link for a short-term parenting group on Sundays, Oct. 2, 9 & 16 (5:00-6:30 p.m.) in the Reading Room. During this time, we hope to not only explore the topic of faith development in young children, but also enjoy fellowship and build relationships with one another. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Link (elizabeth@spres.org).

BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE, OCT. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 6:00-7:00 P.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL: This October, Dr. George Anderson and Dr. Bill Lee will offer a second installment of The Bible in Black and White. Over four Wednesday evening sessions, they will look at key moments in the Bible: the Sermon on the Mount, Peter's vision of a feast of Gentile foods, the Jerusalem Council, and the encounter with the woman at the well. They will remain attentive to the ways those key moments have been understood within the white and black communities. All are welcome!

TRUNK OR TREAT OCT. 30 4:00-6:00 P.M.: The 2PC Youth Trunk or Treat will take place Sunday, Oct. 30 in the Mountain Ave Parking Lot from 4-6 p.m.! For the second year we will welcome people from the surrounding neighborhood, Highland Park Elementary, our Second Pres Preschool and our Children's Ministry for a SPOOK-tacular night of fun and fellowship! Additionally, we will be collecting canned food donations at the event to go toward our Middle School Youth 2022 Hunger Busters for the PCC. Want to help? **Donate candy or sign up to decorate your car!** Contact Mary Evelyn Russell (maryev.russell@gmail.com) to sign up today.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, October 2

8:45 AM: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
9:30 AM: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:45 AM: Pop-Up Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM: Sunday School
11:00 AM: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary/
Live Stream
12:00 PM: Confirmand/Mentor Lunch, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM: Parenting Class, Reading Room

Monday, October 3

5:30 PM: DR Medical Mission Trip Meeting, Session Room
6:30 PM: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:45 PM: Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 4

Midweek-Man Night, Offsite
9:30 AM: Staff Meeting, Session Room

Wednesday, October 5

12:00 PM: Bulletin Article Deadline
6:00 PM: Bible in Black/White, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM: Midweek Manna, Offsite

Thursday, October 6

7:15 AM: Men's Bible Study, Hybrid
9:00 AM: Women's Bible Class, Session Room/Zoom
5:15 PM: Christian Education Committee Meeting, Hybrid

Friday, October 7

Saturday, October 8

SEEKING SUNDAY MORNING TECH VOLUNTEERS: Comfortable with technology? Looking for a way to serve your church as we continue to fulfill God's call of sharing the Gospel news? Consider volunteering as a technician and be trained to operate our live stream and sound system tech on Sunday mornings! We are specifically seeking **early worship service volunteers** to run media (images, video) over the projectors when necessary. Please email andrea@spres.org if interested.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Oct. 16 and Dec. 11. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).



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Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday



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 2022

John Johnson
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Mary Evelyn Russell
Kay Saleeby
John Saunders
Beth Smith
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Elders - Class of 2023

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Maria Blackshaw
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OCTOBER 2, 2022

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY¹

Gathering Music *Wondrous Love* Dorothy Howell Sheets

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Franklin Ritter

*Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 55)
From north and south and east and west,
all Creation sings forth your praises!
The mountains and the hills burst into song;
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Your steadfast love never ceases.
With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

*Hymn No. 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (4k-1st grade)
excused during the last verse of the opening hymn.

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession²
Gracious God, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts—the spirit of power, love and self-discipline—that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom.

In the silence, we remember your grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Response No. 59 *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

Concerns

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

Anthem (11:00 A.M.) *Nearer, My God, to Thee* arr., Dan Forrest
Eric Hollandsworth, Cello

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee, e’vn though it be a cross that raiseth me.
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee. (*Refrain*)
Oh, let the way appear, leading to heav’n, all that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv’n.
Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer, my God, to Thee. (*Refrain*)
There in my Father’s house, safe and at rest, there in my Savior’s love, perfectly blest.
Age after age to be nearer, my God, to Thee! (*Refrain*)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 17:11-19 New Testament p. 847
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *The Man Who Said Thank You* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

*Hymn of Response No. 327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* (vv. 1-2)

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God*, p. 35

Call to Discipleship
Minute for Stewardship Offering^{3**} Buster Jones
Offertory *For This Bread and Cup of Blessing* Crüger/John Scriveyner
Ritual of Friendship
(Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along to others in your pew, then return it to center.)

*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper^{***}
*Hymn of Preparation No. 529 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* (vv. 1-2)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata on “Old Hundredth”* Gordon Young

**Please stand in body or spirit.*
****All communion elements are gluten free.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER**, we join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity.

² **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** is adapted from the Rev. Katie Owen Aumann, Morn- ingside Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.

³ **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for the month of October will support *Feeding Southwest Virginia* Food Bank. 13.2% of the overall population in Roanoke City is facing food insecurity with more than 21% of children being food insecure. FSWVA uses dona- tions like yours every month to serve approximately 25,000 neighbors with 4.6 million pounds of food throughout the valley. Inflation is hitting our neighbors hard, and your help is needed to give nutritious meals to our neighbors. For every \$1 you donate, FSWVA can help provide up to 5 meals. Thank you for caring about food insecurity.

September's Outreach Offering went to *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*. **Last week, \$406 was collected bringing the monthly total to \$3,399.**

Ukrainian Support: The church is collecting separate contributions to help with hu- manitarian aid to Ukraine. Designated contributions will be sent to CARE (www.care.org) for their “Ukraine Crisis Fund,” which provides immediate aid and recovery, food, water, hygiene kits, psychosocial support, and cash assistance to the most vulnerable. **To date, \$21,338 has been collected.**

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THIS SUNDAY

Music: We welcome back **Eric Hollandsworth**, cellist, who grew up in Roanoke studying cello with Peggy McHenry, Dr. Kenneth Lurie and Alan Weinstein. In addition to cello, Eric also plays upright and electric bass. He has served as both principal bassist and cellist for the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra, the Commonwealth Choral Society and the James Chamber Players. He has also been a member of the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra, the Lynchburg Symphony, and the University of Lynchburg Wind Ensemble and Orchestra.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Ruth Ellen Kuhnel** by the family. Wheat and grapes are used in the arrangement to represent World Communion Sunday.
Arranged by Alice Loftin.

Ushers: *Today's ushers include members of the Congregational Life Committee as they exemplify the "Fruits of Faith" this stewardship season. (8:45 a.m.)* Kay Saleeby (Head Usher), Joyce Harris, Alice Holman, Robin Hobbs. **(11:00 a.m.)** Bob Martin (Head Usher), Taylor Martin, Eddie Smith, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt.

Greeters: (11:00 a.m.) Bob and Janet Miller.

Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: Storyteller, Emily Mountcastle. Greeter, Morgan Morris. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.