

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of **Sally Archer Gravely**, who passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2022. Sally previously served as the Communication Director for Second Presbyterian Church. A memorial service will be held at Oakey's South Chapel on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Thanks to the Confirmation Teachers and Mentors

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

FAMILY PROMISE: The 2023 Family Promise Schedule has been set. Second Presbyterian (along with our friends at Beth Israel) will be hosting the following dates:

Jan 22 – 29, May 14 – 21, July 23 – 30, Sept 3 – 10, Oct 1 – 8

Typically we are responsible for dinner (in the current model) and groceries on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sundays. Until the Alexa House is finished, we will be taking meals either to FP day shelter in Salem, or the family's duplex off Orange Avenue. Stay tuned – as COVID continues to impact us all, the way we serve may continue to change throughout the year.

YOUTH SKI TRIP: Youth Ski Trip is coming up on January 21! Any youth interested in going please register online; forms can be found at the bottom of the Youth page on our website. Registration and payment deadline is January 11. Please contact Ben with any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH AND HUMAN SEXUALITY RETREAT: The High School Faith and Human Sexuality Retreat is February 10-11. Teaming up with Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, this overnight retreat is open to all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students as we explore the intersection of faith and sexuality in way that recognizes and respects the diversity of participants with respect to sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and disability status. Our hope is that our time together will foster and build healthy expressions of love for ourselves and others as image-bearers in the world. Please contact Ben to register and if you have any questions.

NEW MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: Rising food prices and lingering Covid effects continue to increase food insecurity in the Roanoke Valley. We've heard reports from the Presbyterian Community Center that their food pantry shelves are often bare due to the increased demand for items. To help the center keep their shelves stocked throughout the year, Second Presbyterian will begin collecting a monthly food item for the PCC. The food item of the month will be listed in the Pastor's email and bulletin each week. As you do your grocery shopping, consider purchasing some of these extra items for the PCC then drop them off at church in the coat closet.

Additionally, a common need no matter the month, is food packaged in easy open containers. The Presbyterian Community Center is seeing an increase in homeless individuals visiting the food pantry. Without a home to prepare meals, these individuals need easy open, ready to eat foods such as containers with pop top lids or Pop Tarts. The Youth will still run their yearly Hunger Busters campaign in November, but these monthly collections will help to keep the PCC stocked throughout the year.

The food item for the month of January is canned meats. Donations can be left in the coat closet.

Open Flower Dates: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: January 29, February 5 and 12. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, January 8

Confirmation Sunday
8:45 AM: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 AM: CE Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:00 PM: Elder Training, Session Room

Monday, January 9

5:30 PM: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Hybrid
6:30 PM: AI Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:45 PM: Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 10

8:30 AM: Legacy Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom
9:30 AM: Staff Meeting
5:00 PM: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom
5:15 PM: Trent Fund Subcommittee, Zoom
6:30 PM: Midweek Man-Night, Offsite

Wednesday, January 11

12:00 PM: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 PM: Second Sheet Article Deadline
5:00 PM: Green Team, Trent Classroom/Zoom
5:15 PM: Personnel Committee Meeting, Reading Room and Zoom
5:15 PM: Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Hybrid

Thursday, January 12

7:15 AM: Men's Bible Study, Hybrid
5:00 PM: Property Committee Meeting, Hybrid

Friday, January 13

12:00 PM: Stewardship Committee Meeting, Hybrid

Saturday, January 14

Staff

Administrator
Nathan Anderson
Choir Director
Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg
Organist
Marianne Sandborg
Engagement Coordinator
Christal Pearson
Parish Associate for Visitation
Nancy O. Gray
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Trustees

Ron Ayers
Mary Ann Johnson
George A. McLean, Jr.

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Bill Durham
Ken Lyons (Asst. Clerk)

Treasurers

Joe Miller
Bob Martin (Vice Treasurer)

Missionaries

National:
Beth-El Farmworker
Ministry; Wimauma, FL
Local:
Presbyterian Community
Center, Roanoke, VA

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Alice Light, *Director*
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Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

January 8, 2023



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
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

Elders - Class of 2024

Maria Blackshaw
Pattie Clevenger
Nancy Gray
Robin Hobbs
Alice Holman
Kenneth Laughon
Betsy Prillaman
Chrissy Underwood

JANUARY 8, 2023

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

Gathering Music *Come, Ye Christians, Be Committed* arr., Wilbur Held
Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission *DR Medical Mission Team* Suzanne Fischer
Prelude *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* Dale Wood

*Call to Worship
We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful;
We know that the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
We believe that the servant of the Lord will not break a bruised reed.
We believe that the servant of the Lord will not quench a dim flame.
Both these things are true:
Our God's righteousness is a mighty stream,
And our savior is like a lamb.
Through the Holy Spirit, we encounter all aspects of God.
Let us worship an unknowable God, who loves us and calls us by name.
Let us worship the God who meets us in the person of Jesus Christ.

*Hymn No. 10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God*
Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (4k-1st grade) excused during last verse of opening hymn.

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Triune God, in baptism you mark us with your love, claim us as your own, and invite us into covenant with you. We confess we forget this truth. We see and experience the brokenness of the world, and we know we are to embody your love. The task feels too big at times. It's easier to ignore the pain of others; it's easier to turn from their cries. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting our lives are meant for something bigger than ourselves.

In silence, may our selfishness be met with your grace.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Affirmation of Faith (8:45 A.M.) The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Concerns

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Galatians 2:15-21 New Testament p. 944
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Real World Faith* Dr. George C. Anderson

*Hymn of Response No. 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (vv. 1, 4, 5)

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{3**}
Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr., David Lowe
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

Service of Confirmation¹ (11:00 A.M.)
Presentation of Gifts
The Sacrament of Baptism² – Kylie Elizabeth Young and Maggie Grace Young
Presiding Elder- Connie Polly
*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God* p. 35

*Hymn No. 757 *Today We All Are Called to be Disciples*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *O Worship the King* Raymond H. Haan

We would like to recognize the following Confirmands of 2023:

Vincent Croteau Lucy Paige Ellett
Lawson Fralin Kathryn Hancock
Luke King Max Mizuba
Gracie Munro Brownie Polly
Meghan Prillaman Drew Underwood
Nathan Wainwright Carson Waters
Kylie Young Maggie Young

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **CONFIRMATION** is the bookend to our baptism. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound God's people together in faith. Through baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry. The church becomes responsible for their nurture and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation stands beside the parents in partnership to nurture the child in the Christian life, leading them to make a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism when they are ready. Confirmation, as a reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant, is the personal response to take responsibility for one's faith. Today we celebrate and welcome into full church membership the Confirmation Class of 2023!

² **PRESBYTERIANS** believe that baptism envelops our lives as Christians. As part of the covenant community, we baptize children as they grow into their faith. Believers are baptized as they make a decision to enter the covenant community and to follow Christ. Presbyterians emphasize the covenant aspect of baptism. God loved us first. Whether with a believer or a child, baptism enacts this enveloping love of God — the God who comes to us in Jesus Christ, who comes to us in the power of the Holy Spirit, a love that will not let us go. That is the story of Scripture, and that is the story of baptism, whether an infant in arms or a saint who is finally at rest. *(from "A Complete Baptism" written by Charles Wiley III posted on Presbyterian Mission Agency website)*

³ **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for January will support our DR Medical Mission Team. Our team is scheduled to travel to San Juan de La Maguana to assist Solid Rock International's ministries in late February; our teams first visit since before the pandemic. Donations to the Outreach Offering will support team travel and the purchase of supplies needed for the guesthouse and clinic. **Last week, \$223.00 was collected.**

The Outreach Offering for the month of December supported *Bradley Free Clinic*. **In total, \$5,509.21 was collected.**

Ukrainian Support: The church is collecting separate contributions to help with humanitarian 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, \$23,038 has been collected.**

THIS SUNDAY

Baptism: During worship this morning, **Kylie Elizabeth Young** and **Maggie Grace Young** will stand for the Sacrament of Baptism. Connie Polly will serve as the presiding elder.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God with treasured memories of **Henry Gray Caldwell** by his loving family who strive to remember that all things shall be well even as they deeply miss him.
Arranged by Denise Revercomb.

Ushers: (8:45 a.m.) Robin Hobbs (Head Usher), Bev Fitzpatrick, Shirley Fitzpatrick, Jeff Hobbs, Connie Polly. **(11:00 a.m.)** Connie Polly (Head Usher), Brownie Polly, Kit Polly, and Brownie Ed Polly.

Greeters: (8:45 a.m.) Bill Blaylock. **(11:00 a.m.)** Carole Mayberry.

Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "The Parable of the Fishnet." Greeter, Morgan Morris. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.