

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS

Gerrie Lamanna

INTERESTED IN FLOWER ARRANGING FOR WORSHIP? Join the Second Presbyterian flower arrangers for a workshop this **Wed., March 22 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Kerry McCarty will lead the demonstration and discussion. If anyone wishes to join our team, you will work with experienced arrangers to learn the ropes. Please contact Denise Revercomb (revercomb@cox.net or 540-588-5111) for more information and if you plan to attend.

3RD-5TH GRADE COMMUNICANT'S CLASS MARCH 26 (3:30-5:00 P.M.): Families of younger children are invited to explore the meaning of the sacrament of communion (parents and children attend together!). 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.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE – APRIL 15: Our call as disciples is to serve the underserved, to love on people and creation, and to seek the well-being of all! So, on Saturday, April 15th, we will go out into Roanoke to serve with local organizations for an intergenerational mission day! Families, children, and members of all ages are invited to join the youth as we serve God in the city! Our youth council will be team leaders and the youth will be a shining example of love and service! Mark your calendars now! Registration will open March 26th!

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS – DEADLINE FRIDAY, MARCH 31: If you would like to give memorial flowers or celebration flowers for the April 9 Easter services, please use the online order form found at www.spres.org. The cost per plant is \$12.50 (online payments, cash, and check will be accepted). We encourage you to fill out the form online to ensure spelling accuracy. Hard copies are available at the front desk.

MIDWEEK MANNA HOSTS: We are looking for Midweek Manna hosts for April and May. Our high school girls meet every other Wednesday evening for fellowship, food, and fun, as they discuss life and faith, sometimes while working on a craft. If you are interested in hosting, whether at your house or sponsoring a night out, please reach out to Ben (benb@spres.org). Midweek Manna normally runs from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

LIBRARY COLLECTION THROUGH MARCH 24: The Roanoke City Jail needs gently used paperback books and magazines for their library. The library is one of the most popular and important services offered to inmates allowing them to find constructive ways to pass the time or learn new concepts and ideas while incarcerated. The jail has no budget to purchase books for the library, relying strictly on donations. *Second Presbyterian will collect paperback books and magazines for the Jail Library until March 24. Donations may be left in the coat closet. No hardback books can be accepted. Please donate only paperback books and magazines. The most requested topics include: Celebrity, sports, fashion, and car magazines, Spanish language materials, Bibles and other religious texts; Popular Fiction: James Patterson, Stuart Woods, David Baldacci, etc.; Teen Fantasy: Harry Potter, Rick Riordan, etc.; Adult science fiction and fantasy.*

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: The Presbyterian Community Center's food pantry shelves are often bare due to increased demand for items and increased food insecurity. Second Presbyterian is collecting a monthly food item for the PCC. 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. **The food item for the month of March is soups, stews, and chili's (pop top lids preferred). Donations can be left in the coat closet.**

OFF-BROADWAY, ON CAMPUS – TODAY: Join the Roanoke College Choir for an evening of musical-theater favorites! Featuring solos and ensembles from *Mama Mia*, *Cinderella*, *Oklahoma*, *Wicked*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, and others. **Sunday, March 19 @ 7 p.m., Antrim Chapel, Roanoke College.** Jeffrey Sandborg, director; Bill Lininger, accompanist. Free admission, no tickets required.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, March 19

8:45 AM: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 AM: Sunday School
9:45 AM: Elder Examination, Hospitality Room
9:45 AM: High School Sunday School Class to visit Christ Lutheran
9:45 AM: Theology of Tolkien Class, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM: Worship Service Elder Ordination/Installation, Sanctuary/Live Stream
4:00 PM: Winter/Spring Alternative Confirmation Class, Reading Room
5:00 PM: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM: Youth Group

Monday, March 20

6:30 PM: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:45 PM: Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 21

9:30 AM: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

12:00 PM: Bulletin Article Deadline
1:00 PM: Flower Arranging Workshop, Fellowship Hall
5:15 PM: Session Meeting, Hybrid
6:30 PM: Midweek Manna, Offsite

Thursday, March 23

7:15 AM: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
11:00 AM: Women's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom

Friday, March 24

Preschool Teacher Workday

Saturday, March 25

SECOND PRESCHOOL: Come share your summer with Second's Preschool! We are hiring for morning and afternoon summer positions. There are 10 weeks of programming, and we ask for teachers to commit to at least 4 of the 10 weeks this summer. Are you a college student home this summer? Do you enjoy working with young children? Please reach out to Alice Light at alight@spres.org to learn more. Please reach out with interest to join our staff this fall, too!



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National:
Beth-El Farmworker Ministry; Wimauma, FL
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Preschool

Alice Light, Director
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For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: www.spres.org/about/leadership/

For upcoming events, a library of sermons (audio & text), and more, visit our website:

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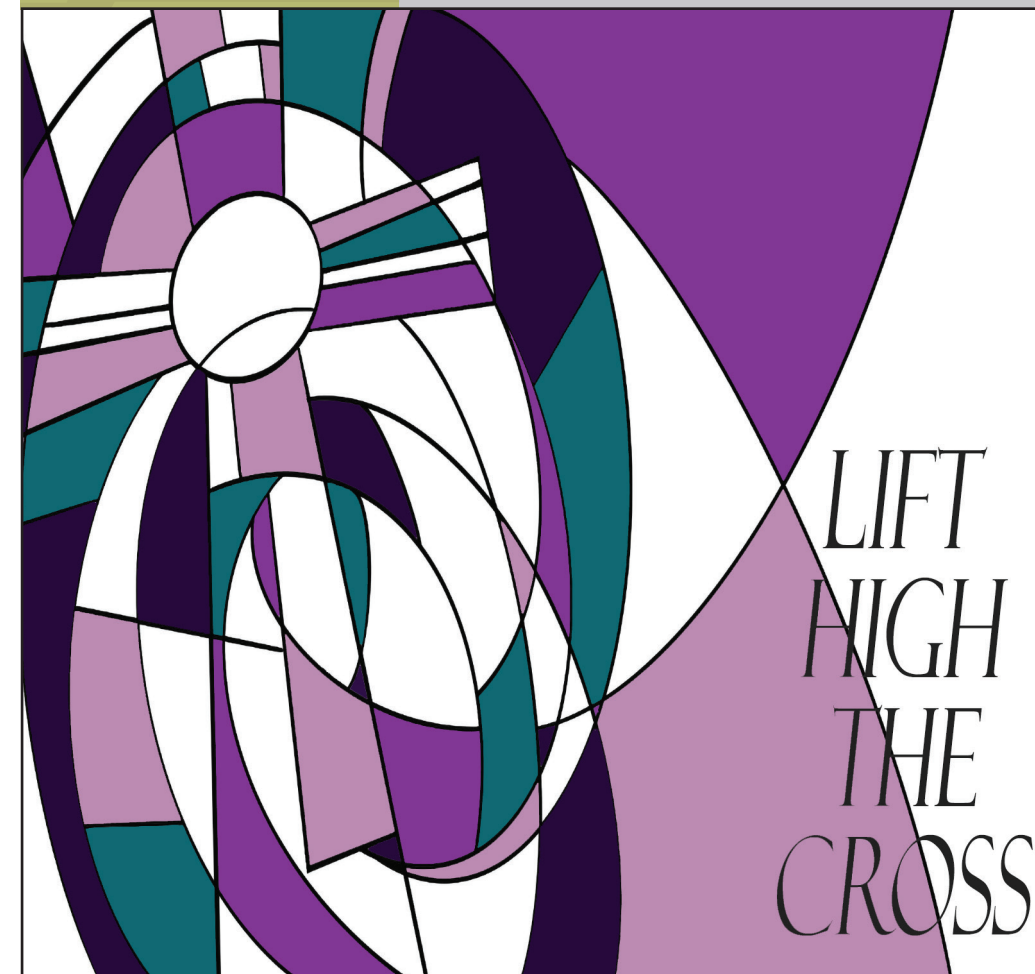
Finding direction by following Jesus.

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Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

March 19, 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
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Elders - Class of 2023

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

MARCH 19, 2023

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

For my soul Christ's love was poured, precious Lamb and Holy Lord.
At the cross of Christ I am restored.
Cross of Christ, O sacred tree, hide my sins and shelter me.
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BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **ORDINATION** to one of the church's ordered ministries is not the simple recognition that a person possesses "gifts for ministry," or that an office suits a person's abilities. It does not follow naturally from a person's "sense of call." Ordination is certainly not about access to position, influence, and power in the church. Ordination is the church's act of recognizing the movement of the Holy Spirit in the interactions among the whole church's ordering of ministries, its standards for these ministries, and its current needs, together with prayerful discernment by persons, congregations, and presbyteries (Joseph D. Small).

Gathering Music *Shepherd Thy People* Michael Shea

Welcome and Announcements
Prelude *Solemn March* Felix Mendelssohn

*Call to Worship
Let this be a welcoming place, the place of return,
And let it be built by a love that bends toward embrace.
Let love shine bright like a waiting candle,
Eager to light our path back home.
Here I am, a prodigal returning home.
For that which has been lost is found,
Found by the grace of God!

*Hymn No. 39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
(11:00 A.M.) Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (4k-1st grade)
excused during the last verse of the opening hymn.

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We take our inheritance and run from you, but you welcome us back with love and joy. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

In the silence, may our humble confession be met with your reconciling grace.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

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

(11:00 A.M) Anthem *Cross of Christ, O Sacred Tree* Lloyd Larson
Cross of Christ, O sacred tree, hide my sins and shelter me.
Claim or merit have I none, yet my salvation has been won!
Cross of Christ, O sacred tree, let me to thy shadow flee.
Here they mocked the Crucified, here the royal Sufferer died.
Here was shed atoning blood, here expired the Son of God.
For my soul Christ's love was poured, precious Lamb and Holy Lord.
At the cross of Christ I am restored.
Cross of Christ, O sacred tree, gift of God, love's mystery.
'Twas my sin provoked this love, matchless gift from God above.
The cross of Christ, O sacred tree, this my boast shall ever be,
that Thy blood for me was shed, that for me He groaned and bled.
Here was shed atoning blood, here expired the Son of God.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-32, 23:32-34 New Testament pp. 846, 855
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Lift High the Cross: Reconciled* Dr. George C. Anderson

(8:45 A.M.) *Hymn of Response No. 434 *Restore in Us, O God* (vv. 1, 3)

*Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(11:00 A.M.) Ordination and Installation of Elders Class of 2025¹
*Hymn of Preparation No. 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life* (v.1)
Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{2**}
Offertory *Siciliano* J. S. Bach/Vivaldi

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

*Hymn No. 416 *O Come unto the Lord*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Plein Jeu a la Couperin* Gordon Young

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



ORDINATION* AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS – CLASS OF 2025

*Ginger Avis** *John Caudill** *Lucinda Hancock** *Megan Moore**
*Susan Carter** *Kandy Elliott* *Mark Lawrence** *Darin Pearson**

Special thanks and appreciation are extended to the Class of 2022 who have served the church faithfully and are now rotating off the Session:

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

² **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for March will support TAP's Sabrina's Place and Super Hero Kids programming. Sabrina's Place is a high-security, supervised visitation and safe exchange service that provides a secure location for supervised visitation sessions and custody exchanges between parents with domestic or sexual violence history or risk. Super Hero Kids is a program focused on helping children who have survived domestic violence. Donations will aid TAP in supporting those in our community who have faced these unimaginable circumstances. **\$1,722.50 has been collected.**

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief: The church is collecting separate contributions to help with emergency relief after the devastating earthquake in Turkey. Designated contributions will be sent to CARE for their "Turkey Syria Earthquakes Fund", which provides emergency aid including food, shelter, hygiene kits, and cold weather supplies. **Thus far, \$3,448.00 has been collected.**

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God with love and thanksgiving for the life of **Carol Bewley Dalhouse** by her daughters and their families on the occasion of her birthday.
Arranged by Kathryn Barrows.

Ushers: (8:45 a.m.) Nancy Gray (Head Usher) David Maxson, Kathy and Bruce Stockburger. **(11:00 a.m.)** Alice Holman (Head Usher), Barry Holman, Nancy and Jim Pickens.

Greeters: Jim and Angie Pittendrigh.

Technicians: Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Too Afraid to Follow Jesus." Storyteller, Lori Privott. Greeter, Carolyn Krisha. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.