

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY CLOSING

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 4 and will reopen on Tuesday, September 5.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service will be held in celebration of the life and Christian witness of **Betty Baker Kulp** on Monday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with a reception following in Fellowship Hall.

NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **The Reverend Elizabeth Smith** on accepting the call as Pastor of St. John on the Desert Presbyterian Church in Tucson, AZ. Elizabeth served as an associate pastor here at Second from 2010-2015. Notes of celebration may be sent to Elizabeth at St. John on the Desert, 2695 N Houghton Rd, Tucson, AZ 85749.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (RETURN TO FALL SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMMING)

- 8:45 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 5-6:30 p.m. Youth Group, Intersection
Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall & Children's Music Suite

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF COOKOUT AND PARENT'S MEETING – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (5:00-6:30 P.M.):

Youth, parents, and families are invited to join us as we kick-off the new program year with a cookout at the Intersection! There will be food, games, and a brief informational meeting for parents (it may be helpful to bring your calendar as we will share important dates). Come join in on the fun!

KIDS' FELLOWSHIP BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (5:00-6:30 P.M.):

Kids' Fellowship begins on Sunday, September 10 with dinner provided by families for children ages 4 years old through fifth grade. After dinner, the children will divide by age and progress through an engaging evening of recreation, art, and music. Children will have the opportunity to run and play, experience Bible stories through Story and Stretch, and enjoy the opportunity to make music through a special weekly music experience. Parents are welcome to drop children off for this 90-minute event, or stick around and enjoy the fellowship with us.

2PC CLUBS FOR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE – SIGN UP BY SEPT. 17:

We are expanding our club options for the Second Presbyterian Church family in 2023! Please check out the clubs available and sign up by Sunday, September 17 at www.spres.org, via the QR code, or by calling the church. You are welcome to sign up for more than one club! Club coordinators will contact members by phone or email; the first club meetings will be in October. Clubs include: Supper, Lunch, Walking, Movie, Restaurant, Coffee, Book, Roots and Wings, Parenting, and Pickleball.



SEPTEMBER SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: During the month of September, Service and Outreach will be collecting school supplies to be given to Highland Park Elementary and Morningside Elementary Schools. The following items are the most needed items:

- Glue sticks, Crayola crayons - 24 ct, Washable markers, Expo dry erase markers. Expo dry erase markers, thin, Ticonderoga or US Gold #2 sharpened pencils, Colored pencils, Composition books(marble), 1 subject spiral notebooks, Student scissors, Sturdy pencil pouches, Vinyl folders with pockets, Headphones or earbuds (not wireless) to use with laptops, Tissues, Disinfecting wipes, Baby wipes, Gallon size Ziploc bags, Quart size Ziploc bags, Sandwich bags

Donations can be placed in the collection box in the coat closet. Thank you for your support of these schools in our community!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, September 3

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream

Monday, September 4

CHURCH & PRESCHOOL CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 5

9:30am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 6

12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15pm Personnel Committee, Hybrid

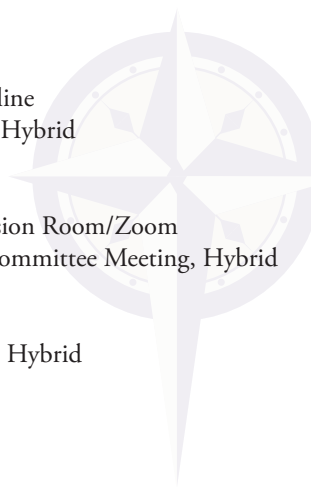
Thursday, September 7

7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
4:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Hybrid

Friday, September 8

12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Hybrid

Saturday, September 9



SAVE THE DATES FOR THE MEN'S AND GALS RETREATS:

We hope you will save the dates for the upcoming Men's and Gals Retreats! Registration will be online; stay tuned for more info.

- Men's Retreat at Eagle Eyrie: Sat-Sun, Nov. 17-18
- Gals Gathering Local Day Retreat: Sat, Jan. 20

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES:

Off to college, new address? Please send us your or your family member's college address and university name so that we may keep in touch! Email Stacy Moore, Church Secretary, at stacy@spres.org.

OPEN FLOWER DATES:

The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Oct. 8 & 15, Nov. 19 & 26, Dec. 31, Jan. 7. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).



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

Preschool

Alice Light, Director
540.342.6405
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For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: www.spres.org/about/leadership/

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Sunday Morning Worship

September 3, 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 2023

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

Elders - Class of 2024

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

Elders - Class of 2025

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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

WORSHIP ON SITE & ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **THE PASTORAL PRAYER** was written by the Rev. Molly Spangler, published in the Presbyterian Outlook:
<https://pres-outlook.org/2023/08/order-of-worship-september-3-2023/>

² **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for September will support *Feeding Southwest Virginia*. Feeding SWVA has been providing charitable food support to hungry seniors, children, veterans, and families for over 42 years. Unfortunately, hunger still remains a critical issue for many people. The food insecurity rate for Roanoke City is 11%, well above the state average of 8.1%. Much work remains to ensure that everyone in our community has the chance to experience food security. Food procured by Feeding SWVA is distributed through their many feeding partners like the Presbyterian Community Center and RAM, or directly through our children's feeding programs. September is Hunger Action Month. As you make your offering, please consider the approximately 10,000 individuals in the Roanoke community who are still facing hunger. Your support is invaluable in providing food that will help them prosper and lead healthy, active lives.

August's Outreach Offering supported the needs of elementary students at *Morningside Elementary School*. **The total collected was \$8,307.14.**

Hawaii Relief: In response to the devastating wildfires on Maui, Second Presbyterian will be joining in the relief efforts. Service & Outreach has researched the many organizations in the relief efforts and has decided that all contributions will go to the Hawai'i Community Foundation. The Hawai'i Community Foundation, which began in 1916, has activated the Maui Strong Fund to provide flexible resources to support Maui residents. Funding will address evolving needs, including shelter, food, financial assistance and other services as they are identified by on-the-ground partners doing critical work on Maui. HCF is working in close collaboration with state and county leaders, nonprofit organizations, and community members to get an understanding of the quickly evolving priorities. HCF will not be collecting a fee for donations to the Maui Strong Fund; 100% of the funds will be distributed for community needs. Please designate any contributions you wish to go toward this relief effort: "Hawaii Relief." **\$820.00 has been collected.**

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for month of September are **cooking oil and condiments**. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating; pop-top lids/ready-to-eat containers preferred).

Open My Eyes That I May See. TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895. Public domain. CCLI #2642604.

THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Pat and George Vaughan** by Lee, Laura and Kirby, Sarah, Tricia and Tommy. *Arranged by Amanda Copeland.*

Ushers: Maria Blackshaw (Head Usher), John and Sue Caudill, Jack Dickerson.

Greeters: Bob and Janet Miller.

Technicians: Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Sung Prayer for Illumination No. 451 *Open My Eyes That I May See* (v. 4)
Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-21 New Testament pp. 918-919
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *H of G* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan

*Hymn of Response No. 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy* (vv. 3-4)

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{2**}
Offertory *Land of Rest* Setting, Wilbur Held
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. 372 *O for a World*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Arr., David Lowe

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



Gathering Music *Simple Gifts* (American Folk Hymn) Russell Schulz-Widmer

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude on "Land of Rest"* (Appalachian Tune) Raymond H. Haan

*Call to Worship
We gather hoping to see God,
here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.
We can see God
when we show one another honor,
when we pursue hospitality to strangers,
when we live in harmony with one another,
when we rejoice in hope.
Let us worship the visible God amongst us.

*Hymn No. 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
God of love, you ask us to love with our whole heart, from the core of our being. You tell us to bless one another and you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words. Instead of loving, we practice hatred. Instead of blessing, we have practiced cursing. Instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up...
(silent confession)
Forgive us for when we have given up on things that matter: love, courage, mercy, hope, community, peace.
Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways our ways. We pray, we wait, we hope.

Hymn of Confession No. 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy* (vv. 1-2)

Assurance of Pardon

Concerns

Pastoral Prayer¹ and the Lord's Prayer *Glory to God*, p. 35 (using debts, debtors)