

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS

Deborah Robinson

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Laurie and John Saunders on the death of Laurie's uncle, **Jim Bewley**, on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

Sympathy is extended to Andrew and Dawn Thacker on the death of Andrew's father, **Alvin M. "Pete" Thacker** of Daleville, on Sunday, January 21, 2024. Our prayers are also with their daughters, Catherine and Emily.

“PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY” HABITAT BUILD | SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: The Signup is LIVE for our *Partners in Prosperity* build! Volunteers are still needed for builders and lunch in the coming weeks. Second will be on site the 1st/3rd Saturdays and the 2nd/4th Thursdays from January until May. **Sign up and view the full schedule via the SignUpGenius at www.spres.org.** Come lend a hand as we build this new home together! **Wall Raising Ceremony Saturday, Feb. 17:** The *Partners in Prosperity* build “wall raising” ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 17 at 9:00 a.m. at the home site. All are welcome to come and witness the wonderful moment as we raise the wall on the Mussa Family home together!

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL FEB. 4 "HABITAT FOR HUMANITY": We are thrilled to host Habitat for a POP-UP Sunday School class at 9:45 a.m. on February 4 in Fellowship Hall. We will hear about Habitat in Roanoke, learn about the housing crises in our community, how our work together can help address such dire housing needs, and more. The Mussa family will be joining us; we hope you will, too!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – THURSDAYS, FEB. 8-APRIL 18 @ 10:30 A.M., SESSION ROOM: For too long the women of the Bible have been depicted in one-dimensional terms. In *From Daughters to Disciples*, the second of two volumes, Lynn Japinga acquaints readers with the women of the New Testament. From faithful forerunners like Anna and Elizabeth to female disciples like the sisters Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene to first-generation followers like Lydia and Dorcas, readers will encounter a wealth of foremothers in the faith in all their messy, yet redeemable, humanity. Books are available in Elizabeth Link's office for \$17 each. Contact Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org) by Monday, Feb. 5 if you're interested in joining.

FAMILY PROMISE: Family Promise guests stayed at the Alexa House the second week of January, and the coordinators would like to thank the 20+ church members (and members of Beth Israel Synagogue) who volunteered to host, hostess, cook, serve, shop and visit with the guests. The redesigned home is beautiful and love shines throughout. Please save the following dates for additional Family Promise Service and Hosting opportunities: April 28 – May 5 / July 14 – 21 / Sept. 15 – 22 / Oct. 27 – Nov. 3. Should you wish to learn more about this wonderful opportunity to serve, please notify Lucinda Hancock or Lauren Ellerman (luhhancock@gmail.com or lellerman@frithlawfirm.com).

OPEN FLOWER DATES: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Feb. 18; April 7, 14 & 28; May 5, 12 & 19. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

READING GLASSES COLLECTION FOR THE DR THRU FEB. 18: Ahead of our Medical Mission Team’s trip to the Dominican Republic in late February, we are collecting non-prescription reading glasses. Donations can be left in the labeled box at the front desk or in the coat closet through Sun., Feb. 18. The primary care team will bring the readers to the barrios, where they are hugely popular with patients. A station with a mirror will be set up where the patients can pick the style and magnification that they like. Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, January 28
Two Cents a Meal
8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship
5:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday, January 29
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, January 30
9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 31
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline

Thursday, February 1
7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
5:15 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting, Hybrid

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS FOR 2024: Thank you! You have risen to the occasion once again and demonstrated your love of Christ and your support of Second. As of this writing, you have generously pledged \$1,240,778 to the 2024 budget. Within a couple of weeks, we will wrap up the Stewardship season and begin to finalize the budget. If you have not made a financial commitment for this year and plan on doing so, please communicate with Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator (admin@spres.org), as soon as possible. If you haven't pledged in the past, please prayerfully consider what you can do to support the mission Second. We look forward to a great year of opportunities to serve those in our neighborhood and beyond.

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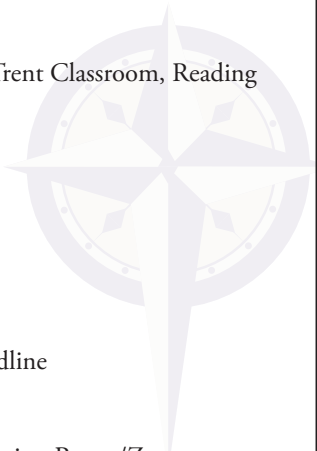
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Chairs, visit: [www.spres.org/
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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
January 28, 2024



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
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Elders - Class of 2024

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Elders - Class of 2025

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

JANUARY 28, 2024
WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Gathering Music	<i>Festive Piece</i>	Domenico Zipoli
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	<i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i>	Thomas Chesterton

*Call to Worship
God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.
God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.
God embraces all that is wounded and broken.
God knocks down the walls of division and strife.
God brings a word of hope to the hopeless.
God speaks life to what is no longer living.
God is the one who makes all things new.
Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

*Hymn No. 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
Two Cents-a-Meal (8:45 A.M.) Anna and Lydia Bryan
(11:00 A.M.) Campbell, Tucker, and Barrett Tims

(11:00 A.M.) A Time for Children
Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (4k-1st grade)
excused following the Children's Time.

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Holy God, we confess we are an arrogant people. We are so full of “knowledge” that we hardly have any room for love. We confess that we often speak when we need to listen, and we often remain silent when we need to speak. We confess we push people away when you call us to welcome them, no matter who they are. Forgive us for being more concerned about “being right” than we are about “being love.” Forgive us, for demanding conformity and uniformity when you call us to celebrate diversity. Teach us to speak with love, act with love, and live with love.

Your Word is powerful and gentle, O Lord.
Speak to our condition, as we confess our sin in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise 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 *Salvation is Created (Psalm 74:12)* Pavel Chesnokov
Salvation is created in the midst of earth, O God.
Alleluia.
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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 1:21-28 New Testament p. 807
1 Corinthians 8:1-3 New Testament p. 927
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Truth: Word or Action?* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan

(11:00 A.M.) *Hymn No. 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (v. 1, 3, 5)

*Affirmation of Faith (from Colossians 1:15-20)
Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth
were created, things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{1**}
Offertory *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Fred B. Binckes
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. 395 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *A Festal Fanfare* J. S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹**THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for the month of 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 from February 24–March 2. Donations to the Outreach Offering will support team travel and the purchase of supplies needed for the guesthouse and clinic. **As of January 25, a total of \$ 3,417.17 has been collected.**

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for month of January are **canned meats** (pop-top lids preferred). A donation bin is in the coat closet; please check the expiration date before donating.

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Robert and Helen Lineweaver** by Anna and Al McLean.
Arranged by Karen Davidson.

Ushers: (8:45) Connie Polly (Head Usher). (11:00) Megan Moore (Head Usher), Manly Aylor, Sally l’Anson, Alice Light.

Greeters: (8:45) Monty Salyer. (11:00) Rick and Pam Murray.

Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "The Leaven." Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.



THIS LENT AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LENTEN SERMON SERIES *February 14 - March 31, 2024*

Our church's mission statement is "Finding direction by following Jesus," so it is right for us to consider what that means. We will remember some in the Bible who were faithful in their following, though not always perfect. This Lent, a season to consider and confess our sins, we also will remember some who followed Jesus only to abandon him, betray him, or bring him down.

Beginning February 14th and lasting to Easter, the pastors of Second Presbyterian Church will offer a Lenten sermon series called, "Following." Together we will explore passages of scripture that might help us discover the many paths we take when following Jesus. Join us this Lent on Sunday mornings and for the midweek worship opportunities detailed below.

ASH WEDNESDAY **FEBRUARY 14**

7:30-9:30 a.m. "Ashes and Prayer To-Go," Parking Lot
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Kirk Hall

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT **FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 20**

"Home Videos" Weekly Kairos Reflections available every Wednesday on YouTube and Facebook

MAUNDY THURSDAY **MARCH 28**

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