

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extend to Lynn and David Speno on the death of Lynn's mother, **Lora Hopkins**, who passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2023.

THANKS TO THE CONFIRMATION TEACHERS AND MENTORS: We are deeply grateful for our confirmation teachers, Ken Lyons and Lauren Ellerman, as well as our confirmation mentors who have supported the confirmands this year.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY @ 9:45 A.M.: This morning, members and visitors of all ages are invited to attend a Pancake Breakfast during the Sunday school hour in Fellowship Hall. This breakfast is sponsored in partnership by the Christian Education Committee and the Congregational Life Committee. Let us take time to share a meal together, get to know recent members and confirmands from the 2023 year, and give thanks to those Sunday school teachers who work tirelessly all year long. Sunday school for all ages will resume next Sunday, January 14 at 9:45 a.m.

“PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY” HABITAT BUILD | SIGNUP TO VOLUNTEER: Together with St. John’s Episcopal Church, we have sponsored a new Habitat for Humanity home for the Mussa Family. The home will be built on the 600 Block of McDowell Ave in Northwest. The build begins the second week of January and will come to completion the second week of May. Second Presbyterian and St. John’s have both committed to 30 build days each, and Second will be on site the 1st/3rd Saturdays and the 2nd/4th Thursdays from January until May. Find the link to the signup genius at www.spres.org. Come lend a hand as we build this new home together! **Wall Raising Ceremony on January 27:** The Partners in Prosperity build “wall raising” ceremony will be held on Saturday, January 27. All are welcome to come and witness the wonderful moment as we raise the wall on the Mussa Family home together! **A framing stud is in Kirk Hall this morning for any and all to sign and/or pray over; this stud will be used to frame the home.**

GALS' GATHERING SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 9AM-4PM – REGISTER BY JAN. 15: Join us for a day of connection, reflection, and fellowship at the annual Gals' Gathering! Together we will consider the ways that we can nurture and strengthen our faith in all seasons, and find encouragement in times that feel unfruitful. There will be a hands-on workshop to create a tangible faith practice that can be grounding in one’s faith formation led by our speaker, Rev. Rachel Vogado. We will also create a mosaic for the Good Samaritan Hospice House in Roanoke. Cost is \$35. For more information, check out the flyers found in the office information racks and register online at www.spres.org.

OPEN DOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS NEW BOOK STUDY JAN. 14: The Open Door class will be starting a new book on Jan. 14, *Eve Isn't Evil* by Julie Faith Parker. Through her book, Julie Faith Parker helps readers engage biblical texts with both mind and heart—to learn the Bible's stories, explore theological ideas, question common assumptions, develop interpretive skills, and grow in their own faith. All are invited!

OPEN FLOWER DATES: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, & 25. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS STATEMENT: Our quarterly Kroger rewards statement is in: from Aug. 28 - Nov. 30, the church earned **\$524.65** in rewards (from **70** participating households). If you are a Kroger shopper, won't you consider linking your rewards card to the church (# JC314)? The more you shop and swipe your Plus card, the more money the church will earn—at no additional cost to you. To link your card, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, sign-in to your Kroger account (you'll need your Kroger Plus card handy), search “Second Presbyterian Church” or use our organization number (JC314), and click “Enroll.” Thank you for your support!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, January 7

Confirmation Sunday
8:45 am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
11:00 am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary/
Live Stream

Monday, January 8

5:30 pm: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, January 9

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
4:00 pm: Legacy Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom
5:00 pm: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom
5:15 pm: Trent Fund Subcommittee, Zoom

Wednesday, January 10

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
5:00 pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
6:30 pm: Midweek Manna

Thursday, January 11

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
5:00 pm: Property Committee, Zoom and Session Room
6:30 pm: Middle School Mini Manna

Friday, January 12

12:00 pm: Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Session Room

Saturday, January 13

Staff

Administrator
Nathan Anderson
Choir Director
Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg
Organist
Marianne Sandborg
Engagement Coordinator
Connie Polly
Children's Ministry Coordinator
Maria Blackshaw
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Meredith Koliba
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Stacy Moore
Media and Communications Specialist
Andrea Boone
Media Assistant
Rachel H. Vogado
Financial Secretary
Nicky Harless
Church Sexton
John Brady Anderson

Trustees

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

Clerk of Session

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

Preschool

Alice Light, *Director*
Lori Privott, *Asst. Director*
540.342.6405
www.sprespreschool.com

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Chairs, visit: [www.spres.org/
about/leadership/](http://www.spres.org/about/leadership/)

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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
January 7, 2024

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Jacob Meydenbach, *Hortus Sanitatis*, 1491.
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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

Maria Blackshaw
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

JANUARY 7, 2024

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Gathering Music

Alleluia (Christmas Oratorio)

Camille Saint-Saens

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Habitat for Humanity

David Tate,
Development Director

Prelude

Let Christians all With Joyful Mirth

James Mansfield

*Call to Worship

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Hymn No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

(8:45 A.M. All verses)

(11:00 A.M. vv. 1, 4)

(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

Merciful God, we ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit...

In silence, we have more to say.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581

Gloria Patri

(8:45 A.M.) *Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Glory to God p. 35

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

Genesis 2:15-17

Old Testament p. 828

Romans 12:1-2

New Testament p. 828

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Under the Apple Tree

Dr. George C. Anderson

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper***

Words of Institution: The Bread

Hymn No. 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread (v. 1)

Words of Institution: The Cup

Hymn No. 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread (v. 2)

Call to Discipleship

Offering^{1**}

Offertory

The Storm Is Passing Over

Donals Vails, arr. Sandborg

Oriana Singers, Roanoke College

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

(11:00 A.M.) Service of Confirmation²

Presentation of Gifts

The Sacrament of Baptism³ - Audrey Grace Kelley and James Alan Lewis

Presiding Elders: Connie Polly and Wayne Lewis

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Glory to God p. 35

*Hymn No. 482

Baptized in Water

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

arr. James Pethel

We would like to recognize the following Confirmants of 2024:

Luke Cocowitch

Kemper Prillaman

Evin Finch

Charlie Salters

Audrey Kelley

Garrett Waters

Jamie Lewis

Wynn Yardley

*Please stand in body or spirit.

***All communion elements are gluten free.

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BULLETIN NOTES

¹THE 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.

The Outreach Offering for the month of December supported the Bradley Free Clinic's Behavioral Health Department. As of December 20, \$4,154.76 was 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.

²CONFIRMATION 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 2024!

³BAPTISM: 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 profess their faith 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).

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THIS SUNDAY

Baptism:

During worship this morning, Audrey Grace Kelley and James Alan Lewis will stand for the Sacrament of Baptism. Connie Polly and Wayne Lewis will serve as presiding elders.

Flowers:

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Patricia Morgan, celebrating her life and love by her daughter, Lauren Ellerman. Arranged by Denise Revercomb.

Ushers:

(8:45) Lucinda Hancock (Head Usher), Connie and Brownie Polly, Brownie Ed Polly, Kit Polly. (11:00) Megan Moore (Head Usher), Kipper Nottingham, Whitney Horn, Renee Howell.

Greeters:

(8:45) Elizabeth Vacher. (11:00) Bob and Janet Miller.

Technicians:

Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder:

"Jesus is Baptized." Storyteller, Lori Privott. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.

2023-2024 Christian Education Volunteers

We give thanks for our wonderful Christian Education volunteers!

Children, Worship, & Wonder:

Coordinator, Amanda Copeland
Lori Privott
Carolyn Krisha
Martha Wheeler
Sarah Wilson
Carol Moneymaker
Susan Carter
Sarah Wilson
Sub, Brianna Gunter

2 Year Old Sunday School:

Nursery Coordinator, Aubrey Beeson

3- & 4-Year-Old Sunday School:

Susan Lancaster
Ann Lawson
Jill Pendleton
Linda Jernigan

The River Sunday School (K-3rd Grade):

Coordinator, Maria Blackshaw
Gathering Leaders: Elizabeth Link, Maria Hammond, Ann & Barry Green, Betsy Prillaman
Workshop Leaders: Maria Ward, Maria Blackshaw, Sally I'Anson
Sub: Lawrence I'Anson
MArts: Claudia & John Moore
Holy Word, Holy Motion: Brooke Rosen
K & 1st Shepherds: Alice Holman, Virginia Anderson
2nd & 3rd Shepherds: Whitney Horn, Margaret Salters
Subs: Maria Hammond, Sarah Bishop, Miranda Greear, Becky & Bill Russell

4th & 5th Grade Sunday School:

Dana Bryan
Christal Pearson
Subs: Degra Nofsinger, Renee Howell

Sunday Night Kids' Fellowship & Choir:

Music: Alison Conte, Diane Turner, Liz Dameron

Middle School Sunday School:

Jim Baynton
April Lewis
Emily & Kevin Connelly

Confirmation Sunday School:

Ben Brannan
Ken Lyons
Lauren Ellerman

High School Sunday School:

Sarah Bishop
Chasity Fitzpatrick
Vickie Bibee
Aaron Copeland

Midweek Manna – High School Girls:

Valerie Brannan
Rebekah Gunn
Margaret Ashburn
Julie Mugford

Middle School Mini-Manna:

April Lewis

Youth Advisors:

Jim Baynton
April Lewis
Chris Lewis
Sarah Bishop

Covenant Conversation:

Cindy Waters
Jeff Hobbs
Robin Hobbs

Open Door:

Bruce Stockburger
Nancy Gray
Nancy Morris
Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt
David Howell

Reformed and Always Reforming:

George Anderson
Al McLean
Suzanne Fischer
Rich Raymond

Christianity and Climate Change:

Bob Groth and the 2PC Green Team

Confirm, Not Conform for Adults:

Shelley Lyons

Midweek Men's Study:

Ben Brannan
Aaron Copeland
Carter Brothers
Dave Speno

Midweek Women's Study:

Elizabeth Link

The Bible in Black & White:

George Anderson
Bill Lee

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church New Members of 2023

*We welcome into the life of our community of faith those who joined in the year 2023.
(Confirmands noted by asterisk.)*

Ann Bickley
Chris Bickley
Edith Burton
Vincent Croteau*
Brad Daniel
Marcy Daniel
Walker Daniel
Lucy Paige Ellett*

Lawson Fralin*
Donna Frentz
Kathryn Hancock*
Will Hancock*
Doug Hankins
Karen Hankins
Cindy Hodges
Daniel Hodges

Cole Hoff*
Luke King*
Elizabeth Millar
Gary Millar
Jean Millar
Max Mizuba*
Gracie Munro*
Brownie Ed Polly*

Meghan Prillaman*
Rich Raymond
Nestor Eduardo Sanchez
David Speno
Lynn Speno
John Thomas
Mary Emily Thomas
Drew Underwood*

Connie Vaughn
Joe Vaughn
Nathan Wainwright*
Carson Waters*
Kylie Young*
Maggie Young*