

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAIROS "HOME VIDEOS" WEEKLY REFLECTIONS OUT NOW: Throughout the season of Lent (Feb 21 - March 20), the pastors will offer weekly Kairos video reflections focusing on the theme of HOME. These 5-10 minute offerings will be grounded in scripture and centered around ways to help us prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week and the Good News of Easter. The reflections will be made available every Wednesday on YouTube and Facebook.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET AVAILABLE: Copies of *The Presbyterian Outlook's* 2024 Lenten Devotional “Local Pilgrim: A Wandering, Wondering Daily Devotional” are available for pickup at the front office racks and back of the sanctuary. We hope this resource will help you explore, discover, and reflect on community as we journey through the season of Lent.

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL MAR. 3 "CLIMATE CHANGE: WHAT’S CHRISTIANITY GOT TO DO WITH IT? A CHRISTIAN CLIMATE SCIENTIST EXPLAINS”: Second’s own Green Team will host our March Pop-Up class in the Fellowship Hall on the topic of creation care. The class will watch a talk by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, renowned Christian climate scientist, given at the Brigham Young University Forum on November 29, 2022 entitled “Loving All God’s Creation.” Come and discover how we, as people of faith, are called to care for creation.

MIDWEEK STUDY – FAITH WITHOUT FORMULAS, WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 6, 13 & 27 AT 12 NOON: With the ways some are “deconstructing” faith and church in mind, Dr. George Anderson will consider doctrines frequently criticized these days like original sin, atonement, and the authority of scripture. He will suggest that these doctrines are made easy targets for critique when they are turned into formulas and their truthfulness is turned into truth, and their memorization becomes a means of salvation. If you want to find out what he means by that, join him during the noon hour on March 6, 13 and 27 in Fellowship Hall.

3RD-5TH GRADE COMMUNICANTS’ CLASS – MARCH 10 (NOON–1:30 P.M., LUNCH PROVIDED): Children and parents are invited to explore the meaning of the sacrament of communion 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. We will meet on Sunday March 10 in Fellowship Hall, following the 11 o’clock worship service. Please contact Meredith Koliba to RSVP by March 4 (meredith@spres.org) so we may have an accurate count for lunch, and indicate whether you will need childcare for any younger children.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS – DEADLINE FRIDAY, MARCH 18: If you would like to give memorial flowers or celebration flowers for the March 31 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.

“PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY” HABITAT BUILD | SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: The Signup is LIVE for our *Partners in Prosperity* build! Volunteers are needed for builders and lunch in the coming weeks. Second will be on site the 1st/3rd Saturdays and the 2nd/4th Thursdays through 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!

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, February 25

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, February 26

4:00 pm: Trent Getaway Meeting, Reading Room
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, February 27

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
5:15 pm: Executive Committee Meeting, Hybrid

Wednesday, February 28

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15 pm: Session Meeting, Hybrid

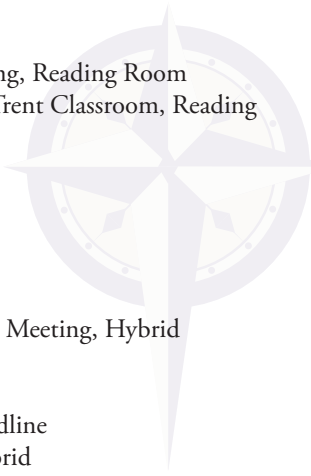
Thursday, February 29

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
10:30 am: Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2
Habitat Build Day

LENTEN SERMON SERIES "FOLLOWING" | FEB. 18 - MARCH 31: Our church’s mission statement is “Finding direction by following Jesus,” so it is right for us to consider what that means. Beginning February 18 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.



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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
February 25, 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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Sally Nichols
Connie Polly
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Elders - Class of 2024

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Ginger Avis
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Kandy Elliott
Lucinda Hancock
Mark Lawrence
Megan Moore
Darin Pearson

FEBRUARY 25, 2024		
WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.		
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT		
Gathering Music	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	Michael McCabe
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	<i>Were You There?</i>	Dale Wood
*Call to Worship		
God welcomes the young and the old, the hungry and the hopeful, the proud and the ashamed, the accepted and the unaccepted, the clean and unclean, the energized and the tired, the confident and the doubters. Whoever you are, God welcomes you. This is God’s house. Let us worship God.		
*Hymn No. 307 <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> Two Cents-a-Meal (8:45 A.M.) Crosby and Bauer Horn (11:00 A.M.) Graham, Judd, and Lacey Copeland		
(11:00 A.M.) A Time for Children <i>Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (4k-1st grade)</i> <i>excused following the Children's Time.</i>		
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession		
Forgive us, Lord, for when we exclude from our company those who are welcome in yours. Forgive us for when we wish for others to be rejected by you when we should be offering praise that their inclusion means our own. Help us keep our eyes on you so we can accept the company of all who follow.		
<i>Hear the confession we intend only for you to hear.</i>		
Assurance of Pardon		
*Response of Praise No. 581 <i>Gloria Patri</i>		
(11:00 A.M.) *Hymn No. 796 <i>We Come to You for Healing, Lord</i>		
*Affirmation of Faith ¹ (adapted from Philippians 2:6-11)		
We believe in Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.		

Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer <i>Glory to God</i> , p. 35 (using debts, debtors)		
(11:00 A.M.) Anthem	<i>O for a closer walk with God</i> O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.	C.V. Stanford
TEXT: William Cowper. Oxford University Press, 1973		
Prayer for Illumination		
Scripture Reading Luke 8:43-48 New Testament p. 835		
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
Sermon	<i>Who Said She Could Follow?</i> <i>Part II of the series "Following"</i>	Dr. George C. Anderson
A Moment for Reflection		
Call to Discipleship		
Offering ^{2**}		
Offertory (8:45 A.M.)	<i>Hear My Cry</i> Pattie Clevenger, soloist	César Franck
(11:00 A.M.)	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	Dale Wood
Ritual of Friendship		
<i>(Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along to others in your pew, then return it to center.)</i>		
*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)		
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn No. 321 <i>The Church's One Foundation</i>		
*Charge and Benediction		
(11:00 A.M.) *Choral Benediction <i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i> Peter Lutkin		
Postlude	<i>Toccata in C Minor</i>	Leonardo Leo
*Please stand in body or spirit.		



BULLETIN NOTES
¹ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH TODAY is Philippians 2:1-1. The passage is in the form of a “parabola,” which is the shape of a “V”. The passage starts high with Jesus’ equality with God, then moves low with Jesus emptying himself to the point of death, and then moves high again where his name is above every name. In Greek, the root word for “emptying” is “kenosis.” The “Kenotic Heresy” is the belief that Jesus was just God, then became just human at birth, and then became just God again at the resurrection. The true power of the text is that in Jesus, God who is above us meets us in our humanity, and most specifically at the point of our greatest need.
² THE OUTREACH OFFERING for the month of February will support the <i>West End Center for Youth</i> . Begun in 1979 and now serving second and third generation families, the West End Center provides children and youth with a safe environment while parents are working. Our donations will go toward their current goal to remodel the teen area—replacing furniture, updating computer and electronic equipment—so they can continue to offer a caring, healthy place for teenagers living in northwest Roanoke.
Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for month of February are peanut butter, jelly, and crackers . A donation bin is in the coat closet; please check the expiration date before donating.
CCLI #2642604.
<u>THIS SUNDAY</u>
Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lucy Neal by her husband, Bill, and children, Bryan, Lewis and Patricia. <i>Arranged by Emily McCahill.</i>
Ushers: (8:45) John Caudill (Head Usher), Susan Caudill, CW Houghton, Pat Houghton. (11:00) Ken Laughon (Head Usher), Manly Aylor, Wayne Dodson, Bev Fitzpatrick, Cindy Smith.
Greeters: (8:45) Elizabeth Vacher. (11:00) Rick and Pam Murray.
Technicians: Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.
Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Jesus and the Children." Storyteller, Carolyn Krisha. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.