

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of **Janice S. Dominick** of Lynchburg, VA, who passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Jan had relocated out of Roanoke to be closer to family.

Sympathy is extended to Virginia Trinkle Vinyard on the death of her brother, **Thomas “Tommy” Cleland Trinkle**, on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of **William "Bill" John Meyer** who died on Friday, March 1, 2024. A memorial service in celebration of Bill's life and Christian witness was held on Tuesday, March 5 in the chapel.

Our sympathies extend to Denise and Jim Revercomb on the death of Denise's father, **Edward Clymore** of Staunton, VA, on Thursday, March 7, 2024. Our prayers are also with their children, James, Joe, Max and Wes, and their families.

Our sympathies extend to Kitty Lou Ward on the death of her brother-in-law, **Bill Carter** of Sandbridge, VA.

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 17: Please plan to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, March 17. The 2023 Annual Report is available online and will be mailed to members prior to this meeting. Scan the QR code to view the report.

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.

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.

KAIROS "HOME VIDEOS" WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: Each Wednesday throughout the season of Lent, 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.

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 the Session Room.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FAMILY PROMISE: Family Promise Guests will be at the Alexa House from March 17–24. Should you wish to learn more about this wonderful opportunity to serve, or wish to serve, please notify Lucinda Hancock or Lauren Ellerman (luhhancock@gmail.com or lellerman@frithlawfirm.com). Stay tuned for spring/summer dates.

THE BIBLE IN BLACK AND WHITE | WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL AT 12 NOON: This April, join facilitators Dr. Bill Lee and Dr. George Anderson for The Bible in Black and White. The focus of our study together will be Walter Brueggemann’s Delivered into Covenant: Pivotal Moments in the Book of Exodus. This book is the companion of Delivered Out of Empire, which we studied in the fall. This popular study provides an opportunity where people of predominately white and black neighborhoods will join together for connection, study and conversation. No registration necessary. If you would like to join our Bible in Black & White email list, please contact the church.

“PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY” HABITAT BUILD | SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, March 10
8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 am: Examination of Elder Class of 2026, Fellowship Hall
9:45 am: Sunday School
9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am: Ordination/Installation Elder Class of 2026
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
12:00 pm: Communicants' Class, Hospitality Suite
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Parenting Class, Hospitality Room
5:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday, March 11
5:30 pm: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Hybrid
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, March 12
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
6:00 pm: Youth DR Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 13
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 pm: Faith Without Formulas, Session Room
12:00 pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
5:00 pm: Accessibility Task Force Meeting, Reading Room
5:00 pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
5:15 pm: Worship & Music Committee, Hybrid
6:30 pm: Midweek Manna

Thursday, March 14
Habitat Build Day
7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
8:30 am: Family Promise Meeting, Trent Room
10:30 am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room
5:00 pm: Property Committee, Zoom and Session Room
6:30 pm: Middle School Mini Manna

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16
Habitat Build Day

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



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Mary Ann Johnson
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Bill Durham
Ken Lyons (Asst. Clerk)


Treasurers
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Bob Martin (Vice Treasurer)

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

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

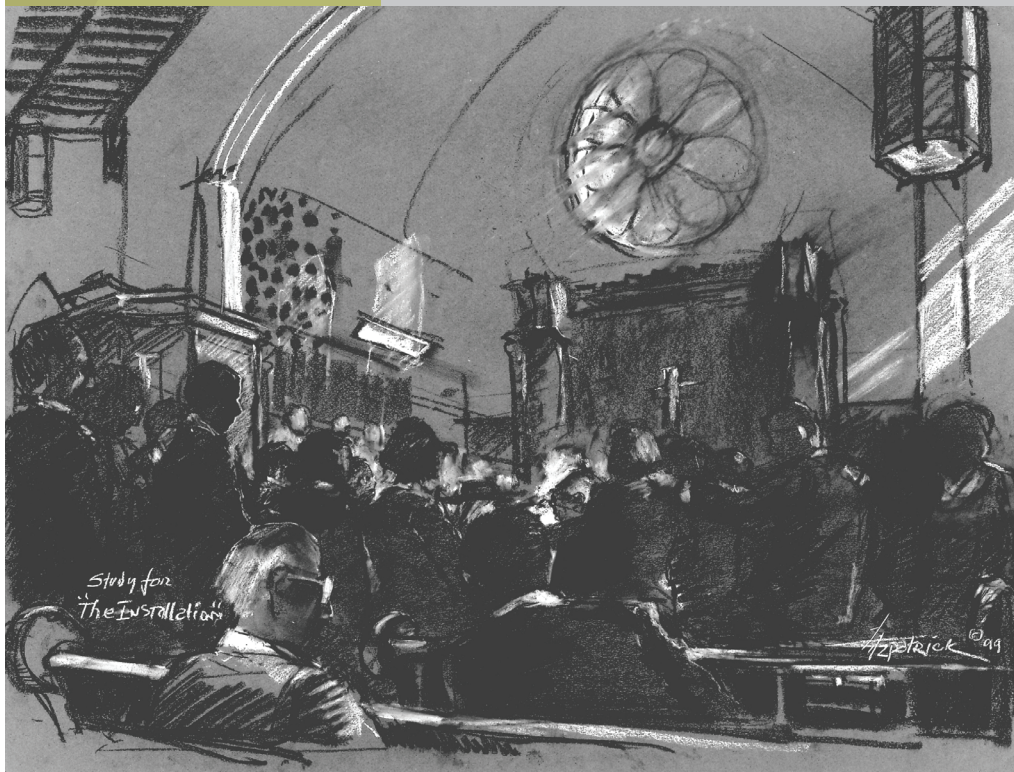
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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
March 10, 2024



Study for The Installation

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The Installation by Eric Fitzpatrick¹

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		
<u>Elders - Class of 2023</u>	<u>Elders - Class of 2024</u>	<u>Elders - Class of 2025</u>
Aaron Copeland	Maria Blackshaw	Ginger Avis
Helen Dean	Pattie Clevenger	Susan Carter
Fred Greear	Nancy Gray	John Caudill
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Robert Martin	Alice Holman	Lucinda Hancock
Sally Nichols	Kenneth Laughon	Mark Lawrence
Connie Polly	Betsy Prillaman	Megan Moore
Martha Wheeler	Chrissy Underwood	Darin Pearson

MARCH 10, 2024
WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Gathering Music *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Albin C. Whitworth

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *A Spiritual Reflection* Gilbert M. Martin

*Call to Worship
Gathered for worship, we are here to follow Jesus:
With halting steps and questioning minds,
With ready hands and pierced hearts,
With scaled eyes and blurred vision,
With joy and pain,
With faith and doubt.
Let us follow Jesus.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (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
Holy God, you break into the most unexpected places, in the most unexpected ways: on the road, by the fire, from the grave. We confess that we are not always ready to see, to hear, to believe. You disrupt and cause anxiety. Change is hard for us. We would rather be left alone. Still, you break in with a call, with an invitation, with the truth. Meet us here in this place and break into our hearts, so that we may experience the mystery of your great love.

Break into the silence, O Lord, as we confess with words unspoken.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (v. 5)
Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

*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. 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.

Concerns

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

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *Ave Verum Corpus* W. A. Mozart
Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
[O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie, O Iesu, fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen]
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!
[O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.]

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-20 New Testament p. 889
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Is It Saul or Paul Who Follows?* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan
Part IV of the series "Following"

(11:00 A.M.) Ordination and Installation of Elders of the Class of 2026²
*Hymn of Preparation No. 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life* (v. 1)

(11:00 A.M.) *Hymn No. 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life* (vv. 2-4)

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{3**}
Offertory *I had great sorrow* (Cantata No. 21) J. S. Bach
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. 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*Charge and Benediction

(11:00 A.M.) *Choral Benediction *Go Now in Peace* Don Besig
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Postlude *Fugue in F Minor* Charles Burney

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹ ***THE INSTALLATION:*** On the cover of the bulletin is a charcoal drawing by Eric Fitzpatrick recalling the day his brother, Broaddus, was ordained as an elder. We do not see the elders being ordained, only the College of Elders surrounding them. The Light piercing the darkness and shining on those being ordained represents the light of Christ and vision of God that calls, inspires and leads the church. The work is located outside the narthex near the courtyard exit.

² **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS – CLASS OF 2026:**

Mary Airheart *Chasity Fitzpatrick* *Sally I'Anson* *Randy Rhea*
Margaret Ashburn *Barry Green* *Drew Kepley* *Ken Sizemore*

Special thanks and appreciation are extended to the Class of 2023 who have served the church faithfully and are now rotating off the Session:

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

³ **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for the month of March will support *Child Health Investment Partnership (CHIP)*. Gun violence in Roanoke has increased at alarming rates. Working directly with the Roanoke police and the Gun Violence Intervention committee, CHIP will implement a comprehensive program in March aimed at both reducing gun violence and providing badly needed therapeutic counseling to individuals and families. Money raised through Second's Outreach Offering will help cover CHIP's cost of providing personal gun safety education in the homes of families living in the most crime-ridden neighborhoods in the city, where one in every three families have been directly impacted by gun violence. CHIP will meet families in their homes to provide gun safety education, gun locks, and professional counseling to nearly 400 families who already know and trust CHIP's outreach team. Second's March Outreach Offering can help turn the tide against gun violence in our city.

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for month of March are **soup, stews, chili, and dry beans**. 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 **Bob Fishburn** and **Sally Crockett** by the family.
Arranged by Cindy Smith.

Ushers: (8:45) Susan Carter (Head Usher), Adele Neal, Angie and Jim Pittendrih. (11:00) Ginger Avis (Head Usher).

Greeters: (8:45) Monty Salyer. (11:00) Chris and Ann Bickley.

Technicians: Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Jesus and Zacchaeus." Storyteller, Carol Moneymaker. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.