

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, MARCH 22: If you would like to give memorial or celebration flowers for the March 31 Easter services, please use the online order form found at www.spres.org. Hard copies are available at the front desk.

HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS: Holy week begins next week on Palm Sunday, March 24. We hope you will join us for the numerous services happening throughout the week leading up to Easter. See today's insert for details.

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.

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.

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. **Please note that Faith Without Formulas will not meet on March 20.*

THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE | WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL AT 12 NOON: This April, join facilitators Dr. Bill Lee and Dr. George Anderson for The Bible in Black & 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.

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).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, March 17
Annual Meeting
8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am: Sunday School
9:45am: High School Sunday School Class visits St. Marks
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship
5:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday, March 18
Hallelujah Mountain
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

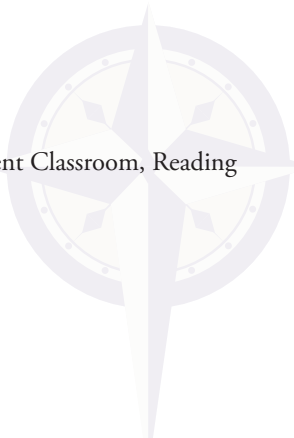
Tuesday, March 19
9:30am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 20
8:05 am: Preschool Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 pm: Youth Mission Meeting, Zoom
5:15 pm: Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, March 21
7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
10:30 am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23
9:00 am: Huddle Up Moms, Fellowship Hall



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

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

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

For upcoming events, a library of sermons (audio & text), and more, visit our website:

www.spres.org

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Finding direction by following Jesus.

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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
March 17, 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 2024

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

Elders - Class of 2025

Ginger Avis
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John Caudill
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Mary Airheart
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Chasity Fitzpatrick
Barry Green
Sally I’Anson
Drew Kempley
Randy Rhea
Ken Sizemore

MARCH 17, 2024
WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT¹

Gathering Music *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Fred Bock

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Stabat Mater (The Mother Stood)* Giovanni Pergolesi

(8:45 A.M.) Introit *Meditation in D Minor* Charles Peery
There Is a Balm in Gilead Traditional Spiritual, arr. Berry and Van Valey
Handbell Choir

*Call to Worship
What must we do to have life with God?
We must be born from above.
What does that mean? Born again?
God’s Spirit joins with our spirits, and faith is born.
Can that not happen in prayer, in song, in sermon,
and in honest confession?
Yes, let us worship God!

*Hymn No. 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

(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
**God of patience, whether we seek you out by night or by day,
we resist what you would have us hear. We ask questions about
ourselves, and your answers are so often about the world. How easily
we miss that the life we want from you is the life you would have us
find with others—when we love and serve others as you have loved
and served us. We know you invite even our faulty prayers, but heal
our hearing so that we listen for more than what we hope to hear.**

In silence, we listen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Affirmation of Faith (from Hebrews 11:1-3)
Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things
not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we
understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that
what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

(11:00 A.M.) *Hymn No. 686 *God of Our Life*

Concerns

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

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *Surely he hath borne our griefs (Messiah)* G.F. Handel
Surely he has borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities:
the chastisement of our peace was upon him.
...
and with his wounds we are healed.
(Derived from Isaiah 53:4-5)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 3:1-8, 7:50-51, 19:38-40
New Testament pp. 860, 866, 878

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Following at One’s Own Pace* Dr. George C. Anderson
Part V of the series "Following"

A Moment of Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{2**}
Offertory (8:45 A.M.) *Amazing Grace* New Britain, W. Walker
Southern Harmony, 1835, arr. T. Waldrop
Handbell Choir
(11:00 A.M.) *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Gilbert M. Martin
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. 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Voluntary in C Minor* John Beckwith

(11:00 A.M.) Annual Congregational Meeting

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **QUOTES ON WORSHIP WORTH CONSIDERING:** "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God." – William Temple, *Nature, Man and God*

“Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music.” – Martin Luther

"How we worship determines what we believe, and, what we believe determines how we worship." –Terry L. Johnson, *Worshipping with Calvin: Recovering the Historic Ministry & Worship of Reformed Protestantism*

"We cannot help but worship. Much of what invites our worship will eat us alive." – David Wallace (paraphrased)

² **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for the month of March will support *Child Health Investment Partnership (CHIP)*. Gun violence in Roanoke has increased at alarm-ing rates. Working directly with the Roanoke police and the Gun Violence Inter-vention 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 with love and thanksgiving for the life of **Carol Bewley Dalhouse** by her daughters and their families on the occasion of her birthday.
Arranged by Alice Loftin.

Music: We thank the Handbell Choir for their participation in the early worship service today. Ringers today are: Marilyn Arbogast, Helen Burnett, Alison Conte, Anne Culley, John Frank, Glo Howell, and Martha Wheeler. The group is directed by Beth Vaught Jenkins.

Ushers: (8:45) Connie Polly (Head Usher), Nestor Sanchez, Bob and Edie Wheeler. (11:00) Ginger Avis (Head Usher).

Greeters: (8:45 and 11:00) Carole Mayberry and Elizabeth Vacher.

Technicians: Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Jesus the King." Storyteller, Carolyn Krisha. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.



HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS

PALM SUNDAY **MARCH 24**

8:45 a.m., Early Service,
Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m., Late Service,
Sanctuary/Live stream

*Join us for our regular worship
services and Sunday
school on Palm Sunday.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY **MARCH 28**

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

*Join together in Kirk Hall for a
special Maundy Thursday worship
service with communion.
On this night we remember and
celebrate the final supper Jesus
shared with his disciples. Around
the table, we will hear God's word,
partake of bread and cup, and
prepare for the journey to the cross
and empty tomb.*

EASTER SUNDAY **MARCH 31**

8:45 a.m., Early Service,
Sanctuary
11:00 a.m., Late Service,
Sanctuary/Live stream

*Sunday school will not meet on
Easter Sunday, March 31.
We encourage children and adults
to bring flowers to decorate the
Easter cross in the courtyard
(at the 3rd Street entrance)
on Easter morning.*

Trent Symposium Congregational Dinner

April 9 | 6:00 p.m. | RSVP online by April 2

Please join us in welcoming this year's Trent Symposium participants into our strong congregation as we worship and learn together. On Tuesday, April 9 we will have our annual Trent Symposium Dinner. During this time, we will enjoy a congregational meal followed by a **program offered by The Rev. Dr. Ernie Thompson titled, "The Power of the Bible's Story and How It Can Solve Our Polarization."**

The menu for this time together is:

- Chicken Veronique (mushrooms, grapes, in a wine sauce with orzo)
- Green Beans, Salad, Rolls/Bread
- Assorted desserts

The price is \$12 per person. If you would like to join us, please **RSVP** via the church website at **www.spres.org** by Tuesday, April 2.

THE KITTIE SUSAN TRENT
SYMPOSIUM
FOR NEWLY ORDAINED MINISTERS



Guest Speaker:
The Rev. Dr.
Ernie Thompson



THIS LENT AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

February 18 - 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 18th 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.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 20

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