

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, March 24

Palm Sunday
8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:30 pm: Families arrive at Alexa House

Monday, March 25

Preschool Closed: Spring Break
5:00 pm: Accessibility Task Force, Session Room
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, March 26

Preschool Closed: Spring Break

Wednesday, March 27

Preschool Closed: Spring Break
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 pm: Faith Without Formulas, Session Room
5:15 pm: Session Meeting, Hybrid

Thursday, March 28

Habitat Build Day
Preschool Closed: Spring Break
7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday, Kirk Hall

Friday, March 29

Preschool Closed: Spring Break

Saturday, March 30

THIS SUNDAY

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Lee Penny Baker** by her husband, Ralph.
Arranged by Allison Conte.

Ushers

8:45 A.M.: Susan Carter (Head Usher), Bonnie and Pegram Johnson, Marie and Jerry Kinzie.
11:00 A.M.: Ginger Avis (Head Usher), Jack Avis, Maria Blackshaw, Nancy Gray.

Greeters

8:45 A.M.: Elizabeth Vacher
11:00 A.M.: Rick and Pam Murray

Technicians

Darin Pearson, Doug Settles

Children, Worship, & Wonder

Lesson, "Jesus' Last Passover." Storyteller, Amanda Copeland. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.

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Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024



FOLLOWING

LENTEN SERMON SERIES
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PALM SUNDAY
Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed.
(From the Companion to the *Book of Common Worship*.)

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MARCH 24, 2024

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

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

Gathering Music

Improvisation for Palm Sunday

Alexandre Guilmant/Spong

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Fanfare Prelude: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

James Southbridge

(11:00 A.M.) Introit

Into Jerusalem

A. Steven Taranto/Susan Kay Fair

*Call to Worship

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

* Hymn No. 197/Procession of the Palms

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

(11:00 A.M.) Following the procession of palms, Elizabeth will have a short prayer with the children and dismiss them to CWW or back to the pews.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We are so busy thinking about ourselves, Holy One, that we cannot begin to ponder what was on Jesus’ mind. We shout for joy on a day like this, smiling as we wave our palms, yet quickly toss them aside as we go out into the world. We harden our faces, not in discipleship, but to turn away those who come looking for help from us. We want to change, O God. Teach us to be more like Jesus. May we learn to choose humility over pride, weakness over strength, compassion over animosity, and seek to follow The Way.

In the silence, we open our hearts to you, O God.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response 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

Solus ad Victimam

Peter Abelard, Kenneth Leighton

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.

For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?

For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds. Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?

Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win.

This is the night of tears, the three days’ space, sorrow abiding of the eventide,

Until the day break with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.

So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be;

Heavy with weeping may the three days pass, to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:6-15, 27:15-23 New Testament pp. 796, 804
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *The Crowds* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link
Part VI of the series “Following”

*Hymn No. 209 *My Song Is Love Unknown* (vv. 1, 3, 5)

*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.

Call to Discipleship**
Offering
Offertory *Before the Death of Jesus* (Psalm 91) C.P.E. Bach/Nordman
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. 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
(8:45 A.M.) vv. 1 & 4 only
(11:00 A.M.) All 4 verses

*Charge and Benediction

(11:00 A.M.) *Choral Benediction *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*
William G. Tomer

Postlude *The March to Calvary* Colin Curtis

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



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.

HOLY WEEK begins on Palm Sunday, when focus is given to that to which all four Gospels point: the events of the last few days of Jesus’ life from when he enters Jerusalem to his crucifixion and resurrection. We invite you to join us in the following opportunities as we observe this sacred season.

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28:** Maundy Thursday Kairos Worship Service with Communion at 6:00 p.m., Kirk Hall
- ***EASTER, MARCH 31:** Worship at 8:45 (Sanctuary) and 11:00 a.m. (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 (at the 3rd Street entrance) on Easter morning.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS
Dee Moore

SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathies extend to Jeff and Robin Hobbs on the death of Jeff’s brother, The Venerable **Dr. Bryan A. Hobbs**, on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Dr. Hobbs, of Pembroke Pines, FL, was an Archdeacon in the Episcopal Church.

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.

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.

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH DR. JACQUELINE E. LAPSLEY | APRIL 7: Join us on April 7 at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall where we will hear from Union Presbyterian Seminary’s new president about the state of and future plans for the seminary.

MISSION FAIR SUNDAY, APRIL 14: On April 14, the Service and Outreach Committee will host a “Mission Fair” in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 until 12:30. It is our hope that this Mission Fair will provide space for conversations and moments of learning. Our Mission Partners will each have a “booth” set up for you to visit and learn about all the ways they are serving our community and all the ways you can join in their work, especially as we prepare for our Great Day of Service that very next weekend (April 20). There will be food to share thanks to Congregational Life, and lots of connections to share as well! We look forward to what this day may provide for us and for our partners.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE | SATURDAY, APRIL 20: Our call as disciples is to serve the underserved, to love on people and creation, and to seek the well-being of all. On Saturday, April 20, we will go out into Roanoke to serve with local organizations for our second annual intergenerational mission day! Families, children, and members of all ages are invited to join the youth as we serve God in the city. Our youth council will be team leaders and the youth will be a shining example of love and service. The day will begin with donuts and a devotion at 9:00 a.m. before departing with our work groups at 9:30 a.m. We will serve until 12:00 p.m. and dismiss from the various agencies. Register online today at www.spres.org!

“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).

— SUMMER 2024 SAVE THE DATES! —

EVENING VBS FOR ALL AGES | JUNE 9-12 (SUN-WED) | “JOY EVEN ON YOUR WORST DAYS”
Save the date for our annual Evening Vacation Bible School this June. Evening lectures for adults and a fantastic children’s theatre program will help us explore more about God and more about ourselves. Registration is now open at www.spres.org!

- **For Adults:** *Guest Speaker:* Dr. Tom Are, Jr., Interim Pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL. *Program:* The world the apostle Paul inhabited was dramatically different from our time. He knew nothing of capitalism, or physics, or Zoom, and more significantly, Paul was a regular in Caesar’s prison. For us, “Caesar” is a salad. But a constant in the human story is that every life faces suffering. Paul’s life was no different. And yet, on Paul’s worst days, he still exhibited a spirit of joy. In this spirit of joy, Paul offers us some inspiration. Joy is not a common reality in modern life. We are more acquainted with anxiety and fear, and on good days we can settle for happiness; but joy is less common. The worst days come to all of us. At some point the dreams die, the body fails, the spirit is crushed. Those days leave their mark on us. But an imprisoned apostle passed down 104 verses to an ancient congregation in Philippi, and they have passed it down to us. It is their testimony that when the worst days come—and they will—they do not have to be the end of joy. Indeed, they might be the beginning.
- **For 4 Year-Olds–Middle School:** *Children’s Theatre Camp:* This summer, we are thrilled to welcome back Meghan Griffith as the leader for our Evening VBS Children’s Theatre Camp! Children are welcome to bring friends. Register today at www.spres.org!
- **Evening VBS Schedule:** Sunday, June 9, 6-8 p.m. with dinner. | Monday-Wednesday, June 10-12 6:30-7:45 p.m. with refreshments.



MORNING VBS | JULY 22-25 (MON-TH) | “STORIES JESUS TOLD”
Members and friends (Pre-k – 5th grade) are invited to join us for Morning Vacation Bible School July 22-25, as we explore the parables of Jesus. Youth and adult volunteers are a great part of what makes VBS so special. Please consider volunteering and joining the fun!

- Registration for Morning VBS may be found on our website at www.spres.org. Share the good news—the more the merrier!



TRENT GETAWAY RETREAT | AUGUST 16-18 | “I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY”
Plan to join us August 16-18 (Fri-Sun) at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg for our annual church-wide retreat! Registration begins April 28—you won’t want to miss this intergenerational opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal.

Our guest speaker for the Trent Getaway this year will be the Rev. Anna George Traynham, pastor of Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WITH OUR LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

Assisting Families of Inmates (AFOI) allows families of inmates incarcerated across the state of Virginia to teleconference their loved one in prison from the campus of Second Presbyterian Church on Saturday or Sunday. Volunteers are needed to assist the families with the technology. Contact Rev. Ben Brannan at benb@spres.org.

Bradley Free Clinic serves the asset limited, income constrained, and employed. Their volunteer needs range from professional providers to meet clinical needs to non-licensed volunteers who can greet and direct patients, provide administrative support, and prepare an evening meal on Tuesday or Thursday evening for the volunteer provider teams. Contact person: Caitlin Sharkey, Health Administrator, caitline@bradleyfreeclinic.com.

Child Health Investment Partnership is an early childhood home visiting program that serves pregnant moms and low-income children, birth to first-grade entry. Volunteers are needed to sort donations and books, do landscaping, and help with events like First Fridays, Back on the Rack, Thanksgiving deliveries, and Breakfast with Santa. Contact person: Autumn Laving Williams, autumn.laving@chiprv.org.

Family Promise of Greater Roanoke is a local response to the national crisis of family homelessness. Volunteers are needed for office administrative duties, running errands, life skills classes, meal prep and groceries, tutoring, landscaping, building maintenance, driving families to appointments, cleaning apartments or Family Center and organizing their storage of donations. Contact person: Cassidy Parks, cparks@familypromise-roanoke.org. If you would like to volunteer to help when Second is responsible for hosting families at Alexa House, contact Lucinda Hancock, luhancock@gmail.com.

Family Service of Roanoke Valley ensures access to outpatient counseling and community counseling resources for underserved individuals and families. Volunteer opportunities include helping with the Bike, Car & Truck Show on May 11 and the Family Service VIP Dinner in September. Volunteers can also help with cleaning the Play Therapy Room and working in the Courtyard. Contact person: Jill Sluss, jsluss@fsrv.org.

Feeding Southwest Virginia serves low-to-moderate income individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. Volunteer opportunities include food box kitting, quality assurance, administrative work, the Mobile Marketplace and the Café to Grow Kid's Food Truck. Contact person: Randy Holden, Director of Volunteer Services, rholden@feedingswva.org.

Habitat House (Partners in Prosperity) strives for a world where everyone has a place to live. Second Presbyterian is currently partnering with St. John's Episcopal Church to build a house in the NW quadrant for the Mussa family. Volunteers are needed for the build as well as preparing lunch on Saturdays. If you would like to volunteer, the sign-up genius has all the available dates. Contact person: Rev. Ben Brannan, benb@spres.org; View the SignUpGenius HERE. If you would like to volunteer for another build or work in the Restore store, contact Gina Dunnavant, gina@habitat-roanoke.org.

Highland Park Elementary School is a local elementary school supported by Second Presbyterian. Volunteer tutors are needed to help with individual or small groups of children who need additional support in reading or math. Administrative help is also appreciated. Contact: Crystal Pruett, cpruett@rcps.info.

House of Bread provides a job skill training and mentoring program for formerly incarcerated women. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: mentors, kitchen and bread stand volunteers, student support volunteers, and mock interviewers. Contact person: Lisa Goad, Program Coordinator, lisa.goad@houseofbreadroanoke.com.

Kids Soar is a faith-based organization whose focus is on empowering children and families in the Roanoke Valley to end the cycle of poverty in their families by focusing on literacy education. Volunteers are needed to tutor children after school at their new location at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church. Contact: Candace Hess, chess@kidssoar.org.

Local Office on Aging helps older persons remain independent for as long as possible. LOA needs volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels, Senior Food Boxes, help with Medicare and insurance enrollment through VICAP, fall prevention programs, Diner's Club and other yearly projects like Soup for Seniors and Let's Give Lunch. Contact person: Ron Boyd, ronboyd@loaa.org.

Morningside Elementary School is a school in Southeast Roanoke who has a large number of underserved children. Volunteers are needed to help with special events such as STEM night activities, Picture or Dental Day, reading to children, and the Back to School Cookout. Contact Alice Holman, aliceholman08@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Community Center addresses homelessness and poverty of underserved families in Southeast Roanoke by providing emergency financial and food services, afterschool education and spiritual development. Volunteer opportunities include tutoring with Pathways for Youth afterschool for elementary students or helping with the food pantry. Contact person: Cheryl Poe, Director Volunteer Services, cpoe@pccse.org.

Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) is an interfaith non-profit that advocates for those facing or threatened by homelessness and hunger and provides day shelter services, meals, and emergency financial assistance. Volunteers are needed in cooking/food prep for lunches, food pantry organization, donation delivery and pick up, special events, IT and technology, data entry, handiwork/maintenance, and organization/cleaning of RAM House. To sign up go to www.raminc.org/volunteer.

Rescue Mission lives out its mission of "Helping hurting people in Jesus' name". Volunteers are needed to serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day or prep food for the next meal. They are also needed to help with the food pantry and Bless My Sole, a foot washing ministry. Contact person: Sam Grant, sam.grant@rescuemission.net.

The Salvation Army exists to meet human need whenever, wherever, however they can. Volunteers are needed in the thrift store, work with senior citizens, help with the youth character building program, help with food boxes and snack bags for the homeless, and help with Turning Point-DV shelter. Contact person: Tesa Price, Tesa.Price@uss.salvationarmy.org.

West End Center strengthens the future of youth by offering holistic afterschool and full day summer programming focused on academics, health and wellness, and cultural arts in a safe and nurturing environment. Volunteers are needed to support individual students during the school year as they complete their academic assignments, and during the summer to tutor academic groups early in the day. Contact person: Deseree Standfield, dstandfield@westendcenter.org.