

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS

Bill Meyer

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Johnny and Marybeth Robinson on the death of Johnny's father, **Fuller Robinson**, on Friday, February 23, 2024.

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of **Ferrel Phillips** who died on Sunday, February 25, 2024. A memorial service in celebration of Ferrel's life and Christian witness will be held on Friday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS AT 2:00 A.M. NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10. Remember to “spring forward” and set your clocks forward by one hour on the evening of March 9.

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 on Sunday, March 17. The 2023 Annual Report will be published, made available online, and mailed to members prior to this meeting. Thank you.

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY "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.

3RD-5TH GRADE COMMUNICANTS’ CLASS – MARCH 10 (NOON–1:30 P.M., LUNCH PROVIDED) RSVP BY TOMORROW: Children and parents are invited to explore the meaning of the sacrament of communion together. This learning opportunity is offered to help children understand more fully what happens when we celebrate communion and why. **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.

KAIROS "HOME VIDEOS" WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: Each Wednesday 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.

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.

“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 3
8:45 am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
9:45 am: POP-UP Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship
5:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday, March 4
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, March 5
Fellowship Hall as an Election Voting Site
9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 6
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 pm: Faith Without Formulas, Session Room

Thursday, March 7
7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
10:30 am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room
4:00 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting, Hybrid

Friday, March 8
12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Hybrid

Saturday, March 9

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.

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).



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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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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
March 3, 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		
<u>Elders - Class of 2023</u>	<u>Elders - Class of 2024</u>	<u>Elders - Class of 2025</u>
Aaron Copeland	Maria Blackshaw	Ginger Avis
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Connie Polly	Betsy Prillaman	Megan Moore
Martha Wheeler	Chrissy Underwood	Darin Pearson

MARCH 3, 2024
WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Gathering Music	<i>Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed</i>	James Mansfield
Welcome and Announcements		
Minute for Mission	<i>CHIP</i>	Rachel Hopkins, CEO
Prelude	<i>Elegy</i> (Opus 34., No. 2)	Frederic Chopin

*Call to Worship
Praise the Lord.
The Lord’s name be praised.
Lift up your hearts.
We life them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

*Hymn No. 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

(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
Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.
In the silence, help us hear your call to repent.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*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)

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Isaac Watts
arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

TEXT: Theodore Presser, 1971

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 12:9-14 New Testament p. 787
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Jesus Is Being Followed?* Dr. George C. Anderson
Part III of the series "Following"

(8:45 A.M.) The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper***
*Hymn of Preparation No. 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

(11:00 A.M.) Hymn No. 543¹ *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*
Remain seated. Choir, v. 1. Congregation, vv. 2-5.

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{2**}
Offertory *Go To Dark Gethsemane* Fred B. Binckes
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. 836 *Abide With Me*

*Charge and Benediction

(11:00 A.M.) *Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Lutkin

Postlude *Solemn March* Felix Mendelssohn

*Please stand in body or spirit.
*** All communion elements are gluten free.



BULLETIN NOTES

¹ ***GOD BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME*** was written by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan in 1967 while working on a theology and arts degree at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. The text is meant to evoke the beautiful Breastplate Prayer of St. Patrick. Bruxvoort was “attracted to the imagery and inherent mysticism in the language and appreciated the earth-based Celtic sensibilities in the poetry.” Though originally written in the first-person singular, Bruxvoort uses the first person plural to symbolize different voices coming together to sing the prayer together (Source: *Glory to God: A Companion*).

² **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.

The February Outreach Offering supported the *West End Center*. **In total, \$3,544.90 was collected.**

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 by the Conte family in loving memory of Alison’s mother, **Marian C. Ashby**.
Arranged by Alison Conte.

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.

Ushers: (8:45) Susan Carter (Head Usher), Angie and Jim Pittendrigh, Nestor Sanchez. (11:00) Ginger Avis (Head Usher).

Greeters: (8:45) Monty Salyer. (11:00) Bob and Janet Miller.

Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Jesus and Bartimaeus." Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.