

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Today, March 31**

Easter Sunday  
Two Cents a Meal  
8:00 am: Choir & Instrumentalists Rehearse  
8:45 am: Worship Service with Choir, Sanctuary  
9:30 am: Chancel Choir Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
11:00 am: Worship Service with Choir, Sanctuary/Live Stream

**Monday, April 1**

Church Office Closed  
Preschool Closed: Spring Break  
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library  
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe  
6:45 pm: Scouts

**Tuesday, April 2**

Preschool Resumes  
9:30 am: Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, April 3**

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline  
12:00 pm: The Bible in Black & White, Fellowship Hall  
5:15 pm: Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room

**Thursday, April 4**

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, April 5**

Trent Symposium

**Saturday, April 6**

Habitat Build Day  
Trent Symposium

**THIS SUNDAY**

**Flowers**

The Easter flowers were arranged by Denise Revercomb.

**Ushers**

8:45 A.M.: Susan Carter (Head Usher), Nancy and Jim Pickens, Jim Pittendrigh.  
11:00 A.M.: Ginger Avis (Head Usher), Jack Avis, Mark Lawrence, Connie Polly.

**Greeters**

8:45 A.M.: Carole Mayberry & Elizabeth Vacher  
11:00 A.M.: Cindy Smith

**Technicians**

Miranda Moore, Doug Settles

**Children, Worship, & Wonder**

Lesson, "Jesus is Risen: Appearance to Mary Magdalene." Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.

For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit:  
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Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024



**FOLLOWING**  
**LENTEN SERMON SERIES**  
**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**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*

## EASTER

Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Easter traditions are inspired by a mix of welcoming spring and remembering the religious significance of the day. Eggs originally were dyed to represent Christ's blood. Decorating eggs in the bright colors of spring began as a tradition in Ukraine. New clothes are worn for good luck, but are worn to Sunday church. Many families eat leg of lamb for Easter to remember Jesus as the "lamb of God." Ham is a traditional entrée as well because ham cured for the winter would be ready to eat on Easter.

At Second Presbyterian, all our traditions are related to the religious significance of the day: Easter lilies representing new birth, the decoration of the Easter cross representing new life coming of death, and the special Easter liturgy and music that focus on celebration.

MARCH 31, 2024

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD / EASTER DAY

Gathering Music *Lord Jesus Christ Abide With Us; O Sacred Head; Praise to the Lord*  
J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude on "Easter Hymn"* Edward Broughton

Call to Worship

Do not be dismayed, you seek Jesus of Nazareth?

He is not in a tomb, for he has risen.

**We have waited for this day.**

The Lord God will swallow up death forever,  
and will wipe away tears from all races.

**And so we rejoice.**

Hymn/Anthem *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* arr. Craig Courtney  
(Please see insert for responsive lyrics.)

Two Cents-a-Meal (8:45 A.M.) Emory Anderson and her mother, Virginia  
(11:00 A.M.) Virginia and Catherine Thomas,  
Eliza and Wells Kreger

(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

**Gracious Father, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt, fear, and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.**

*In the silence, we reveal to you our personal confessions.*

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

\*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from Romans 6:8-11

If we died with Christ, we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, we count ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Concerns

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

Anthem *Alleluia! Christ Is Risen* (Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1845)  
William Mathias

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise.  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the Cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.  
Christ is risen! Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,  
Which will all its full abundance at His second coming yield.  
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,  
Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.  
Christ is risen, we are risen, shed upon us heavenly grave.  
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of Thy face;  
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven here on earth may fruitful be,  
And by angel-hands be gathered, and be ever safe with Thee.  
Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Saviour,  
Who has gained the victory.  
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity. Alleluia!  
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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-8 New Testament p. 824  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Loving, and so Following* Dr. George C. Anderson  
*Part VII of the series "Following"*

\*Hymn No. 233 *The Day of Resurrection*

Call to Discipleship \*\*

Offering

Offertory *Variations on "O Filii et Filiae"* David P. Ruhl

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. 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Hallelujah Chorus* (Messiah [Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16])  
G. F. Handel

Postlude *The Trumpet Shall Sound* (Messiah) G. F. Handel

*\*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.



# 2024 Easter Flower

## Memorials and Celebrations



Hymn/Anthem *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* arr. Craig Courtney

**CHOIR:** Christ is risen, Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen!

**ALL:** Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say Alleluia!  
 Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
 Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

**ALL WOMEN:** Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
 Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
 Death in vain forbid Him rise, Alleluia!  
 Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

**ALL MEN:** Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
 Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
 Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
 Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

**ALL:** Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
 Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave the skies, Alleluia!

**CHOIR:** Amen!

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### In Loving Memory of . . .

- Paul Buford, *given by* Frances Buford
- Lora Hopkins, *given by* Lynn and Dave Speno
- Alma Newman, *given by* Johnny and Pam Newman Morris
- John Michael Flannagan, Sr. and John Michael Flannagan, Jr., *given by* Debbie Flannagan, Hunter Johnston and family
- Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Flannagan, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Padgett, *given by* Debbie Flannagan, Hunter Johnston and family
- Barbara Boyle Lemon, *given by* William J. Lemon
- Bill Dickinson, *given by* Judy Dickinson
- Bill Dickinson, *given by* William Dickinson
- Stewart, Carolyn and Buck, Peggy and Don, Karen, Butch and Brenda, *given by* Steve and Judy Bodley
- The Sandborg and Miller family members, *given by* Jeffrey and Marianne Sandborg
- Paul and Peggy Roberts, *given by* Susan and Sander Leivy, Katie Leivy, Emily and Marco Manalang
- My parents, Roy and Marilyn Elliott, and my sister Pam, *given by* Kandy Elliott
- Hestenia and George Ferguson, *given by* Helen Dean
- Claude Ferguson, *given by* Helen Dean
- Bob and Jeanette Williams, *given by* Suzanne Fischer
- Debbie Zika, *given by* Suzanne Fischer
- Loved Ones, *given by* Joyce Harris
- Mary Betty and Connie Sellers, *given by* Laura McKaskel
- Chip Lazarus, *given by* Jim and Susan Bailey
- Lee Lazarus, *given by* Jim and Susan Bailey
- Dick Bailey, *given by* Jim and Susan Bailey
- Patty Bailey, *given by* Jim and Susan Bailey
- Nancy Bailey, *given by* Jim and Susan Bailey
- Our mothers, Martha Powell Dillon and Ellen Hawks Lawrence, *given by* Mark and Cynthia Lawrence

### In Celebration and Honor of . . .

- Our family, *given by* Chris and Ann Bickley
- My sisters, Lynn and Cindy; Mason, Katie and Jack, *given by* Kandy Elliott
- Sara Airheart, *given by* Mary, Mike, and Becky
- Ben Harris, *given by* Joyce Harris
- Susan Stanley and Ann "Tanky" Stephenson, *given by* Laura McKaskel
- Camden Thomas Brannan, *given by* Gary and Rene Brannan
- Our fathers, James Dillon and Cullen Lawrence, *given by* Mark and Cynthia Lawrence
- Our Goddaughter, Anne Tillison Avis, *given by* Mark and Cynthia Lawrence



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*We welcome your notes of correction  
 to this listing (540-343-3659).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONCERNS

Cindy Reilly

### SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Martha Bersch on the death of her husband, **Robert “Bob” Sherrill Bersch**, on Thursday, March 28, 2024. A memorial service in celebration of Bob’s life and Christian witness will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in Kirk Hall.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Emily and Philip Roseman on the birth of their daughter, **Madison Capitola Roseman**, on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Proud big brother is Abbott.

### FLOWERS IN THE COLUMBARIUM

The flowers in the columbarium vase and in the baskets at the gates are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Clyde and Freda Lloyd** by their daughter, Janet Lloyd, and granddaughter, Erin Saunders.

### MUSIC

We extend a warm welcome to our guest brass ensemble: **Michael Mangrum** and **Ryan Priddy**, trumpet; **Dayl Burnett** and **Briggs Robinson**, trombone. We also extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Chancel Choir for its participation in both services. In addition, breakfast is provided for the musicians by John Frank and his team: Todd Clevenger, Mia Copeland, Nancy Henry, Nancy and Clint Hopkins, Luann Fitzpatrick, Pam and Trip Kreger, and Angie and Jim Pittendrigh. We are most grateful for all of these gifts!

**HOLIDAY CLOSING:** In observance of the Easter holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, April 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 2 at 8:30 a.m. Have a happy and blessed Easter!

**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 next Sunday, 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. Dr. Lapsley will also be delivering the sermon that morning in worship.

**BELIEVING & BELONGING | APRIL 14 & 21:** Join Dr. George Anderson and the Rev. Elizabeth Link for a 2-week introductory class on what it means to be a Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of Second Presbyterian Church. This is a great class for visitors and new members! The spring class will meet on Sundays, April 14 and 21 at 9:45 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. Contact Engagement Coordinator Connie Polly (connie@spres.org) with questions or for more details.

**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](http://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](http://www.spres.org).

**OPEN FLOWER DATE:** The following date is available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: April 28. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the date is still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

**PRESBYTERIAN HIGHLIGHTS OF SCOTLAND | 2025 TRIP:** Elizabeth Link is working with members at First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA to coordinate a joint 10-day historical tour of Scotland with Reformation Tours. The dates are set for April 25-May 4, 2025. An informational meeting for interested participants will be scheduled later this spring.

**TRENT GETAWAY RETREAT | AUGUST 16-18 (FRI-SUN):** Join us August 16-18 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg for our annual church-wide retreat! Programs are available for all ages, including child care for our youngest attendees. The program runs from dinner time on Friday through mid-morning on Sunday. It’s a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another more and to spend some time in spiritual growth before the start of a busy fall. Our guest speaker for the Trent Getaway this year will be the Rev. Anna George Traynham, pastor of Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. Registration begins April 28—you won’t want to miss this intergenerational opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal!

**Retreat Theme: “I Love to Tell the Story.”** Stories carry incredible power in our lives. Stories from our families tell us where we came from. Stories from our scriptures show us who God is. The stories we tell about ourselves shape who we are today. In our time together, we will explore stories of identity, faith, challenge, and wonder, as we seek to learn more about ourselves, each other, and God. We will listen to stories from scripture, books, and pop culture, and we will have a chance to tell stories of our own.

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS:** Second Presbyterian Church is pleased to be a part of the Kroger Community Rewards program, which aims to provide hope and help to local communities, schools, churches, and other non-profit organizations. By participating in this program, you can earn money for our church each time you swipe your Plus card. **Rewards Statement: Dec. 1, 2023 – Feb. 25, 2024:**

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4. Search for “Second Presbyterian Church” or use our NPO account number: JC314.
5. Click “Enroll.”

Thank you for participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program!



**TRENT SYMPOSIUM APRIL 5-10**

The Kittye Susan Trent Symposium for Newly Ordained Ministers is a congregation based continuing education event for newly ordained ministers. In April we will welcome eight ministers from across the country to Roanoke to participate in this program. On April 7, the participants will join us in worship and attend our Sunday school classes. While they are with us, please join us in welcoming them into our vibrant congregation as we worship and learn together.

The participating ministers this year are:

- John Daniel DeBevoise, First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, SC
- Rachel Fitch, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC
- Esther Hethcox, First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC
- Jonathan Moelker, Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA
- Alexandra Pappas, First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, LA
- Gracie Payne, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN
- Ally Pexa, First Presbyterian Church, Greer, SC
- Natalie Raygor, First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC

**CONGREGATIONAL DINNER APRIL 9 @ 6:00 P.M. | RSVP BY TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

On Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m., we will have our annual Trent Symposium Dinner. During this time, we will enjoy a meal together 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.”

Lib & Amy Catering is cooking up something special for this event!

- **Menu:** Chicken Veronique—mushrooms, grapes, & wine sauce; Orzo; Green Beans; Salad with Balsamic and Ranch Dressings; Buttered Rolls, and assorted desserts.
- **Cost:** \$12 per person.
- **RSVP:** If you would like to join us, please RSVP at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org) by Tuesday, April 2 at noon.

**About the Program: “The Power of the Bible’s Story and How It Can Solve Our Polarization”**

We often focus on the individual stories of the Bible. There is also a larger story that the Bible tells which begins with Genesis and runs through Revelation. Ernie will share how his understanding and appreciation for the Bible’s larger story has grown throughout his ministry and how the Bible’s story can help us transcend the polarization that divides us.

**About the Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Ernie Thompson**

Ernie Thompson serves as the pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC. He has also served other churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. After 36 years of pastoral ministry, he plans to retire in June so that he and his wife Elaine can move to Raleigh and be closer to family, especially their three grandchildren.



— REGISTER TODAY FOR MORNING & EVENING VBS —

**EVENING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 9-12 (Sun-Wed) | “Joy Even On Your Worst Days” | Register Online by Friday, May 31

- Adults are invited to join us for Evening VBS, kicking off the week with a dinner and program on June 9. Our guest speaker will help us dive deeper in scripture and faith together. Children (Pre-k – 5th grade) will enjoy a special parallel theatre camp, and childcare will be available for any younger children attending. Online registration is open at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org); register by Friday, May 31.

**Guest Speaker, Dr. Tom Are, Jr., Interim Pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL.**

- 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. Online registration is open at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org); register by Friday, May 31.

**Evening VBS Schedule:**

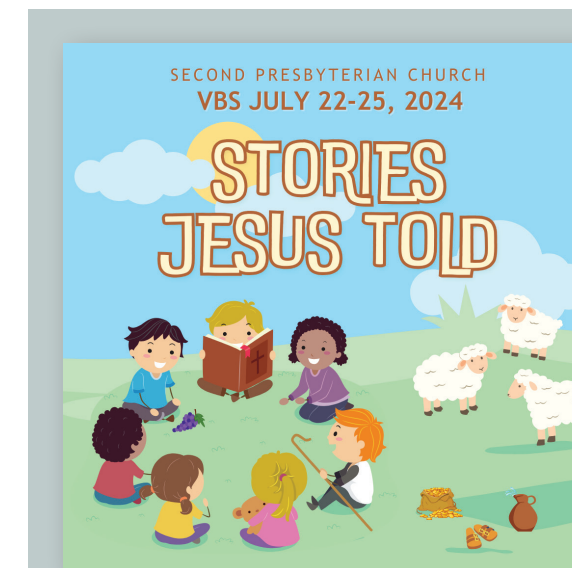
**Sunday, June 9:**

- 6-8 p.m. with dinner (Cost: \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids)

**Monday-Wednesday, June 10-12\***

- 6:30-7:45 p.m. with refreshments

\*Any interested families are invited to join in a kid-friendly meal before the evening programs begin. Details to come once registration is complete.



**MORNING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

July 22-25 (Mon-Th) | “Stories Jesus Told” | Register Online

- 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 participants AND volunteers may be found on our website at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org). Share the good news—the more the merrier!
- Questions? Contact Meredith Koliba ([meredith@spres.org](mailto:meredith@spres.org)), Maria Blackshaw ([maria@spres.org](mailto:maria@spres.org)) or Elizabeth Link ([elizabeth@spres.org](mailto:elizabeth@spres.org)).



## **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@fsvr.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](http://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.