

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS

Cindy Reilly

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extend to Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt on the passing of her sister-in-law, **Judy Gallagher Neilsen**, on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Nancy Henry on the arrival of her great-grandson, **Miles Callum Evans**, born on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 to parents Rachel and Calvin Evans in Fort Worth, Texas.

MISSION FAIR SUNDAY IS TODAY: This morning, 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.

BELIEVING & BELONGING | TODAY AND APRIL 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 & 21 at 9:45 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. Contact Connie Polly (connie@spres.org) for more details.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE | SATURDAY, APRIL 20: 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. 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! There is no deadline to register; you can show up the day of and we will find a group for you!

ELDER NOMINATION FORMS: Elder Nomination Forms for the Class of 2027 are available at the front desk with a ballot box for submissions located nearby. Please use the nomination forms and prayerfully consider the commitment, involvement, and talents of individuals you nominate. The last day to return submissions is Monday, May 6.

THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE | WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL AT 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 the class email list, please contact the church.

POP-UP SS APRIL 28 AT 9:45 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL: Sunday April 28th is Legacy Sunday. Join us that day for a POP-UP Sunday School presented by the Legacy Committee. Ann Green, a church member and estate attorney, will discuss estate planning, Dr. George Anderson will talk about arrangements for final services at Second, and Al McLean, Legacy Committee chairman, will speak on the numerous legacy funds that provide financial help to the church and the community.

ALEXA HOUSE SERVICE OF DEDICATION | MAY 12 AT 5:00 P.M.: On Sunday, May 12 at 5:00 p.m., a community-wide, Service of Dedication for Alexa House will be held in the sanctuary. As we remember and honor Alexa, our focus will be on the future use of the house in providing hospitality to families dealing with housing insecurity. A reception will be held following the service in the courtyard on 3rd Street. Alexa House has been decorated beautifully and will be open for viewing both the hour before and after the worship service.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, April 14

8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 am: Missions Fair, Fellowship Hall
9:45 am: Believing and Belonging, Hospitality Room
9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service with baptism of Calder Gunn, Sanctuary/Live Stream
12:15 pm: Young Adult Lunch, Offsite
3:00 pm: DR Youth Mission Meeting, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship
5:00 pm: Parenting Class, Hospitality Room
5:00 pm: Youth Group
5:30 pm: Welcome Families to Alexa House

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 17

8:05 am: Preschool Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 pm: The Bible in Black & White, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 18

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
10:30 am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room
5:00 pm: Property Committee Meeting, Hybrid
6:30 pm: Midweek and Middle School Mini Manna

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

Habitat Build Day
8:00 am - 12:30 pm: Great Day of Service

"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 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).



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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
April 14, 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
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APRIL 14, 2024

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gathering Music *O Sons and Daughters* Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude on "Easter Hymn"* Kevin Norris

*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 4)

The Lord hears us when we call:

Come, let us put our trust in God.

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Come, let us sing God's praise with joy!

The Lord brings life and light to all people:

Come, let us see God's goodness!

Let us worship God!

*Hymn No. 231 *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But even with our doubts, you come to us and extend your peace. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents faithfulness to you and to our neighbor. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hide it or hoard it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew and restore us in your peace, so that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your love, mercy, and peace.

In our silence, may your resurrection hope speak to the despair of our hearts.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise 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 *At the Name of Jesus* arr. R. Vaughan Williams

(Caroline M. Noel) (Tune: Weston)

1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;

'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2 At his voice creation sprang at once to sight:
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders in their great array.

3 Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners,
unto whom he came; faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed;

4 bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

5 Name him, brothers, name him with love strong as death,
But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath; He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord, Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

6 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy,
all that is not true. Look to him, your Savior, in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.
7 Brothers, this Lord Jesus has returned again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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Prayer for Illumination

(11:00 A.M.) Sacrament of Infant Baptism - Wallace Calder Gunn

Presiding Elders: Margaret Ashburn and Mark Lawrence

*Hymn of Preparation No. 826 *Lift High the Cross* (vv. 1-2)

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God*, p. 35

(11:00 A.M.) *Children, Worship, & Wonder* participants (4k-1st grade)
excused after the baptism.

Scripture Reading Acts 3:12-21 New Testament p. 883

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Witnessing Good* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan

(8:45 A.M.) *Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

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^{1**}

Offertory *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* Robert J. Hughes

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. 295 *Go to the World!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary in D* John Travers

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



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BULLETIN NOTES

¹**THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for the month of April will support the *Fralin Free Clinic's Medical Street Outreach Program of the Rescue Mission*. The Medical Street Outreach program represents a vital component of its holistic approach to serving the needs of the unsheltered and underserved populations within the Roanoke community. This service brings essential medical care directly to the streets, offering immediate health services to those who might otherwise go without due to barriers such as lack of transportation, mental health struggles, or unawareness of available resources. Staffed by dedicated healthcare professionals and volunteers, the outreach program provides screenings, basic treatment, referrals to specialized care, and health education, all free of charge. Your April outreach offering will go directly toward the \$9,500 cost of restoring and retrofitting a recently purchased RV. The refurbished RV will enable the medical street outreach team to extend their reach, bringing essential medical services directly to those in need.

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food item for the month of April is **pasta – spaghetti noodles, spaghetti, sauces, mac & cheese**. A donation bin is in the coat closet; please check the expiration date before donating.

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THIS SUNDAY

Baptism: During the 11 o'clock worship service this morning, Rebekah and Daniel Gunn will present their son, **Wallace Calder Gunn**, for the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. Margaret Ashburn and Mark Lawrence will serve as presiding elders.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Rebekah and Daniel Gunn in honor of their son, **Wallace Calder Gunn**, on the occasion of his baptism.
Arranged by Ann Lawson and Susan Lancaster.

Ushers: (8:45) Kandy Elliott (Head Usher), Ann Green, Randy Rhea, Mark Watts.
(11:00) Ginger Poole (Head Usher), Chris and Ann Bickley, Betty Lesko.

Greeters: (8:45) Elizabeth Vacher. (11:00) Jim and Nancy Bishop.

Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "The Good Samaritan/The Great Banquet."
Storyteller, Martha Wheeler. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.

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.

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.