

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extend to Helen Burnett on the passing of her brother, **Charles Edward Burnett** of Greentown, PA, on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Don and Julie Mugford on the arrival of their grandson, **Walker Patrick Early**, born on Sunday, April 14, 2024 to parents Jenna and Eric Early. Proud big sister is Natalie.

BELIEVING & BELONGING | TODAY: 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.

POP-UP NEXT SUNDAY, 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.

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).

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.

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.

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 Dan Yardley, Alexa Cannon and Rita Mangus, 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.

Kroger Gift Card Collection: A donation basket will be set out during the dedication service for the collection of \$25 Kroger gift cards for Family Promise. Family Promise provides these gift cards when needed to allow families to buy essentials such as food and gas.

EVENING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – June 9-12 (Sun-Wed) | “Joy Even On Your Worst Days” | Register at www.spres.org by Friday, May 31: All are invited to join us for Evening VBS, kicking off the week with a dinner and program on June 9. Our guest speaker, Rev. Tom Are, Jr., Interim Pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL, will help us dive deeper in scripture and faith together. Children (Pre-k – 5th grade) will enjoy a special parallel theatre camp led by Meghan Griffith, and childcare will be available for any younger children attending.

MORNING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – 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 participants AND volunteers may be found on our website at www.spres.org. Share the good news—the more the merrier!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, April 21

8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Believing and Belonging, Hospitality Room
9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship

Monday, April 22

5:00 pm: Accessibility Task Force, Trent Room
5:15 pm: Executive Meeting, Session Room/Zoom
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, April 23

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

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

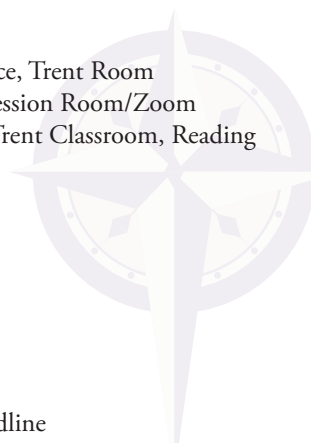
Thursday, April 25

Habitat Build Day
7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
5:30 pm: New Member Social, Offsite

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

“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.



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Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

April 21, 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
Susan Carter
John Caudill
Kandy Elliott
Lucinda Hancock
Mark Lawrence
Megan Moore
Darin Pearson

Elders - Class of 2026

Mary Airheart
Margaret Ashburn
Chasity Fitzpatrick
Barry Green
Sally I'Anson
Drew Kopley
Randy Rhea
Ken Sizemore

APRIL 21, 2024

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

Gathering Music *Variations on "Jesus Loves Me"* William A. McNair

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Give To Our God Immortal Praise* Wilbur Held

*Call to Worship¹

Choose this day whom you will serve:

We choose the living God.

The road is narrow that leads to life:

We will walk the way of Christ.

We offer you more than words, God:

We offer our lives.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Hymn No. 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

(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 Confession²

Holy God, forgive us of the wrongs we commit whether by good intent or ill. And forgive us for when we avoid feelings of shame, regret and guilt by refusing to consider that we may have harmed others through our words and deeds. We ask for your forgiveness, for that may give us the courage to ask forgiveness of others.

In silence, we consider what we would like to ignore, our faults and failings.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*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.

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

Scripture Reading Acts 4:5-12 New Testament p. 885
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Regret* Dr. George C. Anderson

(11:00 A.M.) *Hymn No. 421 *Have Mercy, God, upon My Life*

Call to Discipleship

Offering^{3**}

Offertory *The Lord's My Shepherd* David Cherwien

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. 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare and Statement on "Llanfair"* Edward Broughton

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹**THE CALL TO WORSHIP** today comes from liturgy from Sunrise Presbyterian Church on January 17, 2016.

²**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Some wonder why we include a printed prayer of confession when what is spoken may not be what any particular individual needs to confess. Sins are corporate (of the community) as well as individual. Sometimes the most damaging sins are of the community because that is where ideologies take hold and move masses to do dreadful things. In our individualistic age, it takes a certain kind of humility to realize that we all have a stake in global wrongs and it takes a certain kind of grace needed to stand against the culture when great wrongs are commonly accepted. After the "corporate prayer of confession", we are given the gift of silence to consider our own stake in what causes harm in the world.

³**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

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Barbara and Wilson Watts** by Mark and Debbie Watts.
Arranged by Linda Shiner.

Ushers: (8:45) Kandy Elliott (Head Usher), Kipper Nottingham, Randy Rhea, Mark Watts. (11:00) Nancy Gray (Head Usher), Anna and Al McLean, John and Laurie Saunders.

Greeters: (8:45 and 11:00) Jim and Angie Pittendrigh.

Technicians: Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "The Good Shepherd and the Wolf."
Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.

People at Second



Protect our Common Home



Did you know? Earth Day was founded in 1970 and is now recognized worldwide on April 22 as a day of concern about pollution, climate change, environmental justice, and other global health issues. This year's focus is on plastic pollution. Check out www.earthday.org and www.plasticfreejuly.org.

We know from the Bible that in Genesis, we are called to be responsible for all the earth and to till and keep the garden. And Psalm 24:1 reminds us that *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all life living in it."* These are just two examples of creation's sacredness.

Did you know? Second Presbyterian Church has a Green Team that was established in 2022. The Green Team assists the Property Committee in making church buildings as energy efficient, sustainable, and carbon free as possible; embraces creation care as central to the life and mission of the church—and by extension our homes, workplaces, and community; and informs and enlists the help of you, the congregation, to make this possible.

Did you know? While some of the issues related to our current climate crisis call for broad systemic changes, there are many things that you can do at home or work to care for creation such as:

- **Sign up with Star City Compost.** Why? Methane, produced from organic matter such as food waste in our landfills, is more potent than carbon dioxide in trapping heat in the atmosphere. When you subscribe to Star City Compost, your food waste is converted into nutrient-rich soil or mulch through decomposition. www.starcitycompost.com
- **Replace your light bulbs with LEDs.** Why? These highly efficient bulbs provide light using significantly less energy than incandescent or fluorescent bulbs and are cool to the touch. Check with Appalachian Power to see how you can save. <https://takechargeva.com/>
- **Go electric!** If you are in the market for new appliances or a new heating system, check out www.rewiringamerica.org/IRAGuide. There are many incentives to help us transition away from fossil-fueled appliances.
- **Become informed.** Learn how others in our city are making a difference. Check out Sustainable Roanoke's webpage to find ways to engage, increase awareness, and live more sustainably. www.sustainableroanoke.org

- **Refuse, reduce, reuse, and recycle.** The facts are in. Most plastic is not recycled. It ends up in our landfills or our waterways. The single most important thing you can do is eliminate single-use plastic—bags, bottles, cutlery, straws, cups, etc. Awareness is the first step to positive change.
- **Get connected.** Check out Christian climate scientist Dr. Katherine Hayhoe's work and life as she helps us navigate our call as Christians to care for this planet. Her website provides useful suggestions about our changing world and ways we can support one another, find common ground, and follow our Christian beliefs. Check out her Global Weirder episodes on YouTube. www.katharinehayhoe.com

Helpful resources



Presbyterian Church (USA) Earth Care Congregations focusing on creation care and ways to incorporate it into the life and mission of the church at every level.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/earth-care-congregations-guide-greening-presbyteri/>. Guide to Going Carbon Neutral, *"calling on all Presbyterians to go carbon neutral as a bold Christian witness to help combat the effects of climate change."*

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/guide-going-carbon-neutral/>



Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) formed a national grassroots organization to support people of faith working towards *"environmental wholeness with social justice."* For over twenty-five years, Presbyterians for Earth Care has helped the church equip and educate Presbyterians about earth care ministry.



Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) is a national interfaith based group, which, *"envisions a stable climate where humans live in right and just relationship, interconnected with a healthy, thriving, natural world."* It has affiliates in every state.

<https://interfaithpowerandlight.org>. Find out what the Virginia chapter is doing by visiting <https://vaipl.org/>.

Approach this Earth Day—and every day—with gratitude. Our Creator God has gifted us with an amazing planet. Our faithful response is to cherish and care for this treasure and all life upon it.

*God of Creation, forgive us for when we see your world, but not its beauty;
for when we enjoy the life we live within it, but without gratitude;
for when we take what we want from its bounty, but without consideration of its care.*

*Remind us we are not the world's creator or its owner,
but we are those to whom you look to for its care and protection.*

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Grounded by Scripture, Informed by Science.

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