

THE SECOND SHEET

Monthly Newsletter of Second Presbyterian Church



Floral arrangements in the sanctuary significantly enhance our Sunday worship experience. The April newsletter highlights flower displays from the past year. Learn more on p. 2.



Finding direction by following Jesus.

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PASTOR'S NOTES - DR. GEORGE C. ANDERSON

THE EXCITING NEWS OF TWO FUNDS

The Church will observe **Legacy Sunday** on May 4, and members will receive an update on the church's Designated Funds that have been created by special gifts and, even more, bequests. In anticipation of Legacy Sunday (May 4), I want to share with you an exciting report about the major impact two funds have had. Grants for both funds are made based on what is available at the end of 2024 based on a 5% spending policy.

The Lil Brown Fund is part of the **Second Fund**. Lil Brown's wish was that her bequest was to be used at the session's discretion, but her preference was for outreach, particularly efforts to address mental health concerns. To date, the session and Second Fund directors have not awarded any grants outside Lil's preference.

These are the grants made from money available in 2024:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bradly Free Clinic: | \$5,200 |
| Family Service of Roanoke Valley: | \$2,500 |
| RAM House: | \$2,500 |
| TAP (in support of Sabrina's Place): | \$2,500 |
| Total: | \$12,700 |



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The church occasionally uses photos of people and groups on the website and in publications. Those objecting to the use of their photos (or photos of their minor children) should so inform the church.

CONNECT WITH US

Enjoy listening to podcasts? Listen to our sermons on *Second on the Mount*, and our podcast for children and families, *Child of God with The Rev. Elizabeth Link!*
www.spres.org/connect/podcasts/



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The Mountain Ave Fund was established by an anonymous couple to fund the ongoing expenses of local ministries and organizations that address issues related to poverty such as homelessness, education and children in crisis. Grants were to go over and beyond what was in the benevolence budget for these outreach organizations. The fund has grown, and these are the grants made from what was available in 2024:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Presbyterian Community Center: | \$6,200 |
| Rescue Mission: | \$4,190 |
| TAP: | \$1,397 |
| West End Community Center: | \$1,397 |
| Feeding Southwest VA: | \$1,571 |
| Greene Memorial UMC Pack a Snack for Morningside Elementary: | \$1,571 |
| Local Office on Aging: | \$1,547 |
| RAM House: | \$1,547 |
| Total: | \$19,420 |

It wasn't that long ago that these two funds did not exist. But they exist now, one because of a bequest and the other because of a gift. And because they exist, they have been able to give \$32,120 over and beyond the benevolences of our church budget.



BLOOMS OF BLESSING: CELEBRATING WORSHIP AND CARE IN APRIL

The April edition of our newsletter is truly special, as it focuses attention on the beauty of our sanctuary's floral arrangements and the heart of our Congregational Care ministry. This issue features a collection of flower displays from the past year, highlighting how these blooms enhance our worship experience each Sunday. Additionally, we shine a spotlight on the dedicated volunteers of Congregational Care, whose unwavering support provides comfort and connection to our members, especially those in times of need. We hope this edition serves as a beautiful reminder of the love and care that flows through our church family.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER & PROGRAM TUESDAY, APRIL 29 @ 6:00 P.M. | REGISTER BY APRIL 15

Join us for the annual Trent Symposium Dinner on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy dinner with the symposium participants, followed by a special program celebrating the book launch of *The Big Relief: The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World* by Dr. David Zahl—a pastor, writer, theologian, podcaster, and speaker in demand.

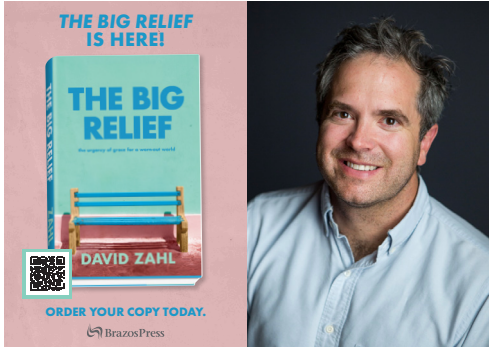
Dinner Details (Menu from Lib & Amy Catering):

- Mixed Garden Salad with Balsamic and Ranch Dressings, Pork Tenderloin with grapes, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, and Cornbread.
- **Cost: \$15** per person, **\$7** for children ages 5-12.
- **Register by April 15 using the QR code on the right or at spres.org!**



Not attending dinner? Join us for the program at 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary.

About the program: “*The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World*” | 6:45 p.m. | **Sanctuary:** David Zahl is the founder of Mockingbird Ministries and the author of *Seculosity* and *Low Anthropology*. His new book, *The Big Relief*, releases this month. Don’t miss this inspiring evening! Join author David Zahl as he explores the beauty and depth of God’s grace afresh, outlining how it provides deep relief from the accelerating demands that characterize so much of modern life. To do so, he’ll draw on personal stories, cultural examples, and the witness of Scripture. Just don’t forget to bring your sense of humor!



– Elder Nominations –

The Nominating Committee will be meeting in the spring to elect a slate of nominees to serve as **Elders for the Class of 2028**. An excerpt from the Book of Order states: “Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the Church and in the world.” A ballot box for nomination forms is located in the entryway near the sliding glass doors and another is in the narthex of the sanctuary. They will remain there through **Monday, May 5**. Please use the nomination forms and prayerfully consider the commitment, involvement, and talents of individuals you nominate. If you have questions or to submit your nomination via email, contact Ken Lyons, Nominating Committee Chair, at Kenneth.Lyons@scouting.org.

– To the Nominating Committee –

Please consider _____ for elder nomination.

He/she has been a member for (approximately) _____ years.

My reasons for recommending him/her are as follows (please indicate areas of involvement in the church):

Name and phone number (optional): _____

| Elders - Class of 2025 | | Elders - Class of 2026 | | Elders - Class of 2027 | |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Ginger Avis | Lucinda Hancock | Mary Airheart | Sally I’Anson | Mia Copeland | Patty Lemon |
| Susan Carter | Mark Lawrence | Margaret Ashburn | Drew Kempley | Rebekah Gunn | Jim Pickens |
| John Caudill | Megan Moore | Chasity Fitzpatrick | Randy Rhea | Beth Vaught Jenkins | Dave Speno |
| Kandy Elliott | Darin Pearson | Barry Green | Ken Sizemore | John Jessee | Maria Ward |



PHOTO DAYS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY: APRIL 13 & 20

On Sundays, April 13 and 20, photo stations will be set up in the passageway outside the sanctuary for those who wish to use a church image for their individual or family directory photo (you may also upload your own photo or send a photo for us to upload for you). Our congregation has been asking for an updated printed directory (the last one was in 2018), and we are working to make this happen. These photos will be used for our printed directory regardless of whether you choose to access the online directory. If you opt out of the online directory, we still would love to have your family photo in our printed directory, which we hope to produce this year.

The church database, Realm, functions as our Church Directory. We need your help to keep your contact information accurate. You may choose to login to your profile and opt-in to the online directory in your privacy settings. **If you do not opt-in, your information will not be visible to other church members. Only church members invited to login to their profile have access. Realm is not open to the public.**

In addition, logging in to your Realm profile allows you to manage your giving, submit your pledge and track it through the year, register and pay for events and dinners, track what groups and committees you are on and your term lengths, see volunteering opportunities, and more! Questions? Contact Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org).

Seeds of Hope SPRING GALA

April 25, 2025 | Hidden Valley Country Club | 6PM

Join us for the Seeds of Hope Spring Gala to celebrate PCC's impact with inspiring stories and a night of community and connection.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

We're seeking gift baskets, dining experiences, event tickets, artwork, weekend vacation homes, and more. By donating to our Silent Auction, you're supporting our programs.

Donations needed by April 10th!

To contribute, contact Nicole Jennings at njennings@pccse.org

HOW TO PURCHASE SPRING GALA TICKETS

QR CODE - SCAN TO
REGISTER



WEBSITE REGISTRATION

Go to www.pccse.org and scroll down to the Spring Gala section and click the "Register Today" button.

SECOND WELCOMES CONNIE BURNETT

We are excited to welcome Connie Burnett to our church family! She joined by letter of transfer on October 27, 2024.



Connie grew up on Stanley Avenue in Roanoke, where she had the joy of playing with 52 kids on her block, and the opportunity to babysit many. A VCU English major, she has had a successful career, first serving as the Regional VP for the American Cancer Society in Virginia, and later as the State Director for the National Kidney Foundation in Virginia.

In her personal life, Connie enjoys spending time with her pets, reading, cooking, and taking outdoor walks. She is also eager to get involved and volunteer within the church—you may have already seen her volunteering at the front desk during the week! Connie is happy to be a new member and looks forward to participating in classes, church events, and offering her help wherever needed. We're so glad to have her with us and look forward to getting to know her better!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER ROSEMARY FRANCIS

It is a joy to welcome Rosemary Francis to our congregation! Rosemary joined by reaffirmation of faith on November 10, 2024.

Rosemary grew up in Connecticut and Long Island before moving to the Roanoke Valley at the age of 19, where she has lived ever since. She attended SUNY for business classes and earned a two-year associate degree from VWCC. Over the years, Rosemary has managed a real estate office, worked as a purchasing agent for Cap and Gown Co., and held various roles at the bank, including part-time teller, customer service, and staff training.

In her free time, Rosemary enjoys a variety of hobbies such as gardening, flower arranging, painting, needlework, and sewing. She also loves collecting shells and shark teeth, spending time at the beach, and working on jigsaw puzzles. Rosemary is the proud mother of her son, Neil, and grandmother to her three-year-old grandson, Beckett.



We're grateful to welcome Rosemary and excited to see how her talents and warmth will enrich our church family.

New member articles submitted by Connie Polly, Engagement Coordinator.

— NEWS & NOTES —

Flowers | Feb. 16 - Given in loving memory of Lucy Neal by her husband, Bill, and children, Bryan, Lewis and Patricia..... **Feb. 23** - The flowers were from the wedding of Anne Dillon and Preston Martin, which took place in the sanctuary on Saturday, February 22, 2025..... **March 2** - Given by the Conte family in loving memory of Alison's mother, Marian C. Ashby..... **March 9** - Given in loving memory of Bob Fishburn and Sally Crockett by the family.

Sympathy | Sympathy is extended to Nancy and Jim Bishop on the death of Nancy's sister, Elizabeth "Betsy" Joyner of Winston-Salem, NC, on Wednesday, February 5, 2025..... Sympathy is extended to Cynthia and Mark Lawrence on the death of Cynthia's father, James Dillon, on Saturday, February 15, 2025..... Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Martha Clay Martin, who died on Sunday, February 16, 2025. Our prayers are with her son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Cheryl Martin and their family, as well as Martha's siblings, Charles Lunsford (wife, Linda) and Julianne Hollingsworth..... Sympathy is extended to Beth Vaught Jenkins and family on the death of her father, William Vaught of Florida, on Thursday, February 20, 2025..... Sympathy is extended to Rita and Joe Matthews on the death of Rita's mother, Bessie Blake Whitt of Cedar Bluff, VA, on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Concerns | Anne Macfarlane, Cindy Reilly.

New Arrivals | Congratulations to Rev. Rachel and Noah Thompson Orfield on the birth of their son, Simon Curtis Thompson Orfield, on Saturday, February 22, 2025 in Nashville, TN.

Baptism | During the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, February 16, Brian and Olivia Harris presented their daughter, Annabelle Lane Harris, for the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. Aaron Copeland served as the presiding elder.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



Photos from the 2024 Great Day of Service.

YOUTH

At youth group, our young people have continued to *dive deep* into scripture, our relationships, and how both are related. Our focus through March and April has been “Rooted & Grounded in Love” (Ephesians 3:17), and our Lenten focus shifted to “Comprehending Christ’s Love” as we continued to explore *love of self* and *love of others*. We have intentionally balanced nights of fun activity with slow, reflective time of meditation. And during the Sunday school hour, our high school youth began their spring curriculum learning about and visiting other worshipping communities here in Roanoke. Within both opportunities, our youth and adults are learning and growing as we seek to better understand ourselves and our neighbors!

And, get ready for our **GREAT DAY OF SERVICE!!!** This youth-led service event for the entire church is set for April 26th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We team up with several local mission partners as we seek to serve the city in whatever way we can. Signups are underway—see the Upcoming Event tab at www.spres.org or scan the QR code to register!



But we are not done yet... **all 5th Graders (and their families) are invited to tour the Intersection**—the youth house across the street—following the late worship service on April 27th. We hope this brief tour will help you feel more comfortable as you “move on up” to Youth Group next year!

As always, friends are invited and welcomed at every youth event! Come as you are, all are welcomed!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- April 6 – Youth Group: Love of Self
- April 9 – Midweek Manna / Mini Manna
- April 13 – Youth Group: Love of Others
- April 20 – Easter – No Youth Program
- April 26 (Sat) – Great Day of Service
- April 27 – Intersection Tour

YOUNG ADULTS

Our Young Adults joined with Raleigh Court Presbyterian Young Adults for a fun axe throwing night! It was a blast! Mark your calendars for our next Young Adult outing on Friday, April 4... PICKLEBALL!!! Also, we will join for dinner at 7:00 p.m. following our Maundy Thursday worship service. Please reach out to Ben Brannan (benb@spres.org) to join our email list, or text “@2PCYA” to the number 81010 to join Young Adults text alerts.

UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

- April 4 – Pickleball
- April 17 – Dinner Out

MAXIMIZING YOUR GIVING: THE BENEFITS OF QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCDs)

For many faithful givers, supporting Second Presbyterian and charitable causes is a deeply held commitment. If you are 70½ or older and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you have a unique opportunity to make your generosity go further while also receiving potential tax benefits. This can be done through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

What Is a Qualified Charitable Distribution?

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA to a qualified charitable organization, such as Second. This type of donation can be an excellent way to support the ministries and missions you care about while also reducing your taxable income. The maximum amount to give through a QCD in 2025 is \$108,000.

Key Benefits of Giving Through a QCD

1. Tax-Free Giving

Unlike regular withdrawals from your IRA, which are typically subject to income tax, a QCD is excluded from your taxable income. This can be especially valuable if you do not itemize deductions and would otherwise miss out on the tax benefits of charitable contributions.

2. Counts Toward Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

If you are 73 or older and required to take minimum distributions from your IRA, a QCD can satisfy part or all of your RMD for the year. This means you can fulfill your distribution requirements without increasing your taxable income.

3. May Lower Medicare Premiums and Taxes on Social Security

Because QCDs reduce your adjusted gross income (AGI), they can help you avoid higher Medicare premiums or taxes on your Social Security benefits, which are based on AGI. Many times we overlook this tax saving benefit.

4. Simplifies Your Giving

A QCD is a straightforward way to give directly from your IRA without needing to write checks or manage receipts for tax deductions. Your IRA custodian transfers the funds directly to the church, making the process easy and efficient.

If you are interested in making a QCD, here are the basic steps:

- Contact your IRA custodian and request a direct transfer to the church.
- Ensure that the check is made payable directly to the church or charity (not to you).
- Keep records of the transaction for your tax return.

Giving through a QCD is a powerful way to support Second's mission while also benefiting from tax savings. Whether you wish to contribute to our General Fund, a specific ministry, or an endowed fund, your gift will help make a lasting difference in our congregation and community.

If you have questions about making a QCD or would like assistance, please reach out to a financial advisor or tax professional. We deeply appreciate your generosity and faithful stewardship!

Ann McGee Green
Legacy Committee





POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL | APRIL 13* | 9:45 A.M. | CHAPEL

The Green Team welcomes Davey Stewards, Co-founder and Co-Owner of [Star City Compost](#). Join us as we hear what Star City is doing and learn the importance of replenishing soil, diverting waste from the landfill, and reducing methane emissions. Caring for God's creation doesn't get any easier than this simple act of stewardship. *Note: The class will now take place on April 13 instead of April 6.

TRENT GETAWAY RETREAT | "OUR SACRED HOME" | AUGUST 8-10 (FRI-SUN)

At Eagle Eyrie with Guest Speaker, Dr. Robert McClellan



- Join us August 8-10 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg for our annual church-wide retreat! You won't want to miss this intergenerational opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday, and ends following mid-morning worship on Sunday.
- Register online today or by scanning the QR code on the left!
- Our guest speaker for the retreat is the Rev. Dr. Robert (Rob) McClellan, Pastor and Head of Staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tiburon, CA. He views pastoral ministry as a chance to help people uncover or recover a faith that is relevant and alive. He aims to offer a refreshing expression of Christ to those who have had negative or unfulfilling experiences with religion. He believes faith is a whole-self endeavor, engaging the mind, body, and spirit. Rob has a passion for Celtic Christianity, and like so many, Rob finds God in nature, too. Rob is happily married to Sherri Hausser, also an ordained Presbyterian minister, and they have a son named Liam, born in 2012. In his spare time, Rob enjoys the outdoors, music (both listening and playing), reading, writing, and cherishing moments with his family.

Trent Getaway
— AT EAGLE EYRIE —

August 8-10, 2025

A NOTE FROM PASTOR ELIZABETH

It is hard to believe that this summer will mark my 14th anniversary serving Second Presbyterian Church. I am grateful to take part in my first 12-week sabbatical this May, June, and July.

The PC(USA) describes a pastor's sabbatical as:

"A planned time of intensive enhancement for ministry and mission. It is an opportunity ... to strategically disengage from regular and normal tasks so that ministry and mission may be viewed from a new perspective. ... Sabbatical Leave is an extension of the Biblical concept of a Sabbath day and a Sabbath year for renewal. It is both an act of faith that God will sustain us through a period of reflection and changed activity, and an occasion for recovery and renewal of vital energies."

I will technically begin my sabbatical on May 2 with many of you, as we depart on our Presbyterian heritage trip to Scotland. Upon my return from our travels, I will begin my Doctor of Ministry studies through Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (a 3+ year hybrid learning program), focusing on the topic of Reformed theology. In addition to my reading, writing, and in-person course attendance in June, I will also spend time at home in Roanoke exploring a new chapter for my children's Christian education podcast, "Child of God," addressing questions of faith.

I am looking forward to this change of pace, and consider this time away a gift. While I am away, Maria Blackshaw and Nancy Gray will be adding extra hours to their weeks, leading Christian education programs (Maria) and assisting with worship leadership and preaching (Nancy). I am grateful for the support they will offer my colleagues in my absence, and am grateful to you for the support and encouragement you will give them (volunteer for Morning VBS to help Maria, if you haven't already!).

Thank you for this time away, Second Presbyterian Church. I know when I return on July 27, it will be renewed and reenergized for my next chapter serving alongside you.

Grace and peace,

Elizabeth

– VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS | SUMMER 2025 –

EVENING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | “NAVIGATING THE WILDERNESS” | JUNE 8–11 (SUN–WED)

Adults are invited to join us for Evening VBS, kicking off the week with a dinner and program on June 8. Our guest speaker, Dr. Ed McLeod, 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. Registration details will be out soon.

Schedule: Sun., June 8: 6–8 p.m. with dinner | Mon.–Wed., June 9–11: 6:30–7:45 p.m. with refreshments

“Navigating the Wilderness”

- The concept of wilderness can be a metaphor for the time when we move from old certainties to new certainties. During these four nights together, we will consider the wilderness experience of the children of Israel, the experience of Job, and the writings of Brian McLaren (*Faith After Doubt*), Sarah Bessey (*Field Notes for the Wilderness*), and others to suggest that a dynamic and maturing faith will always have seasons that feel like wilderness wandering. Through it all, we can trust in God, our “very present help,” and discover a new place of deepening trust.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ed McLeod

- We welcome long-time friend of Second, Dr. Edward A. McLeod, Jr. (Ed) as our guest speaker for Evening Adult VBS this June. Ed is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. He has served churches in South and North Carolina, most recently retired from First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC in 2023. Ed is married to Jenny, they have two children, and adore spending time with their five grandchildren. In his free time, Ed enjoys crossword puzzles, movies, exercise, over-tipping at restaurants, and beating Dr. George Anderson at golf.



For 4 Year-Olds-Middle School: Children’s Theatre Camp

- This summer, we are thrilled to welcome Meghan Griffith as the leader for our Evening VBS Children’s Theatre Camp! Children are welcome to bring friends. Registration details will be out soon.

MORNING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | “FISH TALES” | JULY 21–24 (MON–TH)

VBS 8:30 a.m.–12 noon

- Members and friends (Pre-K – 5th grade) are invited to join us for Morning Vacation Bible School July 21–24, as we explore stories from scripture. We’ll learn about Jonah’s story, and how God used a giant fish to turn him around. We’ll hear about the call of the disciples by the lakeshore, how Jesus fed a multitude, and a special breakfast on the beach. This creative and engaging week will have children and volunteers singing, dancing, creating, and learning together.
- Youth and adult volunteers are a great part of what makes VBS so special. Please consider volunteering and joining the fun! Contact Maria Blackshaw (maria@spres.org) or Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org) with questions.
- Registration for Morning VBS participants AND volunteers can be found on the church website or by scanning the QR code below!**

VBS After Care Camps, 12 noon–4:00 p.m.

- We have coordinated with area children’s sports and arts organizations to provide afternoon “mini camps” here at the church for families interested in afternoon care. We hope this will allow more children to participate in the free Morning VBS, while providing engaging and educational opportunities for the VBS afternoons. Spaces are limited, and there is an associated fee for this afternoon care. See the church website for more details, and sign up soon if interested!
- (Note: Pre-K is not included in After Care Camps. We hope preschool families will take advantage of the church preschool summer day camps for their afternoon care.)



CONTRIBUTIONS TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – FEBRUARY 2025

Youth Fund

In memory of Martha Clay Martin by
George and Millie Anderson
Eddie and Missy Smith
Robert Bolling
Diane Turner
Bill and Diane Elliot

Other funds are available for your contributions. Please contact Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator, at 540-343-3659 or admin@spres.org. This list includes donations received between Feb. 1-28, 2025.

Music Fund

In memory of Martha Clay Martin by
Jeff and Marianne Sandborg

**We sincerely regret any errors or omissions in this list. Please contact the Church Administrator to help us get it corrected.*

Lil Brown Fund

In memory of Martha Clay Martin by
Rose Marie and Tom Jones



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

– An easy way to give to the church –

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 nonprofit organizations. By participating in this program, you can earn money for our church each time you swipe your Plus card.

Rewards Statement: Dec. 1, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025:

80
HOUSEHOLDS


\$331.88
TOTAL DONATIONS

If you would like to make Second Presbyterian Church the organization to which you link your Kroger account, please follow these steps:

1. Visit the Kroger Community Rewards page at <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.
2. Scroll down and click “Link Your Shoppers Card: Get Started.”
3. Sign-in to your Kroger account (you’ll need your Kroger Plus card handy. If you are a Kroger shopper and do not have one, you may ask for one at Customer Service).
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!

CALENDAR - APRIL 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | 1 9:30am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Bible Black & White Class, Fellowship Hall 4:00pm Legacy Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom | 2 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room | 3 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:30am Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 4:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Hybrid 5:00pm Property Committee Meeting, Trent Room/Zoom | 4 | 5 |
| 6 8:45am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary 9:45am POP-UP Sunday School, Chapel 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 9:45am Believing & Belonging, Cafe 11:00am Worship Service with Communion and baptism of Madison Roseman, Sanctuary/Live Stream 12:30pm 80 and Over Lunch, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Youth Group 5:30pm Welcome Families to the Alexa House | 7 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts | 8 9:30am Staff Meeting 11:00am Visitation Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom 5:00pm Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom | 9 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 12:00pm Second Sheet Article Deadline 5:00pm Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom 5:15pm Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room | 10 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:30am Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Capital Campaign PCC, Reading Room | 11 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Session Room | 12 |
| 13 Minute for Mission Both Services Palm Sunday 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 9:45am Believing & Belonging, Cafe 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Youth Group | 14 5:30pm Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts | 15 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:15pm Executive Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom | 16 8:05am Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 4:30pm Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room | 17 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:30am Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Board of Directors PCC, Trent Room 12:00pm - 2:00pm MMT Board Meeting, Session Room | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Easter Sunday 8:15am Chancel Choir Warm Up/Run Through, Choir Room 8:45am Worship Service with Choir, Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Service with Choir and baptism of Johanna Vaughan, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:30pm Welcome Families to the Alexa House | 21 Office Closed for Holiday Preschool Closed: Easter Holiday | 22 9:30am Staff Meeting | 23 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom | 24 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom | 25 Trent Symposium | 26 8:00am Great Day of Service, Meet in Fellowship Hall Trent Symposium |
| 27 Trent Symposium Two Cents a Meal 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall | 28 Trent Symposium 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts | 29 Trent Symposium 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Trent Symposium Dinner, Fellowship Hall | 30 Trent Symposium 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline | Calendar Info as of March 12. | | |

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: The food items for the month of April are **rice and beans**. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

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WEEKLY WISDOM KAIROS VIDEOS: Journey with us this Lenten season for an exploration of the powerful and spiritual gift of wisdom. In this Kairos video series, members of Second Presbyterian Church share their personal reflections and insights from their life journeys. We hope these stories inspire you to open your heart, listen deeply, and pursue God's gift of wisdom for your life. Published Wednesdays in Lent on the church website, YouTube, and Facebook. Member interviews include Nathan Goff, Agnes Reid Jenny, Dick Guerrant, Dee Moore, Hayden Hollingsworth, and Sara Airheart.



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13: Palm Sunday is a special day at Second. As we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, children of all ages are invited to participate in the procession of palms. During the opening hymn, children may process, waving palm branches, to commemorate this holy day.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17: On Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m., join us in Kirk Hall for a moving and meaningful worship service with communion. On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three key events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment to love one another. This service begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day. The name 'Maundy Thursday' comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the 'new commandment' Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34). In other words, this is 'new commandment Thursday.' Maundy Thursday service is the only midweek service during Holy Week at Second. For this reason, our time of worship will call attention both to the events in the upper room and to the events of Good Friday.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20: Join us for worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate our risen Lord! Sunday school will not meet on Easter Sunday. We encourage children and adults to bring flowers to decorate the Easter cross (at the 3rd Street entrance) on Easter morning!