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Finding direction by following Jesus.

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PASTOR'S NOTES - DR. GEORGE C. ANDERSON

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS: THE LIGHT WE SHINE

At Second Presbyterian Church, our mission philosophy has always been simple but profound: **show up, stay committed, and grow together**. Because of our long-term partnerships, we've been able to make a real difference—developing trusted relationships and gaining the wisdom to serve particular needs in particular places with both humility and impact.

Think of how long we've walked alongside local ministries like the Presbyterian Community Center, West End Center, Loudon Avenue Christian Church, Habitat for Humanity, and Family Promise. We were there when many of these ministries began, and we've remained steadfast partners as their work has evolved with the needs of our community.

Our national partnerships have a similar history. From the very beginning, we've supported Union Theological Seminary, and our first pastor, Dr. R.C. Anderson, helped launch the Montreat Conference Center.

Internationally, our commitment has been just as deep. We have supported PC(USA) missionaries since the days of Dr. Arthur Robotham, and we've been in long-standing partnership with **Solid Rock International** in the Dominican Republic for nearly 25 years. These relationships have not only been sources of support for others—they've shaped who we are as a church.

In every case, we've learned that healthy mission partnerships need to **evolve** to remain vibrant.



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This year, that evolution is happening in two key areas:

1. The Hospital in San Juan de la Maguana

Thanks to years of shared effort, the new hospital is now complete. As it transitions into a fully Dominican-run facility, our large medical teams are no longer needed for now. (The “Bibles and Bricks” youth trip will continue.) To serve the local population, the hospital must begin accepting insurance, which requires hiring Dominican doctors and staff. That transition takes time—and financial support.

As we discern how we can continue supporting this work, we'll also explore other opportunities to serve internationally.

2. A Shift in PC(USA) Mission Work

Many of you may not be aware: the Presbyterian Mission Agency has been dissolved, and 54 international missionary positions have been eliminated due to financial constraints. Though the denomination will continue mission work through ecumenical partners, this represents a painful loss—and a serious void.

I am not privy to all the decisions behind this change, but I'll be honest: I'm distressed. These missionaries were doing vital work in Christ's name, and now much of that work is in jeopardy.

In response, our **Service and Outreach Committee** has already begun discerning next steps. We're exploring new partnerships with churches, presbyteries, and mission agencies to help continue that witness—supporting current missionaries and lifting up new initiatives that are grounded in grace and relationship.

Where Do You Come In?

Your pledged giving is what makes “The Light We Shine” more than a theme—it makes it a lived reality.

Thanks to years of faithful stewardship, less of your giving now goes to facilities and more directly supports staff, programs, and mission—locally, nationally and globally. As you prayerfully consider your financial pledge this year, keep in mind our call to keep the light of Christ shining brightly—right here in Roanoke, and in places around the world that need it most.

Commitment Sunday is October 12.



Congratulations to Nathan Anderson, who has earned the designation of Certified Church Administrator (CCA) through The Church Network. This achievement, which required extensive study and a final project, recognizes excellence in church administration. Nathan's project focused on guiding Second through its recent software conversion to Realm. This accomplishment affirms that good administration is a vital form of ministry, supporting all that the church seeks to do in worship, discipleship, and outreach. Well done, Nathan!

EDMUNDS LECTURE SERIES 2025

THE CHURCH IN A SECULAR AGE

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NOVEMBER 10 & 11
7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Free Admission

Light refreshments and
fellowship to follow
each evening.

Artwork:
Ties That Bind
Mary Evelyn Russell

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FEATURING: ANDREW ROOT (PH.D.)

Andrew Root, PhD, is the Carrie Olson Baalson Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary, USA. He writes and researches in areas of theology, ministry, culture and younger generations. His most recent books are *Evangelism in an Age of Despair* (Baker, 2025), *The Church in an Age of Secular Mysticism* (Baker, 2023), *Churches and the Crisis of Decline* (Baker, 2022), *The Congregation in a Secular Age* (Baker, 2021), and *The Pastor in a Secular Age: Ministry to People Who No Longer Need God* (Baker, 2019). In addition, he serves as theologian in residence for Youthfront.



— UPCOMING POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES —



**OCT
5TH**

REFLECTIONS FROM THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special Pop-Up Sunday School featuring Ann and Mack McGhee (trail names: “Meriwether” and “Pot Luck”!), members who recently completed a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail. They’ll be sharing stories, photos, and reflections from their journey—2,000+ miles of wilderness and wonder. Come hear how their time on the trail deepened their faith, challenged their spirits, and revealed glimpses of grace in unexpected places.



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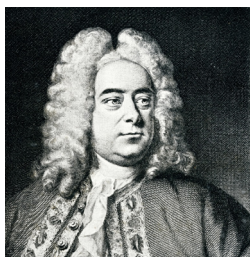
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

On November 2, we’re excited to welcome Gina Dunnavant, Volunteer and Faith Relations Manager with Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley, to lead a Pop-Up Adult Sunday School class. As our church looks ahead to participating in another Habitat build in 2026, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Habitat’s mission, how they partner with local congregations, and the real-life impact of affordable homeownership. Come with your questions about:

- How families qualify for Habitat homes—and how they’re supported after moving in
- What homeownership can mean for a family and their neighborhood
- How Habitat is helping address Roanoke’s affordable housing challenges
- What volunteer opportunities might look like for our upcoming build

Second Presbyterian is committed to advancing affordable housing in the Roanoke Valley. We are grateful for the partnership with Habitat and the opportunity to support this important work.



**DEC
7TH**

G.F. HANDEL WITH DR. ROBERT WHITE

9:45 a.m. in the Chapel

In anticipation of the Chancel Choir’s performance of Handel’s Messiah this December, join us on December 7 for a special Pop-Up Sunday School class led by Dr. Robert White. Dr. White will guide us through the life and work of George Frideric Handel, the origins and structure of Messiah, and the oratorio’s lasting cultural and spiritual impact.

This visually and musically engaging presentation will include a short PowerPoint and musical excerpts from Messiah to deepen our appreciation for this beloved masterpiece. Don’t miss this enriching opportunity to prepare your heart and mind for the music of the season.

ADVENT WORKSHOP & POTLUCK DINNER | SUN., NOVEMBER 23 | 5:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

All ages are warmly invited to join us for our annual Advent Workshop and Potluck Dinner! Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, food, and creativity as we prepare our hearts and homes for the Advent season. We’ll be making Advent wreaths together, supplies will be provided. Bring a dish to share and celebrate the season with your church family! Register by November 17 by using the QR code or at www.spres.org.



SAVE THE DATE . . . CHURCH RETREAT 2026

Mark your calendars now for an unforgettable weekend of worship, fellowship, and fun at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA, **August 21–23, 2026!** We invite you to attend this retreat together as we grow in faith and make lasting memories with our church family. More details to come!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

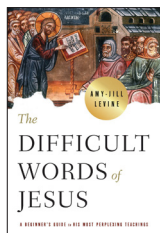
(Beginning Oct 9, Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m., Session Room)

Facilitator: Elizabeth Link

Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke

18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44).

Exploring *The Difficult Words of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine, we'll learn how these teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. Contact Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org) to register.



THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE:

"CONVERSATIONS THAT CHANGE US"

(Wednesdays in October @ Noon, Fellowship Hall)

Facilitators: George Anderson, Bill Lee

What happens to faith when it becomes more about *talking about* Jesus than *talking to* Jesus? Do we risk reducing a living relationship to abstract ideas—Jesus becoming a topic rather than a presence? Does prayer drift into ritual, and ministry into duty, when it's no longer rooted in communion with Christ?

The Gospel of John resists such drift. It is a Gospel built on conversations—long, rich, and transformative ones. From Nicodemus under the cover of night to the Samaritan woman at the well, from a man born blind to Mary, Martha, and Pontius Pilate—Jesus doesn't just talk *at* people, he speaks *with* them. And they are never the same.

This October, the Bible in Black & White community will listen in on these conversations—and join them. Our hope is to encounter Jesus as we encounter each other, with open minds, honest hearts, and a willingness to be changed.

The Bible in Black & White will return in the spring for Part II: "Like I Was Saying..." – Conversations Today, Wednesdays in April at Noon (Beginning April 8).



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: A TESTIMONY

"What are you doing Daddy?" My son asks me, in route to school, about the earpiece in my right ear. My answer is delivered directly, like the example I hope I'm setting for him:

"Joining the men of our church to talk about Jesus."

This is just another Thursday, but it's special for me and the men I share Thursday mornings with via Zoom. Sure, we've had breakfast together, shared comfortable handshakes on Sundays, and labored together in service. But it is our regular Thursday morning gatherings, where we study Scripture and pray with and for one another, that continue to shape my faith and my world view. We speak honestly and openly about the challenges to our faith, and to our roles as men in our families, our relationships, and our work. We continue to rely on strong leadership and a strong sense of purpose—discerning the truth about our lives, from the Gospel and our Lord's many commandments. The group is multi-generational—a strength from my view as a young father, seeking to raise his children in a manner that brings glory to God. While each of us leads a busy life, we give thanks for the opportunity to meet every Thursday to study together. But just like the depth of our Savior's best teachings, there remains room for more—more men to share more insight, more experience, more friendship. I hope you, too, will consider joining us each Thursday morning, either in person or via Zoom. We'd love to learn from the wisdom of your experience and share in the gifts of the Word of God. Let's show up and show our faith, men of Second Presbyterian!

Brian Harris

Church member and Men's Bible Study participant



– NEWS & NOTES –

Flowers | **Aug 17** - Given in loving memory of William Franklin Stanley by John and Lisa Stanley..... **Aug 24** - Given by Lauren Ellerman in loving memory of her mother, Patricia B. Morgan..... **Aug 31** - Given in loving memory of Pat and George Vaughan by Lee, Laura and Kirby, Sarah, Tricia and Tommy..... **Sept 7** - Given in loving memory of Bob Fishburn and Sally Crockett by the family.

Open Flower Date: The following date is available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Oct. 19. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the date is still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

Sympathy | Sympathy is extended to Charles and Linda Lunsford on the death of Charles' sister, Marion Anthony Lunsford Bond Avery, on Friday, August 15. We also hold in prayer their extended family members..... Sympathy is extended to Ken and Stacy Potter and family on the death of Ken's father, William Sommerville Potter of Anchorage, AK, on Friday, August 29..... Our sympathies extend to Mark Wigginton and family on the death of his mother, Jewell Stone Wigginton, on Tuesday, September 2.

Concerns | Susan Carter, Hayden Hollingsworth, David Lemon, Marianne McDowell, Dee Moore, John Nelson.

New Arrivals | Congratulations to Bob and Mary Groth on the birth of their granddaughter, Penelope Anna Groth, on Saturday, June 7 to parents Abby and Cameron Groth of Atlanta, Georgia. Proud uncles are Scotty and Will..... Congratulations to Randy and Phyllis Norbo on the arrival of their granddaughter, Margaret "Margot" Clark Girvin, born on Thursday, August 14 to parents Carter and Cass Girvin. Proud big brothers are Wilson and Jameson..... Congratulations to Ken and Nancy Sizemore on the birth of their grandson, Sonny Matthew Sizemore, on Monday, August 18 to parents Matt and Natalie Sizemore of Midlothian, Virginia. Proud big siblings are Lily and Moses..... Congratulations to Monty and Theresa Salyer on the birth of their grandson, Chandler James Jenkins, on Wednesday, August 20 to parents Bradley and Emily Jenkins. Proud big sister is Nora.

THEOLOGY ON TAP | 6:00–7:00 P.M.

- **October 14: Golden Cactus Brewery**
- **November 4: A Few Old Goats**

Men of the church, you are invited to grab your favorite brew (craft, root, non-alcoholic, or otherwise), pull up a chair, and join us for Theology on Tap—a space where faith meets real life over good conversation and better company. No homework, no pop quizzes, no seminary degree required. Just bring your questions, your stories, and your appetite for deep truth. We'll wrestle with big ideas, laugh at ourselves, and share stories. Because sometimes the holiest thing you can do on a Tuesday night is sip, share, and let theology spill over into the way you live.

GRIEF SEMINAR – “HOLDING GRIEF AND JOY: A HOLIDAY WORKSHOP”

Monday, November 17 | 5:30–7:00 p.m. | Session Room

The holiday season can stir up tender memories and emotions, especially after the loss of a loved one. Join us for a supportive workshop that offers space to honor those we remember, while also exploring ways to discover light and joy during the holidays. Together, we will share stories, learn about the impact of grief in this season, and receive practical coping strategies. Our time will include candle-lighting, guided reflection, conversation, and teaching led by Frances Gaeta, LCSW, Clinical Program Manager at the Center for Grief and Healing. **Register by November 14 using the QR code or at www.spres.org.**



KNITTING GROUP

Thursday Mornings | Hospitality Room

Come, knitters one and all! This group began last fall as a way to foster friendship while knitting hats for the little ones at Highland Park Elementary. They meet in the Hospitality Room on Thursday mornings at 9:30 for fellowship and creativity—bring your knitting or other handwork and join in! *Please note: the group will meet at 10:00 a.m. on October 2, and at 9:30 a.m. on October 9 and following (due to Women's Bible Study).*

DRUMSTICK DASH TO BENEFIT THE RESCUE MISSION

Taking place Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 a.m., run, walk, and virtual run/walk events are available. Head to drumstickdash.net/ and sign up to join our Second Presbyterian Church team!

HANDEL'S MESSIAH SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, Dec. 14 | 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Second Presbyterian Church invites you to an evening concert featuring the Chancel Choir and distinguished guest musicians. The performance is open to the public, and admission is free. Mark your calendars! We look forward to welcoming you.

— UPCOMING MEN’S AND GALS’ RETREATS —

MEN’S RETREAT | FRI.–SAT., NOVEMBER 7–8 | EAGLE EYRIE

“Revelation and Reggae”

Led once again by Rev. Chris Vogado, this year’s Men’s Retreat on November 7–8 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg will explore the Book of Revelation through the lens of Reggae music, as we look into the powerful imagery of Babylon as a symbol of injustice and spiritual resistance. We will trace how, through both prophetic visions and protest rhythms, scripture and song call us to live with integrity, courage, and honesty in the face of broken systems in hope for a better future. Expect honest conversations, soul-stirring music, and fresh insights into Revelation’s message.



Chris has served as Pastor of Salem Presbyterian Church since October 2022. He is a lifelong Presbyterian born and raised in Maryville, TN. Chris earned a BA in Religious Studies from the University of Tennessee and a Masters of Divinity from Colombia Theological Seminary. He served churches in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Indiana before coming to Salem. Chris is married to Rachel Vogado (also an ordained Presbyterian pastor), has an eclectic taste in music, and enjoys outdoor activities such as kayaking and backyard astronomy.

Come and enjoy this memorable weekend with us! Cost is \$75. **Register by Oct. 31 by using the QR code or at www.spres.org.**



GALS’ GATHERING DAY RETREAT | SAT., NOVEMBER 15 | SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Love’s Ancient Song: The Beauty and Wisdom of the Song of Songs”

Join us for Gals’ Gathering, a day-long women’s retreat held right here at the church on Saturday, November 15. This year’s theme is “Love’s Ancient Song: The Beauty and Wisdom of the Song of Songs,” an invitation to explore the depth, poetry, and enduring power of love found in this unique book of the Bible.

We’re delighted to welcome Dr. Sarah Wiles, pastor at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, as our guest speaker. Sarah brings a rich background in theology, creative writing, and ministry, shaped by her experiences in churches across the country. She’s a mom to twins, a lover of poetry and action films, and believes in the sacredness of laughter, naps, and good food.

Whether you’ve attended our overnight retreats or are new to women’s gatherings, this is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual reflection, connection, and renewal. We’d love to have you with us! Cost is \$35 (includes lunch & craft). **Register by Sunday, Nov. 9 using the QR code or at www.spres.org.**



WELCOME JEAN SANDERS

We are delighted to welcome Jean Sanders into our fold, who joined by letter of transfer on April 27, 2025.

Jean grew up in Radford, Virginia, where she lived until graduating from Radford University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, concentrating in accounting. She recently retired after a long and rewarding career, most of which was spent with a company that administered a program for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing senior citizens with assistance for their prescription costs. She found the work especially meaningful and was grateful for the opportunity to lead a dedicated staff.



In retirement, Jean enjoys household projects, reading, and especially listening to audio books. She also hopes to increase her travels to enjoy concerts, beaches, and national parks. Last year, she joined the church Chancel Choir, an experience she has loved, and she looks forward to continuing to grow in faith and community through the life of the church.

We’re so glad to welcome Jean to our Second Pres family!

Submitted by Connie Polly, Engagement Coordinator.



YOUTH

The youth began the year fast and with enthusiasm as we jumped into programming with our Kickoff Cookout, then a family-building youth group, followed by the overnight Youth Retreat. Each of these three gatherings was one step toward our goal of “nurturing our nature” (the youth theme for 2025-2026 is *Nurture Your Nature*): The Kickoff Cookout brought reunion and celebration, the family-building youth group fostered connections and new relationships, and the youth retreat at Camp Tuk-A-Way created space for unstructured fun, intentional conversation, and exploratory wondering. It is our hope that this year will continue to provide space for the nurture—grace, compassion, care, love, reflection, tender-heartedness, visible kindness—of our nature—joyful, playful, innocent, curious, open, communal, wondering, childlike—for this is who we were created to be!

OCTOBER YOUTH DATES

- Oct 5 – *Memory and Mystery*
- Oct 12 – *Formed from the Earth*
- Oct 19 – *Prep for Trunk or Treat*
- Oct 26 – *Trunk or Treat (Youth help from 2:30-7:00)*

TRUNK OR TREAT | OCT. 26

Mark your calendars! The 5th Annual 2PC Youth Trunk or Treat will be on October 26th in the Mountain Avenue Parking Lot from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. This event brings our neighbors, our preschool, our mission partners, and local schools together for a SPOOKtacular night of fun and fellowship! The youth create games for all the kids to play, while members of our church volunteer to decorate their trunks and pass out candy! The Second Pres Preschool even sponsors the Bounce House! The Trunk or Treat is a church-wide, neighborhood, and community event that highlights our focus on mission and outreach.

Want to help with Trunk or Treat? You can donate candy or sign up to decorate your car. Contact Ben Brannan and sign up today (benb@spres.org)!

We will be collecting canned food donations at the event to begin our Middle School Hunger Busters Initiative to benefit the Presbyterian Community Center until November 16th!

YOUNG ADULTS

This group of young people in their 20s and 30s occasionally gathers for fellowship and study opportunities. We have some exciting plans as we continue our relationship with the Young Adults at Raleigh Court Pres.

On **Saturday, October 18**, the group heads to Stoney Brook Vineyard for a beautiful afternoon out!

On **Thursday, November 13**, the group will go bowling!

There are other events being planned for the Advent/Christmas season, too. Please reach out to Ben Brannan or the church office if you are interested in joining this group and receiving communications (benb@spres.org). We look forward to seeing you and your friends real soon!



EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR CHURCH AND YOUTH

We are thrilled to share that the very first accomplishment of the Frank and Martha Clay Martin Fund for Youth has been realized through the purchase of a brand-new, 12-passenger van! This wonderful resource will provide safe and reliable transportation for our youth on trips, retreats, and service projects.

The Martin Fund, established to nurture and strengthen our youth and young adult ministries, will continue to support these vital programs for years to come. We give thanks for this generous legacy that helps our young people grow in faith, fellowship, and service

STEWARDSHIP

— THE LIGHT WE SHINE — COMMITMENT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Over these past several months, our congregation has been invited to reflect on the ways *The Light We Shine* radiates. That light is seen in our worship, in the care we extend to one another, in the compassion shown to neighbors, and in the hope we carry into the world. Each act of generosity and service reflects the love of Christ, and together they form a beacon of light in our community and beyond.



Commitment Sunday, October 12, will be a day of joyful worship at both the 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. By now, all members should have received a letter from our pastor, George Anderson, along with a pledge card. During the final hymn, we will share in the Procession of Joyful Stewards as we bring our commitments forward as an act of worship. If you forget your pledge card, extras will be available in the pew racks.

Why do we ask members to pledge? Because pledging is both a spiritual practice—an intentional way of dedicating part of what God has entrusted to us—and a practical necessity. These commitments allow the church to plan faithfully for the ministries, missions, and care we share together.

For those who have already submitted a pledge before October 12—by email, mail, dropping it off at the church office, or through the Realm digital platform—there will be a way to participate in this moment of worship as well. A tear-off slip in the bulletin will allow you to declare your commitment.

Together, these visible signs of commitment will be a testimony to God's faithfulness and to the light we are called to shine. As we look toward the coming year, may our pledges of time, talent, and treasure strengthen the ministries of Second Presbyterian and extend the light of Christ even farther. With gratitude for all that God has done and with hope for what God will yet do, let us step boldly into this season of generosity.

With gratitude,
The Stewardship Committee

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Mountain Avenue Fund (Macfarlane Grant)

In memory of **Anne Macfarlane** by
 Bill and Shireen Kirk
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Martin Youth Fund

In memory of **Jim Revercomb** by
 Susan and Bill Lancaster

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 August 1-31, 2025.

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



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— KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS —

Did you know our church is part of the Kroger Community Rewards program? If you have a Kroger Plus card, it's easy to set up on either the Kroger website or with customer service. Each time you shop at Kroger, they donate a small percentage of your spending to a charity of your choice. Why not let Kroger support our vital programs that make a difference in our community? Thanks for helping our church with your grocery shopping!

Rewards Statement: 01-Jun-2025 to 30-Aug-2025:

81 HOUSEHOLDS

\$322.04 TOTAL DONATIONS

If you would like to link Second Presbyterian Church to your Kroger account, follow these steps:

1. Visit the Kroger Community Rewards page at kroger.com/communityrewards.
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."

CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00pm Bible in Black and White Class, Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room	2 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room 4:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom 5:00pm Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom	3	4
5 World Communion Sunday 8:45am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary 9:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 9:45am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 9:45am Sunday School with POP-UP in Fellowship Hall 11:00am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Youth Group	6 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	7 9:30am Staff Meeting	8 12:00pm Bible in Black and White Class, Fellowship Hall 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	9 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room 10:30am - 11:30am Women's Bible Class, Session Room	10 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Reading Room	11
12 Commitment Sunday 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:30am Chancel Choir Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 9:45am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Youth Group	13 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	14 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom 5:15pm Trent Fund Subcommittee, Zoom	15 8:05am Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid 12:00pm Bible in Black and White Class, Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 4:30pm Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room	16 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 10:30am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room 10:30am - 11:30am Women's Bible Class, Session Room 12:00pm - 2:00pm MMT Board Meeting, Session Room	17	18
19 Preschool Sunday 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 9:45am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 9:45am Preschool to Host Meet/Greet, Fellowship Hall 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 4:00pm Elder Elect Training (Worship & Outreach), Session Room 5:00pm Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Youth Group 5:30pm Welcome Families to the Alexa House	20 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	21 9:30am Staff Meeting	22 Preschool Muffins with Mom 12:00pm Bible in Black and White Class, Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom	23 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 10:30am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room 10:30am - 11:30am Women's Bible Class, Session Room 12:00pm PCC, Reading Room	24	25
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MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: The food items for the month of October are **holiday foods (stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, cranberry sauce)**. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

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