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Finding direction by following Jesus.

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PASTOR'S NOTES - DR. GEORGE C. ANDERSON

THE EDMUNDS LECTURES AND THE VOICE WE NEED RIGHT Now

Every once in a while, a scholar captures the imagination of mainline pastors—not simply because they're brilliant, but because their voice is uniquely tuned to the challenges of a particular moment.

For previous generations, that voice may have been Harry Emerson Fosdick, Karl Barth, or Reinhold Niebuhr. When I was in seminary, it was Fred Craddock, who revolutionized the way we think about preaching. Later, Walter Brueggemann reignited interest in the Old Testament's prophetic voice. Eugene Peterson gave pastors a compelling vision of vocational faithfulness (and gave the wider church *The Message*). Richard Rohr reintroduced ancient practices of contemplation to contemporary seekers.

Today, it may be Andrew Root's moment.

In recent years, I've found myself in conversation—at continuing education events, over coffee, in clergy gatherings—where Root's name keeps coming up. Pastors across the theological spectrum are reading his books, quoting his insights, and wrestling with his vision for ministry in what he calls a *secular age*.



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Root has a rare ability to diagnose not only the symptoms but also the underlying cultural conditions shaping the life of the church. Drawing deeply on philosopher Charles Taylor, he helps pastors understand why traditional models of ministry often feel out of step—not because people have stopped needing God, but because the social and cultural scaffolding that once supported belief has shifted dramatically.

And yet, he writes not with nostalgia for the past or panic about the future, but with honesty, pastoral sensitivity, and theological depth. His work resonates because it names what many pastors feel but struggle to articulate: a disorienting gap between our call to proclaim the gospel and the cultural moment in which we are called to do it.

That's why we invited Andy Root to deliver this year's *Edmunds Lectures*. And that's why, when he agreed, we also invited him to take part in something more: a two-day *Cornerstone Colloquy* with pastors from around the country who are actively engaging his work.

When he said yes, Elizabeth Link, Andrew Whaley, and I began planning the colloquy and reached out to 18 pastors we hoped would attend. We expected a number of regrets.

We were wrong. All 18 said yes.

So, on **Monday and Tuesday, November 10–11**, Andy Root will meet during the day with these pastors and offer public lectures each evening at 7:00 p.m. This will be a unique opportunity not only for our congregation but for the wider church to hear from one of the most compelling theological voices of our time.

On the preceding **Sunday, November 9**, we will welcome Rev. Adam Hearlson to our pulpit. A colloquy participant and professor of preaching, Rev. Hearlson brings a creative and incisive voice that will help set the stage for the week to come.

The **Edmunds Lectures** are made possible by the Spencer Edmunds Lecture Fund.

The **Cornerstone Colloquy** is made possible by the Millie and George Anderson Cornerstone Fund for Pastoral Excellence and the Gene and Treva Richter Fund for Education and Outreach.



SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2025

Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke

5:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

FREE ADMISSION

A FEW WORDS ABOUT MESSIAH... *Composer: G.F. Handel, 1685-1759 | Librettist: Charles Jennens, 1700-1773 | First Performance: Dublin, April, 1742*

Handel's *Messiah*. Nearly everyone in the Western World is familiar with these two words. The piece has been a favorite among audiences and musicians for nearly 300 years.

Messiah is probably the most famous example of the oratorio but, when it debuted, its construction was atypical of Italianate examples of the genre which were the norm. As with operas, oratorios had a plot, characters, or narrative. These characteristics are not found in *Messiah*. Instead, its tripartite structure outlines Christ's birth, death and resurrection as described by passages (selected by Jennens) from the Old and New Testaments. And so, because of its enormous popularity it became the model for oratorio composition in the years that followed.

Complete performances of *Messiah* (fifty-three movements and about 100 minutes in length) in Europe are common during Lent. North American audiences, however, have come to prefer Part One, "The Christmas Portion," (using Hallelujah, from the conclusion of Part Two). Not only has the first part become a treasured enhancement of Advent but, at just under one hour in length, it's much more manageable for amateur singers to master and busy audiences to enjoy.

From its beginnings, *Messiah* has been a malleable work resulting in a broad range of performances. For example, while Handel had thirty-two singers in his first performances, over the decades that number has continued to expand. By the late-eighteenth century, the numbers of singers increased to the point that Mozart created an expanded orchestral edition that included three trombones, clarinets—not in Handel's orchestral palette—and greatly increased strings. The larger the choral forces, the larger the orchestras needed to balance the singers and the larger spaces needed to hold them all. These trends continued until the late nineteenth century in London, where a performance by 4,000 musicians was reported.

Following Handel's practice, arias might still be assigned to different voice types from performance to performance. For example, "But Who May Abide" now often sung by a bass, received settings by Handel for the counter tenor, alto and second soprano.

Handel composed and added pieces in 1743 and 1745, two and three years after the debut, and finally in 1750, when he added "But Who May Abide" and another aria in Part Two. Handel also refashioned earlier arias into choruses on at least four occasions. For example, in Part One, "For Unto Us a Child is Born" began life as an aria from his Italian cantata, *No, di voi non vo fidarmi*. The choruses "He Shall Purify," "His Yoke is Easy," and "All We Like Sheep" (Part Two) had similar soloistic beginnings, explaining their virtuosic vocal lines in those choruses.

This December, the Chancel Choir's performance will draw from the flexibility allowed by Baroque practice, performance traditions and the limitations and opportunities available. For example, we will have the soloists sing two of the choruses that Handel repurposed from aforementioned solo works, ("He Shall Purify" and "For Unto Us") as solo quartets, not as full choruses.

It is hoped that new dimensions of Handel's genius are revealed in meaningful ways, enhancing listeners' experiences and celebration of the season.

Submitted by Jeff Sandborg, Choir Director.

2026 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

We're excited to share that our next Habitat for Humanity home build, in partnership with St. John's Episcopal Church, will be for the Moss family at 711 Bullitt Ave. SE! Construction begins in December, with volunteers starting in January and a home dedication planned for May/June 2026. Stay tuned for more details and ways to get involved as we help the Moss family build their new home. Here's their bio:

Hi, we're the Moss family. My name is Monica and my husband's name is Sidney. We have nine children and one grandson whom we raise like he was our own child. I've lived in Roanoke my entire life. My husband is a native of Lynchburg, Virginia. Two of our children have sickle cell anemia, so we provide them with extra special care. Still, the presence of this disease in our family doesn't stop us from building a better life for all of our children.

I am currently the restaurant general manager at a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in the Roanoke area. Sidney is the assistant manager. We both attend college. Sidney is studying Business Management. I am studying Healthcare. We are determined to give our family a strong foundation and show our children that no matter what comes your way in life, with hard work and dedication, you can accomplish anything.

As homebuyers, what my husband and I look forward to the most will be seeing the smile on our children's faces when they walk into their new home, a place where they are safe and will have freedom. As the homebuyers, what Sidney and I look forward to the most is owning a home that provides room for our children to grow and store their things without being overcrowded. We are very grateful to partner with Habitat for Humanity in this incredible opportunity to achieve our goal of homeownership, something we've been working so hard to obtain for ourselves and our children.



Thanks to all who will assist us in the construction of our new home. We can hardly wait!

— The Moss Family

KNITTED HATS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The knitting season is upon us! Everyone is invited to help keep the children of Highland Park Elementary warm this winter by knitting hats and scarves. You're welcome to knit from home or join the Knitting Group on Thursday mornings at 9:30 in the Hospitality Room for fellowship, creativity, and good company. Yarn and knitting instructions (there's plenty to choose from!) are available in the Hospitality Room closet, where finished items should also be returned by early December. This program was lovingly started by Margaret Foss, and we're grateful for all who continue her legacy. Contact Emily Mallory with any questions (540-344-1780)—and happy knitting!

DRUMSTICK DASH TO BENEFIT THE RESCUE MISSION



Sign up for the Drumstick Dash event to benefit the Rescue Mission! Taking place Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 a.m., run, walk, and virtual run/walk events are available. If you have plans to attend, consider joining the Second Pres' Team! When registering online, click to join an existing Team Challenge and select Second Presbyterian under Churches from the list. There will be special recognition given to the largest church group participating. So head to drumstickdash.net/ & sign up for Second Pres' team!

“HONOR ROLL” MEMORIAL PLAQUE

In recognition of Veterans Day, we give thanks for all those who served our country. In the lower level hallway, a wall plaque titled “Honor Roll” has long stood as a quiet tribute. Recently, it was discovered that this Honor Roll lists members of our church who served during World War II. To more clearly commemorate their sacrifice, a new dedication plaque has been placed above it, reading: “IN REMEMBRANCE AND HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED FROM OUR CONGREGATION DURING WWII.” May this display continue to remind us of their faithful service and sacrifice.



Christmas Dinner & PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 5:00 P.M. | REGISTER BY NOV. 23

Mark your calendar for our traditional family Christmas Dinner and Pageant on the evening of December 7. Dinner by Lib & Amy Catering begins at 5:00 p.m. After, we will recess to the sanctuary for the children's Christmas Pageant. Come join the festivities!



MENU INCLUDES

Baked Chicken Breast, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Garden Salad (Balsamic and Ranch Dressings), Buttered Rolls, Assorted Desserts

COST

\$15 - Adults (13 and up)
\$7 - Children ages 5-12
Free - Children ages 0-4



REGISTRATION

Register by Sunday, November 23 by scanning the QR code or online at www.spres.org.



Questions? Contact Meredith Koliba at meredith@spres.org. To volunteer, contact Robin Hobbs (hobbslex@yahoo.com) or Mary Airheart Brown (mairheart@gmail.com).

A SOLUTION FOR UNUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Are you wondering what to do with those unused Christmas cards left over from last year? What about those Christmas card samples that seem to appear in your mailbox, do they need a home? *Do we have the solution for you!* Bring them to church and put them in the Jail Ministry box in the Coat Closet.

Beginning November 1st, as part of our Jail Ministry, the Service and Outreach Committee will be collecting unused Christmas cards to distribute to the Chaplain's of our area jails. Your unused cards will be given to the men and women who are incarcerated over the Christmas holiday to send to their loved ones. As Rev. Dan Netting, Chaplain of the Roanoke County and the Western Virginia Regional Jail said in a previous communication, "These cards mean a lot to the men and women who are isolated from their families. Not just having a card to send to someone, but also the images on the cards help them to remember better days and to imagine the hope that God is still with them now." Your unused Christmas cards will also be given to Rev. Matthew Kramm, the new Chaplain for the Roanoke City Jail, so that he can distribute them to inmates as well. Along with your unused Christmas cards, the Service and Outreach Committee will be providing rolls of stamps to each of the chaplains to defray the cost of postage for the cards.



Thank you for your interest over the years for helping make the Christmas holiday a little less stressful for those men and women incarcerated during this time of year. We, the members of the Service and Outreach Committee really appreciate your help making this outreach to the community possible.

For more information, please contact Anna McLean (540-776-0359).

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

TRUNK OR TREAT THANK YOU!

The youth would like to thank everyone who helped make the Trunk or Treat such a success—those who donated candy, helped cook, and all those families who decorated their car! What an amazing night to celebrate community as we welcomed our neighbors, local schools, local partners, and those within our church! What a night!

NOVEMBER IS HUNGER BUSTERS MONTH

Our collection began at Trunk or Treat, and we are well on our way! The middle school youth will be collecting goods through November 16th. All goods collected go to the Presbyterian Community Center's Hunger Buster Initiative as they stock their shelves to share with neighbors in South-east Roanoke and beyond. Each year this church donates hundreds of pounds of food that goes to support the pantry at the PCC! Their food pantry is an important resource for our city, and it is an honor to participate in the work of the PCC. You may pick up your donation bag (take as many as you can fill) from the sanctuary on Sundays or from the front desk on weekdays. Return your filled bag to the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for joining us in this wonderful initiative!

Suggested Items: Cereal (Boxes or Bags), Canned Fruits or Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Powdered Milk, Thicker Stews and Soups, Dessert Mixes, Canned Meats (Chicken, Tuna, Spam, Treet)

UPCOMING YOUTH DATES

- November 2 – Sunday Night Youth Group
- November 9 – Sunday Night Youth Group
- November 16 – Middle School Hunger Busters & High School Friendsgiving
- November 23 – Sunday Night Youth Group
- November 30 – No Youth Group
- December 7 – Church Christmas Dinner & Pageant
- December 14 – Youth Christmas Party



YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults here at Second are an ever-evolving group in their 20's and 30's. We had a great day out at Stoney Brook in October, and we will enjoy a bowling night on November 13th with Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. The hope is to also have a December party, so be on the lookout for an email with more information. If you would like to learn more about this group, please contact Ben Brannan (benb@spres.org).

— GREEN TEAM PARTICIPATES IN PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS EARTH CARE WORSHIP SERVICE —

“*THE POWER TO HEAL CREATION*”

Green Team representatives from Blacksburg, Raleigh Court, and Second Presbyterian shared reflections on their Earth Care journeys at October’s Presbytery of the Peaks (PoP) worship service at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.



Credit: Presbytery of the Peaks

The Earth Care themed worship service was planned by the PoP Earth Care Subcommittee under the Justice & Mercy Commission. The Subcommittee is comprised of members from Blacksburg, Covenant, Quaker Memorial, Raleigh Court, and Second Presbyterian church.

Rev. Derrick Weston delivered the sermon, *The Power to Heal Creation*. Rev. Weston is the director of theological education for Creation Justice Ministries, an ecumenical organization helping human beings to live in right relationship with God’s Creation.

Closing prayer from the worship bulletin:

*This we know, the earth does not belong to us,
We belong to the earth.*

*This we know, all things are connected,
Like the blood that unites one family.*

*This we know, we did not weave the web of life,
We are merely a strand in it.*

*This we know, whatever we do to the web,
We do to ourselves.*

*Let us give thanks for the gift of creation.
May we learn to cherish and protect your world.*

— From *The Iona Community Worship Book*

God created the earth and called it good. Now it’s up to us to heed God’s call!

The **Spotlight** appears in *The Second Sheet* bimonthly. We’ll return in January.



GREEN TEAM

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

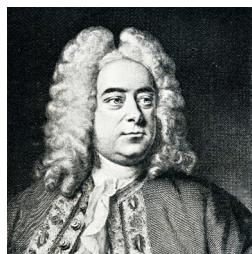
9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

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.

POP-UP
SUNDAY
SCHOOL ↗



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

Sunday, November 23 | 4:45 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of fellowship and preparation as we gather for a potluck dinner followed by a hands-on Advent workshop! Households of all shapes and sizes are invited to create a set of five beautiful Advent candles—hand-rolled from colored beeswax sheets (simple and fun for all ages). Traditional, pre-made candles will also be available.

Please bring a dish to share. Dinner begins at 4:45 p.m., and we'll wrap up by 6:30 p.m.* Supplies are provided, but we do ask for some help collecting greenery. If you have any evergreens growing in your yard, please trim some sprigs to share! Registration is required so we can prepare materials.



We hope you'll join us as we begin the Advent season together! **Register by November 17 by using the QR code or at www.spres.org.**

**Kids' Fellowship participants will be rehearsing from 6-6:30.*

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.**



THEOLOGY ON TAP | TUESDAY, NOV. 4 | 6:00–7:00 P.M. @ 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.

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

Thanks to all who registered for our this year's Men's Retreat, "Revelation & Reggae," with guest speaker Rev. Chris Vogado. We look forward to our time together at Eagle Eyrie!

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, Nov. 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.**



– NEWS & NOTES –

Flowers | **Sept 14** - Given by Kandy Elliott in loving memory of her parents, Roy and Marilyn, and her sister, Pam..... **Sept 21** - Given in loving memory of Frank and Martha Clay Martin and Julia Martin Holland by Bob and Cheryl Martin..... **Sept 28** - Given in memory of Al Hurt by his daughter, Annie Hurt Krieg..... **Oct 5** - Given in loving memory of Ruth Ellen Kuhnel by the family.

Sympathy | Our sympathies extend to Jim and Nancy Pickens on the death of Jim's uncle, Julian Pickens, on Sunday, September 21..... Sympathy is extended to Rich Reilly and family on the death of his wife, Cindy Reilly, on Monday, September 22.

Concerns | Susan Carter, Hayden Hollingsworth, John Nelson, Jo Rider.

New Arrivals | Congratulations to Margaret and David Lemon on the arrival of their grandson, William "Bo" Montgomery Lemon, born on Friday, September 12 to parents Preston and Meagan Lemon of Richmond, VA. Proud big sisters are Lucy and Caroline..... Congratulations to Doug and Robin Settles on the birth of their grandson, James Caspen Settles, on Tuesday, September 30 to parents Trent and Bayli Settles. Proud great-grandmother is Betsy Settles Howlett.

Baptism | During the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, September 28, Paige and Ansh Mathur presented their son, Nikhil Anderson Mathur, for the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. Alice Loftin served as the presiding elder.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – SEPTEMBER 2025

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In memory of Anne Macfarlane by
LeCompte and Whitney Deyerle
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Carl and Mary T. Bivens

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Carole Mayberry

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In honor of Joyce Rice by
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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 September 1-30, 2025.

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



SCAN
TO
GIVE

LEGACY CORNER

If you are age 73 or older, you know about the *Required Minimum Distribution* (RMD). Every year, the government requires you to take money out of your retirement account—whether you need it or not.

But here's the good news: that requirement can become a blessing. Many in our church family have discovered the joy of using their RMD to support the ministry of Second Presbyterian.

When you give your RMD directly to the church, you're not just meeting a rule—you're feeding the hungry, nurturing children and youth, maintaining a place of worship, and sharing God's love in countless ways. What once felt like a burden becomes an opportunity to bless others.

One member said: *"I never liked being told I had to take money out, but when I realized I could send it to the church, it felt right. Now I see my gift at work."*

How to Give Your RMD:

1. Contact your IRA custodian or financial advisor.
2. Ask them to make your distribution directly to *Second Presbyterian Church*.
3. You've met your requirement, lowered your taxable income, and blessed your church.

Submitted by the Legacy Committee.



REMEMBER YOUR COMMITMENT

Commitment cards have been mailed and are available in the sanctuary and at the front office. You can communicate your financial commitment via mail, by phone or email to Church Administrator Nathan Anderson (540-343-3659; admin@spres.org), or online via your Realm account (Log in --> Giving --> + Pledge --> 2026 General Fund).

CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 All Saints Sunday 8:45am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary 9:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 9:45am Sunday School with POP-UP in Fellowship Hall 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Youth Group	3 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:45pm Scouts	4 Voting Polls, Fellowship Hall 9:30am Staff Meeting	5 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room	6 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 9:30am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room 10:30am - 11:30am Women's Bible Class, Session Room 4:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom 5:00pm Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom	7 Men's Retreat, Eagle Eyrie	8 Men's Retreat, Eagle Eyrie
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MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: November's food collection will support the middle school youth Hunger Busters event! See info on p. 6 for details.

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If you would like to give memorial or celebration poinsettias for the Christmas season services, please complete the **ONLINE ORDER FORM** found at www.spres.org. We encourage you to complete the online form to ensure spelling accuracy.



Alternatively, you may use this order form and return it to the church via mail or email (meredith@spres.org), along with a check for \$12.50 per plant. **The deadline for receiving orders is Friday, December 5.** Poinsettias will be displayed during services on December 14 (pink) and 21 through Christmas Eve (red).



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