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Advent Sermon Series 2025.

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PASTORS' NOTES - GEORGE ANDERSON, ELIZABETH LINK, BEN BRANNAN

ONCE UPON AN ADVENT—AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES

This Advent at Second Presbyterian, we're entering the story of Christmas through the eyes of wonder—especially the kind children bring so naturally. Lights, songs, and familiar traditions invite us to slow down and look again. But even more, the stories we tell—biblical and beloved—help us see how God's love becomes real among us.

Our Advent sermon series, *Once Upon an Advent*, pairs Scripture with classic children's Christmas books. Each week, we'll explore how God's promises of hope, peace, joy, love, and light emerge in small, quiet, and unexpected ways. These stories remind us that God's good news often begins the same way: with something overlooked, humble, or ordinary that turns out to be full of grace.

Whether you read along with children, grandchildren, or simply on your own, we invite you to discover these stories anew and let them deepen your Advent waiting.

Advent Series Schedule:

- **November 30 – HOPE**
Book: *The Christmas Cup* (Nancy Ruth Patterson; illus. Leslie Bowman)



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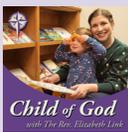
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Scripture: Luke 1:5–25, 57–66; Isaiah 11:1–10

- **December 7 – PEACE**

Book: *Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect* (Richard H. Schneider; illus. Elizabeth J. Miles)
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2–7; Philippians 4:4–9; Luke 3:1–6

- **December 14 – JOY**

Book: *Great Joy* (Kate DiCamillo; illus. Bagram Ibatoulline)
Scripture: Luke 2:8–20; Isaiah 35:1–10

- **December 21 – LOVE**

Book: *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey* (Susan Wojciechowski; illus. P.J. Lynch)
Scripture: 1 John 4:7–12; Luke 1:26–38

- **December 24 – Christmas Eve – LIGHT**

Book: *Silent Night* (Lara Hawthorne)
Scripture: Luke 2:1–20; John 1

- **December 28 – First Sunday of Christmas – JESUS IN OUR MIDST**

Book: *Shoemaker Martin* (Leo Tolstoy; illus. Bernadette Watts)
Scripture: Matthew 25 (selected verses)

Come and join us for *Once Upon an Advent*—a season to wonder, to wait, and to hear again how God's story is still being written in and among us.

P.S. To help young children engage in this season, various children's Christmas books will be available on book stands in the stone passageway each Sunday morning during Advent. We invite children to take a book with them to enjoy during the worship hour.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings

- 8:45 a.m. Early Service, Sanctuary
 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School*
 - 11:00 a.m. Late Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
- *There will be NO Sunday school on Dec. 28.

Christmas Eve | Wednesday, Dec. 24

- 12:00 p.m. Noon Service with Communion, Sanctuary/Live Stream
- 5:00 p.m. Family Service with a Baptism, Sanctuary
- 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary



Bill Durham (left) and Bill Broadhurst (right).

HONORING BILL DURHAM

What follows is a slightly shorter version of remarks I gave at a Session picnic where we honored Bill Durham for his long and faithful service as Clerk of Session.

The Clerk of Session is one of the most critical roles in the Presbyterian Church—especially in a church the size of Second Presbyterian. Properly embodied, the role goes far beyond keeping good minutes, helping the moderator stay within Robert's Rules, and making sure the session fulfills all the expectations of the Book of Order. At its heart, it's both strategic and diplomatic.

The best clerks don't push their own agendas. They work with pastors and elders to build consensus for the good of the whole church.

Every Clerk of Session I've served with has had the gifts to do this job well. The problem was, we never gave them enough time. There's a learning curve to this job. It takes a while to learn

- what belongs in the minutes and what doesn't,
- what motions need votes and which just need a nod,
- how to use Robert's Rules in a way that actually fits the personality of our session,
- and develop the wisdom to help the session navigate issues, build consensus and make decisions that serve the church's vision and goals.

Just about the time that someone starts to really settle into being clerk... we'd rotate them off and have to start the training all over again.

About a decade ago, we decided to go in a different direction. We wanted someone who could serve in this role for a good, long stretch—someone with deep faith, a long history with the church, and a knack for helping people work together. Someone respected by our whole, diverse congregation. Someone who could stay calm when tensions rose, offer steady guidance, and, ideally, have a sense of humor.

We found that person in Bill Durham.

Bill understood from the start what we needed. His father had been an effective Clerk of Session, so he knew the art of leading with both order and grace. He understands that strong leadership comes not from control, but from trust—from helping others discern and serve the greater good.

Now we find ourselves at that bittersweet moment of facing the end of Bill's service as clerk because of his and Susan's wonderful decision to move to Harrisonburg to be near family. It helps that another Bill—Bill Broadhurst—will continue the good work that Bill has done. Bill Durham will stay on through March to help with the transition, for which we are grateful.

So, with thanksgiving and genuine celebration, we express our love and appreciation to Bill and Susan. We will not forget what they have meant to the session, to the choir, to Christian education, and to the life of this congregation.

Bill, thank you for your steady, wise, and gracious leadership.

Bill and Susan, thank you for your witness to God's love in this community.

You'll be deeply missed—but you'll always be part of Second.





Photos from the 2025 Men's Retreat at Eagle Eyrie and Gals' Gathering at the church.

– NEWS & NOTES –

Flowers | **Oct 12** - Given by Nick and Alison Conte in honor of Alison's father, George C. Ashby, Jr., as he celebrates his 100th birthday..... **Oct 19** - Given in recognition of the tireless administrator for the Open Door Sunday school class, Kay Saleeby, by Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt..... **Oct 26** - Given in loving memory of Marian Kirk Dille, John Adams Dille, Drucilla Dille McNeil, Jane Dille Klise, John Adams Dille, Jr., J. Kirk Dille and Jennie Evans Dille by Mrs. J. Kirk Dille and Dr. and Mrs. John F. Schmedtje..... **Nov 2** - Given by Jim and Ruth Robertson and John and Mary Robertson Delaney in loving memory of their parents, Jim and Nancy Robertson, and their brother, John Robertson. The flowers in the Columbarium were given in loving memory of Anne and Granger Macfarlane by their children, John, Charles, Sandy and Mary Banks..... **Nov 9** - Given in loving memory of Jack Stanley and Pat and George Vaughan by John and Lisa Stanley.

Sympathy | Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Audrey Doll Bates, who died on Wednesday, October 8..... Our sympathies extend to Claudia and John Moore on the death of Claudia's mother, Claudia O'Bosky, on Monday, October 13. Our prayers are also with their daughters, Caroline and Elizabeth..... Sympathy is extended to Jim and Susan Bailey on the recent passing of Jim's brother, Steve Bailey. Our prayers are also with their daughters Tyler, Carrie, and Lizzie..... Sympathy is extended to Nichole and Brandon Booker on the death of Nichole's brother, Brandon Bell of Livonia, MI, on Friday, October 17. Our prayers are also with their children Andrew, Evan, and Elizabeth..... Sympathy is extended to Helen Burnett on the recent death of her grand-nephew, Andrew Rath of Northern VA..... Our sympathies extend to Laura McKaskel and family on the death of her brother, Jerry "Butch" McKaskel of Boomer, NC, on Wednesday, October 29..... Sympathy is extended to Barry and Ann Green on the death of Barry's mother, Marjorie Green, on Friday, October 31..... Our sympathies extend to Robert Rider and family on the death of his wife, Jo Rider, on Wednesday, November 5. We also hold in prayer their daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Troy Rech, and their grandchildren, Grayson and Campbell Rech.

Concerns | Susan Carter, Hayden Hollingsworth, CW Houghton, John Nelson, Bill Stevens.

New Arrivals | Congratulations to Jen and Carter Brothers on the birth of their grandson, Grant Randolph Garst, born to parents Courtney Brothers and Phillip Garst on Tuesday, September 30..... Congratulations to Jim and Ruth Robertson on the birth of their grandson, Stephen James Greene, born on Friday, October 10 to parents Kate and Thomas Greene. Proud big sister is Auggie..... Congratulations to Pat and Jim Howard on the birth of their first great-grandchild, Palmer Capri Tarini, born on Friday, October 10 to parents Ashtyn and Tony Tarini of Mooresville, NC..... Congratulations to McLendon and Dylan McGee on the birth of their son, Tucker Hill McGhee, on Friday, October 17. Proud big sister is Paige, and grandparents are Lorah and Frank Pruette..... Congratulations to Marti and Morris Turner on the birth of their grandson, Wells Matthew Turner, on Tuesday, October 21 to parents Taylor and Matt Turner of Charlotte, NC. Proud big brother is Lawson..... Congratulations to Mike and Sharon Stewart on the birth of their granddaughter, Saylor Jan Stewart, on Tuesday, October 21 to parents Nick and Caitlin Stewart of Virginia Beach..... Congratulations to Pam and Rick Murray on the arrival of their granddaughter, Kinzy Kehle, born on Tuesday, October 14 to parents Peter and Kathryn Kehle of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Proud big brother is Kai.



Middle school youth helped price and sort November's Hunger Buster food collection for the PCC.

YOUTH

The youth would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Middle School Hunger Buster Initiative that supported the Presbyterian Community Center pantry. We received tons of donations, and those donations went to serve the underserved in our community during the holiday season! Thank you so very much!!!

DECEMBER 14TH IS THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year we will celebrate the season with a night of Christmas Movie Magic! Dress up as your favorite Christmas Movie character and get ready for some fun! We will be in the Fellowship Hall Dec. 14 from 5–7 p.m. for dinner, games, and a good time!

SUMMER 2026

Is there a better gift for Christmas than the gift of summer fun!!!! We have several options for our youth to participate in growth and mission. To best plan for the summer trips we have in store, we are asking that families complete signups (submitting forms and paying the \$100 deposit per trip) by January 31st. Final payments will be due by June 1st.

At-Home Mission Week: June 15–17

- Open to all youth
- Cost is Free

Bibles & Bricks DR Mission Trip: June 27–July 4

- Open to rising 10th graders through graduated Seniors
- Cost is \$485
- [Register on Realm](#)

Montreat Youth Conference: July 26–Aug 1

- Open to rising 9th graders through graduated Seniors
- Cost is \$295
- [Register on Realm](#)

*Summer youth trip scholarships and subsidies made possible by the Martin Fund.

UPCOMING YOUTH DATES

- December 7: Church Christmas Dinner & Pageant
- December 14: Youth Christmas Party – “Dashing through the Decades”
- January 11: Confirmation Sunday
- January 11/18/25: Youth Group – Youth Sunday Prep
- February 1: Youth Sunday Rehearsal
- February 8: Youth Sunday

YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults here at Second are an ever-evolving group in their 20's and 30's. We hope you'll save the date for axe throwing on Thursday, January 15th! More details to come. If you would like to learn more about this group, please contact Ben Brannan (benb@spres.org).

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL



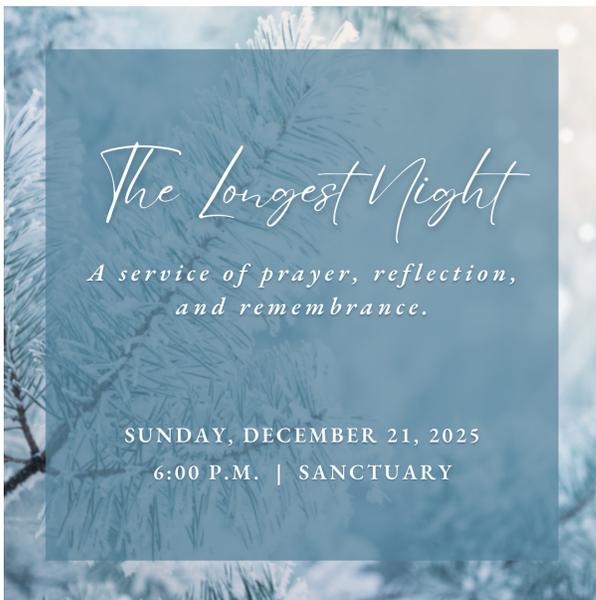
DEC 7TH

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.



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 21 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

For those who have experienced loss, the holidays can be a particularly painful time, stirring up grief in acute ways. Many churches have adopted the practice of hosting a Longest Night service on or around the winter solstice, honoring those grappling with loss and grief. On Sunday, Dec 21, at 6pm in the Sanctuary we will hold a Longest Night service of prayer, song, and meditation. Our hope is that this worship service will create a safe and sacred space for those who are struggling to feel the joy and light of this Advent and Christmas season due to loss of any kind. We do not intend for this service to be a service of healing, for what we lose cannot always be replaced. Instead, we hope this service will acknowledge the hole that grief leaves in one's heart while simultaneously remembering that we worship a God who is with us, even in the darkest of times.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST UPDATES

Sunday school will not meet on December 28, though Children, Worship, and Wonder (for children in Pre-K through first grade) will meet during the 11AM worship service.

Sunday school will resume for all ages on January 11.

On Sunday, January 4, members and visitors of all ages are invited to attend a pancake breakfast during the Sunday school hour in Fellowship Hall. This breakfast is sponsored in partnership by the Christian Education Committee and the Congregational Life Committee. Let us take time to share a

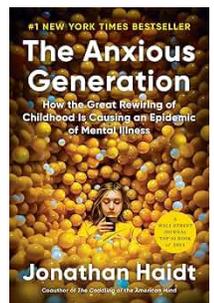
meal together, get to know recent members and confirmands from the 2025 year, and give thanks to those Sunday school teachers who work tirelessly all year long. Regularly scheduled Sunday school classes for all ages will resume on January 11.



FAITHFUL FAMILIES: THE ANXIOUS GENERATION (8-WEEK STUDY) | BEGINS JAN. 18

Join Ben Brannan and Elizabeth Link for an 8-week parenting class based on Jonathan Haidt's acclaimed book The Anxious Generation, exploring how faith can guide us in raising resilient, grounded children in today's digital world. Together we'll share wisdom, encouragement, and practical tools for nurturing courage and connection in our families. The series will begin on January 18, 2026 during the Sunday School hour. We will meet downstairs in the Klein Classroom.

Please purchase a copy of the book from your favorite bookseller.



— SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER 2026 —

It may seem far away, but we know many of you like to plan your summers early! As you begin mapping out your vacation days, be sure to make space for some meaningful and joy-filled gatherings with your church family. We can't wait to share another summer of learning, faith, and fellowship together!

- **EVENING VBS | June 7–10 (Sun.–Wed.)**

We're excited to kick off the summer with our Evening Vacation Bible School, beginning Sunday evening, June 7, with a shared dinner and opening program. Adults are invited to participate in a special study led by mission co-worker Dr. John McCall, who will guide us in diving deeper into Scripture and growing together in faith.

At the same time, children (Pre-K through 5th grade) will take part in a theatre-themed VBS experience, filled with creativity, storytelling, and faith-based fun! Childcare will be available for our youngest attendees. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow as a church family, side by side.



- **MORNING VBS: JOSEPH'S JOURNEY | July 20–23 (Mon.–Th.), 8:30 a.m.–12 noon**

This year's Morning Vacation Bible School (Pre-K–5th grade) will explore the inspiring story of Joseph from the book of Genesis. Together, children will discover how God was always with Joseph (like God is always with us) through challenges, change, and moments of great need.

Our VBS programs thrive thanks to the energy and commitment of our youth and adult volunteers! If you're interested in helping with crafts, games, storytelling, or snacks, we'd love to have you join the team. To volunteer, please contact Maria Blackshaw (maria@spres.org) or Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org).

Registration for Morning VBS will open this spring on the church website.

- **VBS After Care Camps, July 20-23 (M-Th), 12 noon–4:00 p.m.**

We're pleased to again offer VBS After Care Camps for families seeking extended care during VBS week! In partnership with local sports and arts organizations, children will enjoy fun, enriching afternoon "mini camps" held right here at the church.

This opportunity allows families to take full advantage of the free Morning VBS while adding engaging afternoon activities. Please note that space will be limited and a fee will apply for the aftercare portion.

Note: After Care Camps are open to Kindergarten–5th grade children. Preschoolers (Pre-K) are encouraged to join our church preschool's summer day camps for afternoon care.

Additional details and registration links will be available when VBS registration opens in the spring.

- **CHURCHWIDE RETREAT | August 21-23, 2026**

Save the date for our next Churchwide Retreat at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA! We'll gather for a weekend of worship, fellowship, recreation, and renewal surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery. Our guest speaker, Dr. Rachel Thompson Orfield, will lead us in times of reflection and spiritual growth as we explore what it means to live faithfully and joyfully in community.

Stay tuned for registration information and more details in the months ahead—we can't wait to share this special time together!



Christmas Dinner & PAGEANT

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



We look forward to our traditional Christmas Dinner & Pageant on Sunday, December 7! Those who did not register for dinner are still welcome to join us at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary for the Christmas Pageant with music by the children. You do not have to attend the dinner to see the pageant.

— WELCOME NEW CHURCH MEMBERS —

SECOND WELCOMES PETER PETERMAN

We are pleased to welcome Peter Peterman back home to Second Pres! Peter joined by reaffirmation of faith on May 4, 2025.

Peter was born and raised in Roanoke, where he attended Second Presbyterian Church with his family. He graduated from VMI in 1980 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and went to graduate school at Virginia Tech afterward.

Peter worked for Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics before spending his last eight working years with a small contracting company focused on electrical system design and development. Now retired, he lives on a small farm in Bedford County, where he grows and bales hay. His hobbies include amateur radio and restoring his farmhouse.



Peter's wife, Kelli, still works in Maryland. They have one daughter, Emily, who is married and lives with her husband Ryan Hart in Staunton, VA. Peter's joining our community is a blessing we're grateful for!

WELCOME CAROLYN ARMENTROUT

It is a joy to welcome Carolyn Armentrout into our church family. She joined by letter of transfer from Wytheville Presbyterian Church on September 28, 2025.

Carolyn grew up in Richmond, where her family was active in Lakeside Presbyterian Church. She graduated from Mary Baldwin College with a major in Spanish and spent her junior year studying in Spain. After marrying in 1970, she completed a master's degree in education at UVA with a focus on teaching reading.

Carolyn taught middle school Spanish for 30 years while her husband advanced in his own career, eventually serving as a school superintendent. In retirement, she enjoys counted cross-stitch, crocheting, reading, and daily exercise.

Carolyn shared that "Second Pres is welcoming to all," reflecting the warm reception she has already experienced here. We are glad she has chosen to join us!

*New member articles submitted by Connie Polly,
Engagement Coordinator.*



THEOLOGY ON TAP | TUESDAY, DEC. 2 | 6:00–7:00 P.M. @ TWISTED TRACK

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.

KNITTED HATS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Thank you to all who have been knitting this season! Your beautiful hats and scarves will help keep the children of Highland Park Elementary warm this winter, and we're grateful for every stitch offered in love. Whether you've been knitting from home or gathering with the Knitting Group on Thursday mornings at 9:30 in the Hospitality Room, your work is a true blessing. Yarn and instructions are still available in the Hospitality Room closet, and we kindly ask that all finished items be turned in there 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).

HAVE EXTRA CHRISTMAS CARDS?

We invite you to share them as a simple but meaningful gift of grace. Please place any unused Christmas cards in the Jail Ministry box in the Coat Closet.

Throughout December—and through the end of this year—our Jail Ministry will continue gathering cards to pass along to local jail chaplains. These cards become small messengers of hope for men and women who are separated from their families during this holiday season. Any cards collected after this year's delivery will be saved and shared for Christmas next year, ensuring the blessing continues forward. The Service and Outreach Committee will also provide stamps so each card can carry its prayer of love and connection home.



Thank you for helping us shine Christ's light into places where it is needed most. Your generosity brings comfort, dignity, and the promise of hope to hearts longing for it. For more information, please contact Anna McLean (540-776-0359).

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

*Our stewardship campaign is off to a great start—thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge! So far, five weeks in, we've received **\$1,064,917 in 2026 pledges from 223 households**. Your generosity makes such a difference in helping our church live out its mission, both here at home and around the world. If you haven't had a chance to turn in your pledge yet, there's still time! You can pledge through your profile in **Realm**, mail in a pledge card, or simply **call or email me**. Every gift—large or small—is a meaningful part of how we serve together.*

– Nathan Anderson, Administrator
(540-343-3659, admin@spres.org)

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!

In November's issue, we introduced you to the homeowners, the Moss family. The timeline, however, has been pushed back. As of late November, 711 Bullitt is still an empty lot. Due to delays in the city's permitting process, the construction schedule has been pushed back to begin in March or April. Stay tuned for more details and ways to get involved as we help the Moss family build their new home.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – OCTOBER 2025

Martin Youth Fund

In memory of **Jim Revercomb** by
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William R. Klein Continuing Education Fund

In memory of **Virginia Blain** by
Jo Ousterhout

Property Maintenance and Repair Fund

In memory of **William Potter** by
Nancy Peake

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 October 1-31, 2025.

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



NOTICE ON YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Important Notice: To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2025 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving this written acknowledgment.

Timing of Contributions: In order for your contributions to the church to be deductible in 2025, they must be brought to the church by Wednesday, December 31 or postmarked by December 31, 2025. If the office is closed, please put your contributions in the administrator's mailbox in the staff workroom.

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 - DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	2 9:30am Staff Meeting	3 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room	4 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room 5:00pm Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 11:00am Jo Rider Memorial Service, Sanctuary with Reception in Kirk Hall	6
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MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: The food items for the month of December are **crackers, Vienna sausages, condiments, syrup, jelly**. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

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George Frideric Handel

MESSIAH

SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2025

5:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke

FREE ADMISSION

Chancel Choir of
Second Presbyterian Church

Jeffrey Sandborg, Director

Patricia Clevenger, Soprano

Cecelia McKinley, Alto

Jason Gonzalez, Tenor

David Newman, Bass

Chamber Ensemble

SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN