

ANNOUNCEMENTS

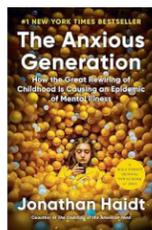
SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extend to Betty Boxley on the death of her husband, Frank A. Boxley on Sunday, January 25. Our prayers are also with their children, grandchildren, and extended family.

OPEN FLOWER DATES 2026: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Feb. 22, May 10. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL POSTPONED: The scheduled Pop-Up class with Senior Pastor Dr. George C. Anderson, "The Temptation of the American Church," has been postponed. Future date TBD.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES: THE ANXIOUS GENERATION (8-WEEK STUDY) | STARTED JAN. 18 | 9:45 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: 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 began on January 18, 2026 during the Sunday School hour. Please purchase a copy of the book from your favorite bookseller.



THEOLOGY ON TAP | TUESDAY, FEB. 3 @ TWISTED TRACK BREWPUB | 6-7 P.M.: We have secured the private room for our February gathering to better enjoy each other's company and talk freely (and hear freely). Open to men of the church of all ages! Come join us on the first Tuesday of each month for "craft beer and Calvin jeer" as we explore holy interruptions.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Preschool enrollment is here! Applications windows for the 2026-2027 school year are as follows:



- **Jan 5-Jan 16:** Preschool families register currently enrolled children and apply for siblings, where space allows.
- **Jan 20-Jan 23:** Church members apply, where space allows.
- **Jan 26:** New families apply, where space allows.

Information on applying to the preschool can be found on the website at sprespreschool.com under the Program -> Enrollment menu. Those interested may reach out to Alice Light at 540-342-6405 ext. 1 and alight@spres.org.

"BUILD IT TOGETHER" 2026 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD: With great anticipation, we are set to begin our work on our 2026 Partnership Build for Habitat for Humanity with St. John's Episcopal in mid-February (if all goes to plan). We are assigned the 1st/3rd Saturdays AND 2nd/4th Thursdays. Sign up to volunteer through our SignUpGenius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DAAA92BA3FEC52-61509956-2026#/>. More information and a family bio will be included in the February *Second Sheet*.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, February 1

Two Cents a Meal
 8:45 am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
 9:45 am: Sunday School
 11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
 5:00 pm: Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
 5:00 pm: Youth Group, PCC Delivery and Tour
 5:30 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, February 2

11:00am Memorial Service for Lewis Nelson, Sanctuary with Reception in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
 6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, February 3

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
 12:00 pm: Annual Report Deadline

Wednesday, February 4

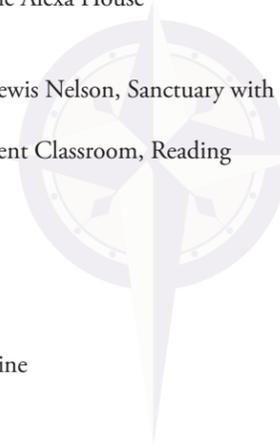
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
 5:15 pm: Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, February 5

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
 9:00am-3:00pm: VBS Planning Retreat, Intersection
 10:00-11:00 am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
 4:00 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom
 4:00 pm: Financial Guidance Committee Meeting, Trent Room
 5:00 pm: Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Friday, February 6

Saturday, February 7



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For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: www.spres.org/about/leadership/

For upcoming events, a library of sermons, office hours, and more, visit our website:

www.spres.org

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Sunday Morning Worship
 Early and Late Services
 February 1, 2026



PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. George C. Anderson, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link, Executive Pastor
The Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults

Large-print copies of services may be requested from an usher.

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elders - Class of 2025

Ginger Avis
 Susan Carter
 John Caudill
 Kandy Elliott
 Lucinda Hancock
 Mark Lawrence
 Megan Moore
 Darin Pearson

Elders - Class of 2026

Mary Airheart
 Margaret Ashburn
 Chasity Fitzpatrick
 Barry Green
 Sally T'Anson
 Drew Kopley
 Randy Rhea
 Ken Sizemore

Elders - Class of 2027

Mia Copeland
 Rebekah Gunn
 Beth Vaught Jenkins
 John Jessee
 Patty Lemon
 Jim Pickens
 Dave Speno
 Maria Ward

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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

Gathering Music *Air* G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King* Lani Smith

*Call to Worship

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk with integrity and live according to your truth.
You call us to speak honestly, to do no harm, and to seek what is right.
You invite us to lives of faithfulness, justice, and love.
As we gather in your presence,
shape us into the people you desire us to be.
Let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn No. 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

Two-Cents-a-Meal
(8:45 A.M.) Emory Anderson (parent, Virginia Anderson)
(11:00 A.M.) Cayce Anne Myers (parents, Anne and Cayce)

(11:00 A.M.) A Time for Children

*Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K–1st grade)
excused after Children's Time.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession¹

Gracious God, what have we done to you? We dishonor you when we treat others with disrespect. We break your heart when we find it easier to break our word than to take the risk of keeping it. We hurt you when we fill the air with gossip, lies, and careless words about those around us.

Yet you are wise enough to forgive our foolishness, strong enough to overcome our weakness, and loving enough to heal the harm we cause to others and to ourselves. In your mercy, you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

In this silent moment, we remember who you call us to be.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *Glory to God*, p. 35 (using debts, debtors)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Micah 6:1-8 New Testament p. 749
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *He Has Told You, O Mortal...* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering^{2**}

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* Paul Manz

Ritual of Friendship

(Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along to others in your pew, then return it to center.)

*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:45 A.M.) The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper^{***}

*Hymn of Preparation No. 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus* (v. 1)

(11:00 A.M.) *Closing Hymn No. 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *March in D* Handel

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

****All communion elements are gluten free.*

BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** comes from the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship* and echoes an older Christian confession found in the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*. Like the language of “debts” and “debtors” in our translation of the Lord’s Prayer, it recognizes two kinds of sin: sins of commission (what we say, do, and think) and sins of omission (what we fail to say, do, or think). The good news of confession is that we come not in fear, but with assurance. We gather in worship trusting in the hope and promise of forgiveness given to us through Jesus Christ.

² **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** recipient for the month of February is *Family Service of the Roanoke Valley* (FSRV), an organization that serves more than 2,000 individuals annually through programs that support youth from early childhood through adolescence. Through its Positive Youth Development (PYD) program, offered in partnership with Roanoke City Public Schools and centered on the nationally recognized Teen Outreach Program® (TOP®), FSRV equips teens—particularly high school seniors—with life skills, healthy decision-making tools, and supportive peer and mentor relationships that foster confidence, hope, and community engagement. In addition, FSRV is widely known for its Child-Centered Play Therapy program for children ages 2–10, which uses play as a child’s natural language to help them safely process emotions and experiences, often related to trauma, in a warm and nonjudgmental therapeutic environment. Through these youth-focused services, FSRV nurtures healing, resilience, and positive growth at every stage of development. Funds from our Outreach Offering will be used to purchase new games, toys, and art supplies to support youth during therapy sessions, as well as snacks for younger clients to take home, a simple kindness that brings visible joy to their faces.

The Outreach Offering for January benefitted *Solid Rock International*. **As of Thursday, January 29, \$3,147 had been collected.**

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for the month of February are tuna, chicken, spam, & canned meat. Pull top cans preferred. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Rosemary Francis in loving memory of her husband, John R. Francis. *Arranged by Alison Conte.*

Ushers: (8:45) Lucinda Hancock (Head), Lauren, Whitt, and Maggie Ellerman. (11:00) John Caudill (Head Usher) Jim and Nancy Pickens, Cindy Smith.

AV Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship & Wonder: "Jesus and the Paralytic." Storyteller, Amanda Copeland. Greeter, Jacque Luckett. Program Coordinator, Rhessa Bailey.





ON THIS ROCK | LENTEN SERMON SERIES | SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 22 - APRIL 5

“On this rock I will build my church,” Jesus says to Peter. On the authority of that promise, the Roman Church has named its popes. But what did Jesus really mean? That Peter’s faith so solid, so unshakable, that it could bear the weight of the church? If so, it is striking that the Gospels tell us just as much about Peter’s failures as they do about his faith—his impulsiveness, his misunderstandings, even his denial of Jesus. So what is this “rock” on which the church is built? In our Lenten sermon series, *On This Rock*, we will get to know Peter more deeply, in both his courage and his fragility. And in doing so, we may come to understand not only what Jesus was saying about Peter, but also what he is saying about us: that God builds the church not on perfection, but on grace-filled, imperfect faith.

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 18

- 7:30–9:30 a.m. “Ashes and Prayer To-Go” in the parking lot
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship, Kirk Hall

MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS | WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

- Feb. 25–April 1: “The Other Disciples,” Weekly Kairos Reflections via YouTube and Facebook

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 2

- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship, Kirk Hall

SUNDAY MORNINGS, PALM SUNDAY, AND EASTER

- 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 Easter Sunday, April 5.*