

We would like to recognize the following Confirmands of 2026:

Wiley Beamer	Retzler Mangus
Lilly Bishop	Rebecca Stakor
Milo Joy	Sidney Yardley
Ann Colston Light	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Adam Hankins on the death of his mother, Dianne M. Hankins, on Monday, December 29, 2025.

Sympathy is extended to Lucy and Frank Ellett on the death of Lucy's brother, Dr. William Scott Russell, Jr. of Miami, FL, on Monday, January 5. Our prayers are also with their children and extended family.

Our sympathies extend to Gwyn and John Johnson on the death of Gwyn's father, Lewis Mann Nelson, Jr., who passed away on Wednesday, January 7. We also hold in prayer their children and extended family.

THANKS TO THE CONFIRMATION TEACHERS AND MENTORS: We are deeply grateful for our confirmation teachers, Lauren Ellerman and Ken Lyons, and for the dedicated mentors who have walked alongside our confirmands this year.

YOUNG ADULT OUTING | BLUE RIDGE AXE THROWING | THURSDAY, JAN. 15 | 6:00–8:00 P.M.: The Young Adults of Second will join forces with Raleigh Court Young Adults for a fun night of throwing sharp objects! Who is in for an adventure!? Just like last year, we will grab dinner afterward for those who can. And, just like last year, this night is sure to be a fun way to learn something new and build relationships. **RSVP to Ben by January 13 (benb@spres.org).**

OPEN FLOWER DATES 2026: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 22; Mar. 15; Apr. 26; May 10, 17, 31. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS FOR 2026: Thank you! You have risen to the occasion once again and demonstrated your love of Christ and your support of Second. As of this writing, you have generously pledged \$1,375,800 to the 2026 budget. Within a couple of weeks, we will wrap up the Stewardship season and begin to finalize the budget. If you have not made a financial commitment for this year and plan on doing so, please communicate with Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator (admin@spres.org), as soon as possible. If you haven't pledged in the past, please prayerfully consider what you can do to support the mission of Second. We look forward to a great year of opportunities to serve those in our neighborhood and beyond.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, January 11

Confirmation Sunday
8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service with Confirmation Class of 2026 to be Confirmed, Sanctuary/Live Stream
4:00 pm: Elder Training (All Things Financial), Session Room
5:00 pm: Youth Group, PCC Delivery and Tour

Monday, January 12

5:30 pm: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, January 13

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
4:00 pm: Legacy Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoo
5:15 pm: Trent Fund Subcommittee, Trent Room

Wednesday, January 14

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
5:00 pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
5:15 pm: Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, January 15

Young Adults Axe Throwing
7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
10:00–11:00 am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room

Friday, January 16

Saturday, January 17

Staff

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Nathan Anderson
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Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg
Organist
Marianne Sandborg
Engagement Coordinator
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Bill Durham
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Joe Miller
Bob Martin (Vice Treasurer)

Missionaries

National:
Beth-El Farmworker
Ministry; Wimauma, FL
Local:
Presbyterian Community
Center, Roanoke, VA

Preschool

Alice Light, *Director*
Lori Privott, *Asst. Director*
540.342.6405
www.sprespreschool.com

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

January 11, 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

JANUARY 11, 2026

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
BAPTISM OF THE LORD / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Gathering Music *From God the Father, Virgin-Born* Thomas Chesterton

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission *Solid Rock International* C. J. Swanson

Prelude *Brightest and Best (Tune: Morning Star)* Lani Smith

(11:00 A.M.) Choral Introit *Lead Me, Lord* (Ps. 5, v.8; 4, v.9) S.S. Wesley
Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness;
make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.
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*Call to Worship
Remember the promises spoken over us in baptism.
We remember that we belong—body and soul—to God.
Remember the water, the Word, and the Spirit's claim.
We remember God's grace that comes before our faith.
Today, we rejoice as these confirmands say "yes" to that grace.
And we renew our own vows to live as Christ's disciples.
Let us worship the God who calls, claims, and sends us.
Thanks be to God!

*Hymn No. 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*
(11:00 A.M.) Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K–1st grade)
excused during the last verse of the opening hymn.

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Holy One, you promised to be our God and you have been faithful. We confess that we have not always lived as your people. We forget our baptism, lose sight of our calling, and settle for a faith that asks little of us. We fail to nurture one another in love and neglect the witness you entrust to the church. Have mercy on us, O God. Restore us to the joy of our salvation, and strengthen us to serve you with faithfulness and courage, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We grow silent to hear you speak.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

(8:45 A.M.) *Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God*, p. 35

Concerns

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

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young
Now let us all praise God and sing our great redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!
All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.
So let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!
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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 15:12-17 New Testament p. 874
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *So We're Friends Now?* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{1**}
Offertory *Children of the Heavenly Father* (Swedish) Dale Wood
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

(11:00 A.M.) A Service of Confirmation²
*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God*, p. 35
The Sacrament of Believer's Baptism - Rebecca Katherine Stakor
Presiding Elder: Lauren Ellerman
Presentation of Gifts

*Closing Hymn No. 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Let Christians all With Joyful Mirth* James Mansfield

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

BULLETIN NOTES

¹**THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for January will benefit *Solid Rock International*. Solid Rock International supports the Clinica Cristiana de Salud Integral in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic, a Christian medical mission serving some of the poorest communities since 1989 and long supported by Second Presbyterian Church. While the new, fully equipped clinic is now serving patients effectively, the clinic faces ongoing challenges navigating government insurance regulations and collecting insurance reimbursements needed to remain solvent. Currently 80% self-sufficient and close to full independence, the clinic is in a crucial transition period. Through SRI's "From Seed to Service" campaign, this offering will help cover past-due bills and operational needs, serving as a vital bridge to long-term self-reliance and ensuring the clinic can continue providing life-giving care to the community. **As of Thursday, January 8, \$1,296 has been collected.**

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for the month of January are beef stews and "chunky" soups. Pull top cans preferred. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

²**CONFIRMATION:** In the Presbyterian tradition, Confirmation is not a graduation from church or a declaration of spiritual independence. It is a response to God's grace already given. Through baptism—most often received in infancy—God claims us in love before we are able to choose or understand. In Confirmation, young people reflect on that gift, explore the faith of the church, and publicly affirm the promises once spoken on their behalf. Today, the confirmands say "yes" to a grace that has always been saying "yes" to them, and the congregation renews its commitment to nurture them in faith and love.

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THIS SUNDAY

Baptism: During the 11 o'clock service today, Rebecca Katherine Stakor will stand for the Sacrament of Believer's Baptism. The presiding elder will be Lauren Ellerman.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Leigh Hamilton Stockstill by the Stockstill family. *Arranged by Karen Davidson.*

Ushers: (8:45) Lucinda Hancock (Head Usher), Kandy Elliott, Frank Hancock, Julie Mugford. (11:00) Margaret Ashburn (Head Usher) Crosby Horn, Jason Horn, Whitney Horn, Mary Emily Thomas.

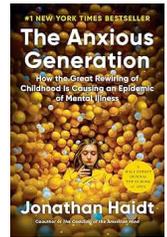
Greeters: Elizabeth Vacher, Bill Blaylock.

AV Technicians: (8:45) Kirk Treubert. (11:00) Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship & Wonder: "Jesus and the Children." Storyteller, Carol Moneymaker. Greeter, Lisa Miller. Program Coordinator, Rhessa Bailey.



FAITHFUL FAMILIES: THE ANXIOUS GENERATION (8-WEEK STUDY) | BEGINS 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 will begin on January 18, 2026 during the Sunday School hour. *Please purchase a copy of the book from your favorite bookseller.*



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.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING | JAN 18-25: Thank you to all the 2025 volunteers for Family Promise. We greatly appreciate you! Our church will be hosting Family Promise again the week of January 18th through 25th. Our support congregation, Beth Israel Synagogue, will help. Our church is in charge of duties on **Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday**. We need dinner hosts (5:30–7PM), evening hosts (7–9PM) and overnight hosts (9PM–7AM) on these days. Please email Lucinda Hancock (luhancock@gmail.com) to sign up. If you have additional questions, email Lucinda or Lauren Ellerman (LEllerman@frithlawfirm.com). Come join us! There is definitely a feel-good vibe and you are helping out a neighbor.

"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*.