

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Preschool teacher, Dawn Brimer, passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2025. She worked with the infant class for two years and loved all of her babies. Our prayers are with Dawn's family, the preschool staff, and all those who cherish her memory.

CONCERNS

Frank Boxley, Karen Sarver, Betsy Whitney

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service in celebration of the life and Christian witness of Lewis Mann Nelson, Jr. will be held on Monday, February 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 20.

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

FAITHFUL FAMILIES: THE ANXIOUS GENERATION (8-WEEK STUDY) | BEGINS TODAY | 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 begins on January 18 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 our loyal volunteers who have already signed up to serve! Our host week at Alexa House begins today, and we need YOUR help. **Two volunteer slots remain open on Saturday, Jan. 24th: Dinner (5:30–7PM) and Overnight (9PM–7AM).** Please email Lucinda Hancock at luhhancock@gmail.com to sign up for this awesome opportunity!

"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, January 18

8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:00 pm: Youth Group
5:30 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, January 19

Preschool and Office Closed for Holiday

Tuesday, January 20

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
12:00 pm: DFOC, Session Room/Zoom

Wednesday, January 21

8:05 am: Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
4:30 pm: Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, January 22

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

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

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.



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Missionaries

National:
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Preschool

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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

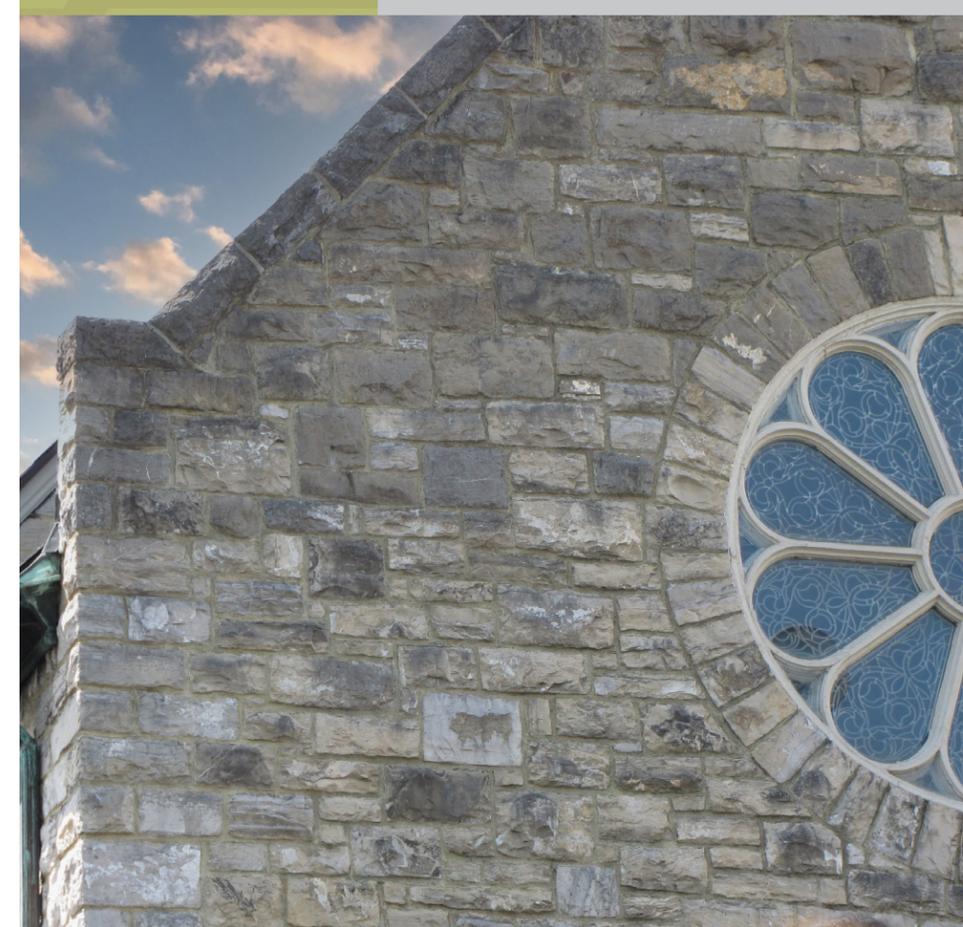


SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

Finding direction by following Jesus.

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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
January 18, 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 18, 2026

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / ORDINARY TIME¹

Gathering Music *Passepied* André Campra

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* arr. David Lowe

*Call to Worship

God calls us here together—each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams, and our fears.

Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work. Within ourselves and beyond ourselves, across the street and across the globe,

Jesus is present.

Within these walls and within our hearts, in the music of life and the laughter of children,

God is here.

In ordinary moments of life,

the Spirit is moving.

Let us worship the God who reaches out in love **and invites us to come and see!**

*Hymn No. 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

(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 Confession

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds.

May the silence give us eyes to see and ears to hear your mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Concerns

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

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *The Lord Be Near Us* Hal Hopson

The Lord be near us as we pray and help us, through the darkest day,
to find our spirit's strength and stay in his most holy Name.

To him be heartfelt homage paid and sacrifice of prayer be made;
in him we trust and undismayed his promised presence claim.

May God our dearest hopes fulfill, and move our hearts to seek his will,
still rejoicing in his prevailing Name; who hears and answers all our prayers,
who knows the weight of human cares, and in his Son our nature shares,
for evermore the same.

Let others trust in wealth and power, we find our refuge and our tower
in God's eternal name; in him to stand, secure and strong,
believers who to Christ belong, with ceaseless song his faithfulness proclaim. Amen.

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 1:29-42 New Testament p. 858

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Come and See* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering ^{2**}

Offertory *God Is So Good* Emma Lou Diemer

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

*Closing Hymn No. 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Postlude on "Aurelia"* Lani Smith

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **ORDINARY TIME:** To denote this season as “ordinary” is not to suggest some boring, ho-hum, run-of-the-mill time in the church year. Rather, it is derived from “ordinal” (Latin *ordinalis*) which describes numbers in a series. Ordinary Time helps us count our days. It marks the weeks as they pass. It recognizes the passage of time. It walks God's children through the rhythm of our days. Not every Sunday is “special” and in these not-so-special-Sundays God is still present with us, turning ordinary things into holy moments. Consider ways we/you might celebrate Ordinary Time: *Evaluate the ordinary*—Why it is important your congregation does what it does? Is there a deeper meaning to a regular event than most people generally know about? *Tell the story of your church*—What are the stories that need to be given voice? *Serve together*—How might community be built and strengthened in ordinary moments together?

² **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).

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Laura Pickard Richards, David Edwin Pickard, Richard Carey Pickard, and Dick Richards by Patti and Charlie Palmer. *Arranged by Susan Lancaster and Ann Lawson.*

Ushers: (8:45) Lucinda Hancock (Head Usher). (11:00) Margaret Ashburn (Head Usher) Sarah Bishop, Evan and Caroline Welchman.

Greeters: Angie & Jim Pittendrigh.

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

Children, Worship & Wonder: “Jesus and Bartimaeus.” Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.