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PASTOR'S NOTES - DR. GEORGE C. ANDERSON

During the winter months, when many of us leave the house a little less, we often find ourselves with more time for movies at home. And thanks be to God that we no longer have to bundle up, drive through the cold to Blockbuster Video, and discover that every copy of the movie we wanted has already been rented. With today's streaming services, an astonishing range of films is only a click or two away.

As someone who was so positively influenced by the church and by my Christian faith, I have noticed with some sadness how common it has become for movies to portray religion and the church primarily in negative ways. To be fair, some of that critique is both necessary and deserved. Films like *There Will Be Blood* show how religion can be used to justify violence and domination. *Doubt* explores the danger of unquestioned authority. *The Crucible* shows how religious language can be weaponized, and *Elmer Gantry* exposes revivalism turned into spectacle, ego, and manipulation.

Some of the best films, however, show both sides. Even in *Elmer Gantry*, a Presbyterian minister appears as a quiet example of humility and integrity. And in the recent film *Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Movie*, two contrasting spiritual leaders embody faith at its proud worst and its humble best.



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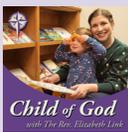
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If you find yourself dismayed by current failures in the church or among Christian leaders, winter might be a good time to watch—or rewatch—films that remind us of faith and church at their best.

Faith

The best films about faith do not illustrate doctrine as much as they reveal faith's relational character: where hope sustains, reconciliation is pursued, and healing becomes possible.

- *The Shawshank Redemption*
One I have watched many times. The warden represents manipulative and self-serving piety, but the deeper theology of hope, redemption, and human dignity shines brightly.
- *A River Runs Through It*
A beautiful portrayal of a Presbyterian pastor and his sons, loving one another even when they cannot fully understand one another.
- *Places in the Heart*
A powerful and moving illustration of Holy Communion.
- *Babette's Feast*
Speaking of Communion . . . few films so richly portray grace as an unearned, overflowing gift.
- *Dead Man Walking*
A courageous exploration of sin, repentance, costly forgiveness, and the transforming power of grace—also a profound meditation on baptism.
- *The Way*
A quiet, soulful film about grief, pilgrimage, and unexpected spiritual awakening.

A word about *Unbroken*: I wish I could recommend the movie without hesitation. The book is a magnificent story of human endurance that finally culminates in surrender to God's grace. The film, sadly, largely misses that deepest dimension.

Church

The best films about the church (or any faith community) do not deny its flaws, but they show the resilient faith of people who stay, serve, forgive, and love even when it would be easier to leave.

- *Of Gods and Men*
A luminous portrayal of a church that is contemplative, courageous, humble, and rooted in love rather than power.
- *Romero*
A portrait of prophetic courage and moral awakening.
- *The Mission*
A complex depiction of a church that is at once compromised and faithful.
- *Grand Torino* and *Unforgiven*
Violent films (both starring Clint Eastwood) that are, at their core, deeply anti-violence and morally reflective.

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You may notice that I have not emphasized movies that are marketed as explicitly “Christian.” I have nothing against them, though they sometimes struggle artistically or press their piety too heavily. Still, a few stand out for treating faith with honesty and respect:

- *Soul Surfer*, the story of a teenage surfer whose faith and family sustain her after a devastating injury.
- *Hacksaw Ridge*, the remarkable true story of a man whose Christian pacifism leads him to extraordinary courage.
- *Risen*, which tells the resurrection story from the perspective of a Roman officer ordered to disprove it.

These films respect both the intelligence and emotional depth of the viewer.

And if movies aren't your preference, perhaps a book by the fire is more your style. If so, I would still recommend *Unbroken*—the book—without hesitation.

BUILD IT TOGETHER

2026 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

With great anticipation, we are set to begin work on our 2026 Partnership Build for Habitat for Humanity with St. John's Episcopal in mid- to late-February (due to the winter storm delaying work by two weeks). This build will be for the Moss family at 711 Bullitt Ave, SE. We are assigned the 1st/3rd Saturdays AND 2nd/4th Thursdays. **Sign up to volunteer through our SignUpGenius via the QR code.**

Meet the Moss Family:

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 that will assist us in the construction of our new home. We can hardly wait! – The Moss Family



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– NEWS & NOTES –

Flowers | **Dec 14** – Pink poinsettias were delivered to our homebound members..... **Dec 21** – Red poinsettias remained through all Christmas Eve services. The 2025 Poinsettia Memorials and Celebrations can be found in the online version of the February newsletter (www.spres.org/connect/newsletter/)..... **Dec 28** – Given in loving memory of Jim Revercomb and Jim Revercomb, Jr. by the family..... **Jan 4** – Given in loving memory of Christine Harkness by the family..... **Jan 11** – Given in loving memory of Dr. Leigh Hamilton Stockstill by the Stockstill family. **Open Flower Dates:** 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).

Sympathy | Sympathy is extended to Paul and Bobbie Black and family on the death of Paul’s father, Paul Garry Black, on Monday, December 8..... Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Daisy “Dee” Williams Moore, who died on Thursday, December 11..... Sympathy is extended to the family and loved ones of Louis Stephens Waldrop, Jr. (Steve) who died on Wednesday, December 31. Our prayers are with his children Laura Arnold and Charlie Waldrop, brother Preston Waldrop and his wife Jamie, and their families..... Sympathy is extended to Adam Hankins on the death of his mother, Dianne M. Hankins, on Monday, December 29..... 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.

Concerns | Frank Boxley, Susan Carter, Patsy Chaney, Ted Feinour, Hayden Hollingsworth, CW Houghton, Betsy Whitney.

New Arrivals | Congratulations to Robyn and David Johnsen on the birth of their grandson, Heston William Johnsen, born on Tuesday, December 9 to parents Whitt and Kali Johnsen..... Congratulations to Leah and Bill Butler on the birth of their daughter, Rowan Lura Butler, on Saturday, December 20.

Baptisms | During the 5:00 p.m. family worship service on Christmas Eve, Whitney and Jack Wilkes presented their son, Charles Stuart Wilkes, for the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. The presiding elder was Rebekah Gunn..... During the 11 o’clock service on January 4, Caroline and Evan Welchman presented their daughter, Margot Elizabeth Welchman, for the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. The presiding elders were Kirk and Sarah Ludwig, Margot’s grandparents..... During the 11 o’clock service on Confirmation Sunday, January 11, Rebecca Katherine Stakor received the Sacrament of Believer’s Baptism. The presiding elder was Lauren Ellerman.

– WELCOME NEW MEMBERS –

INTRODUCING MANDI COX

We are delighted to introduce Mandi Cox, who joined Second by reaffirmation of faith on October 12, 2025. We’re so glad to have her with us.



Mandi and her husband Hatcher have two children, Charlie (3) and Reid, and they’re celebrating a special milestone as their second child was born last November!

Mandi was born on the beaches of New Jersey and went on to study biology at Northeastern University in Boston, followed by medical school at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. She now practices as a Bariatric and General Surgeon, bringing both skill and compassion to her work. In her spare time, Mandi loves to cook, run, and hike, and enjoys staying active with her family.

Please join us in giving Mandi and her family a very warm welcome—we’re grateful to have them as part of our church!

WELCOME MARIN FIDDLER

Please join us in welcoming Marin Fiddler to our church family! She joined by reaffirmation of faith on November 23, 2025.

Marin moved to Roanoke with her family in 2011 and is a proud graduate of Patrick Henry High School, Class of 2022. She is currently attending Concord University in West Virginia, where she is pursuing a degree in nursing and working diligently toward her goal of becoming a registered nurse in May 2026.

Alongside her studies, Marin is gaining valuable hands-on experience as a nurse extern at LewisGale Hospital. When she’s not busy learning or caring for others, she enjoys spending her free time reading and running. We’re excited to have Marin with us and look forward to getting to know her better!



New member articles submitted by Connie Polly, Engagement Coordinator.

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*.

JAIL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CARDS: A THANK YOU

On behalf of the Service and Outreach Committee, I want to thank you all for the wonderful response to our gently used Christmas Card Appeal. About 10 bankers' boxes of cards collected after Christmas last year and cards turned in before Christmas this year were taken to Salem's First Christian Church where Rev. Dan Netting, Chaplain for the Western Virginia Regional Jail, distributed them to the approximately 650 inmates housed in the facility. To go along with your donation of the Christmas cards, the Service and Outreach Committee purchased 9 rolls of stamps and shared them with Rev. Netting and Rev. Matthew Kramm, Chaplain of the Roanoke City Adult Detention Center, to help defray the cost of postage for cards sent by the inmates to their loved ones. Rev. Ben Brannan also made copies of a Christmas Devotional booklet that he had and gave them to Rev. Kramm to distribute to the inmates in the Roanoke City Detention Center.

Again, many thanks for your outpouring of donations. Your gift of cards helped and will still help brighten the Christmas of those incarcerated in our local jails in the future. If you find that you have left over cards from this Christmas and want to find a home for them, the Jail Ministry box is still in coat closet. Cards collected this month will be taken to Rev. Netting to form a foundation for next year's Christmas card distribution.

Anna McLean, Service & Outreach Committee



HANDMADE WITH LOVE: KNITTED HATS FOR HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS



The knitters of Second have done it once again, sharing warmth and kindness stitch by stitch. In December, just before winter break, Nan and I delivered a collection of handmade hats to the Kindergarten and Second Grade classes at Highland Park; the photos here feature the Kindergarten class enjoying their cozy gifts. This project was made possible by the generosity and dedication of our contributing knitters: Frances Buford, Patty Lemon, Molly Simpson, Carol Broadhurst, Nan Coleman, Glo Howell, Betty Henson, and Lynn Speno. Our knitting group has since returned to weekly meetings on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Hospitality Room, and all are warmly invited to join—every skill level is welcome!

– Emily Mallory, Project Coordinator



— LEGACY CORNER —

Planning with Purpose: A Legacy of Faithful Giving

One of the great gifts of belonging to Second Presbyterian Church is knowing that we are part of something larger than ourselves—something built carefully and faithfully by generations who came before us.

Those faithful members did not leave the church's future to chance. Through intentional planning and generous giving, they helped establish the financial stability and endowments that allow Second to thrive today and to serve well beyond our walls.

A powerful example of this legacy is the Mission Build campaign. Because Second was financially strong, our church was able to raise nearly \$2 million for charitable organizations, with none of those funds needed for the church itself. That kind of impact is remarkable—and it is only possible because earlier generations planned with vision and faith.

Why Estate Planning Matters

Many people are surprised to learn that if they die without a will or trust, the Commonwealth of Virginia decides how their estate is distributed. That default plan does not include charitable giving or support for the church. Without planning, even deeply held values may not be reflected in what we leave behind.

Estate planning gives you the opportunity to decide what you give, to whom you give, and when and how those gifts are made. It ensures that what you have worked to build goes where you intend.

Including the Church in Your Plans

Including Second Presbyterian Church in your estate plan does not have to be complicated. Many people choose to do so by adding a simple amendment (codicil) to an existing will, updating a trust, or naming the church as a beneficiary of a specific financial asset—such as a retirement account, investment account, or life insurance policy—while continuing to provide for loved ones.

In many cases, these updates can be made without rewriting an entire estate plan—often with a straightforward conversation with your attorney or estate-planning professional.

Continuing a Faithful Tradition

One reason many of us were drawn to Second Presbyterian is its history of generosity, mission, and stability. That strength allows the church to respond to needs, take bold steps, and support meaningful work in our community and beyond.

By including the church not only in our annual giving, but also in our estate plans, we help ensure that Second remains strong, faithful, and mission-focused for generations to come.

A lasting legacy does not happen by accident—it happens because people plan with intention, faith, and love.

Ann McGee Green
Legacy Committee



YOUTH

On Confirmation Sunday, the church welcomed 7 youth into full adult membership! What a joy-filled day as those young people committed themselves through professing their faith and through baptism to a life of discipleship here at Second and beyond! The Confirmation Class of 2026 has taken responsibility of their faith and now journey alongside siblings in Christ in this church community. May we all continue to tell the story of God's love made known in Jesus Christ as we find our direction by following Jesus!

YOUTH SUNDAY

On February 8th, Sunday morning worship will be completely led by our youth. They have been hard at work writing liturgy, practicing music, and preparing their spoken parts to proclaim the good news of the gospel. We hope to see you that morning as we explore our theme *Nurture Your Nature*.

Here are some guiding questions for you to consider as you prepare to witness through worship and be reminded through ritual of your true nature as a child of God: What do you see when you look in the mirror? What do you need to grow: shade, sun, or space? What weeds are around you and in your way? What fruit do you want to bear? What would it look like for you to water this? What needs to be pruned in your life? What parts of you need more tending and water? Why does it matter that I am made in the image of God?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday morning, all youth classes begin with breakfast together at 9:45. This gives everyone an opportunity to gather in community, see each other, and share in table fellowship before splitting off into their respective classes.

High School Spring Curriculum: What's Up With the Church Down the Street?

The high school class learns about various worshipping communities and traditions here in Roanoke and then they get to go visit them. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow alongside our siblings in faith, who might do things a little differently than we do here at Second.

****Any adult help is greatly appreciated.*

- February 15: Elevation Church
- March 1: St Andrews Catholic Church
- March 15: 5th Ave Presbyterian Church
- April 12: St Johns Episcopal Church
- April 26: Louden Ave Christian Church
- May 17: South Roanoke United Methodist

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- Feb 1: Youth Sunday Rehearsal (Intersection/Sanctuary)
- Feb 8: Youth Sunday (No Youth Group)
- Feb 15: High School Church Visit: Elevation
- Feb 15: Sunday Night Youth Group – Intersection
- Feb 22: Sunday Night Youth Group – Intersection



The Confirmation Class of 2026: Wiley Beamer, Lilly Bishop, Milo Joy, Ann Colston Light, Retzler Mangus, Rebecca Stakor, Sidney Yardley

YOUNG ADULTS

We had a blast last month at Blue Ridge Axe Throwing! Young adults in their 20s–30s are invited for an Ash Wednesday Dinner and Trivia at Mellow Mushroom, 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. on February 18th. Contact Ben with questions (benb@spres.org).





POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 1 | 9:45 a.m. | Chapel

Join us on March 1 for Pop-Up Sunday School in the Chapel, featuring guest speaker Isabel Thornton, Founder and Executive Director of Restoration Housing. Isabel will share an update on Trinity Commons, the exciting transformation of Trinity United Methodist Church (just across the street from Second Pres.!) into affordable senior housing and a community gathering space. In 2023, Trinity UMC entrusted Restoration Housing with stewardship of their historic

property, and in early 2024 the organization acquired the site. Plans include the adaptive reuse of the 1922 Church Annex into 15 affordable rental units, while the 1903 Sanctuary will remain a space for community life. Construction began in 2025. Come learn how this project is meeting a vital community need and continuing Trinity’s legacy of service.

3RD-5TH GRADE COMMUNICANTS’ CLASS |

MARCH 22 | NOON–1:30 P.M.

Parents & Children Invited to Attend Together (Lunch provided)

Children and parents are invited to explore the meaning of the sacrament of communion together. As a part of Christ’s Church, children are always welcome at the Lord’s Table. This learning opportunity is offered to help children understand more fully what happens when we celebrate communion and why.

We will meet on Sunday March 22 in the Session and Hos-

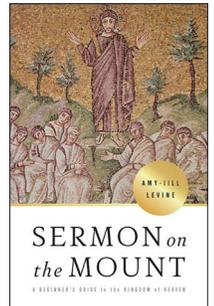
pitality Rooms, following the 11 a.m. worship service. This is ahead of the Maundy Thursday (6 p.m.) and Easter Sunday worship services (8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.) when communion will be served. It’s a wonderful opportunity to learn about and then partake in this sacrament together. **Please register on Realm or contact Meredith Koliba to RSVP by March 16 so we may have an accurate count for lunch, and indicate whether you will need childcare for any younger children** (meredith@spres.org).

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY | RESUMES MARCH 5

Thursdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m. in the Session Room

Join us for a six-week women’s study exploring Jesus’ most profound and memorable teachings in Matthew 5–7. What did the Sermon on the Mount mean to Jesus’ first listeners, and how does it continue to speak to us today? Together, we’ll consider the historical and theological context of these teachings and reflect on how Jesus’ words offer a roadmap for faithful living.

Using *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, we’ll explore how Jesus’ message grows out of his Jewish tradition and continues to challenge, inspire, and shape hearts and minds across the centuries. Registration is available on Realm.



Dates:

- March 5, 12, 19, 26
- (No meeting April 2 – Maundy Thursday)
- April 9, 16

**A limited number of books are available for purchase in Elizabeth Link’s office, or you make pick up a copy from your favorite book seller.*

KAIROS: LENT 2026

There is an ancient Greek word for finding or making space in our lives. It is a word that means “the right or opportune moment.” This word, *kairos*, has been used over the centuries to describe time for spiritual reflection, and even, to put it simply, “God’s time.” We will offer several Kairos opportunities for prayer and worship this Lenten season. We hope this time may be a space for you to pause and connect to something deeper. We will hold Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services in person at the church, and midweek Kairos video reflections via our church YouTube channel and Facebook page in the weeks between:

- **Feb. 18 | 7:30–9:30 a.m.:** “Ashes and Prayer To-Go” in the parking lot
- **Feb. 18 | 6:00 p.m.:** Ash Wednesday Worship, Kirk Hall
- **Feb. 25 – April 1:** “The Other Disciples,” Weekly Kairos Reflections via YouTube and Facebook
- **April 2 | 6:00 p.m.:** Maundy Thursday Worship, Kirk Hall

EVENING VBS | June 7–10 (Sun.–Wed.) | “PAYING ATTENTION TO GOD IN DAILY LIFE”

- 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 join 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.
- Meanwhile, children (Pre-K through 5th grade) will enjoy a **theatre-themed VBS experience**, full of creativity, storytelling, and faith-filled fun! Childcare will also be available for our youngest participants. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow as a church family, side by side across generations.
- **Adult Evening Study Theme: *Paying Attention to God in Daily Life***
- Following Jesus is a lifelong journey of growing in His love. As we learn to love God and our neighbor, the pace and pressures of daily life can easily distract us from spiritual growth. Yet God continually invites us to notice His presence. During our evenings together, we’ll explore practical and meaningful ways to cultivate an attentive, God-centered life in the midst of everyday routines.
- **Scripture & Session Themes:**
 - *Sunday Evening: Paying Attention to God Through Prayer* — Matthew 6:5–13
 - *Monday Evening: Paying Attention to God Through the Bible* — Revelation 10:9–10
 - *Tuesday Evening: Paying Attention to God in Community* — Acts 2:42–47; John 13:34–35
 - *Wednesday Evening: Paying Attention to God as We Serve* — Matthew 20:25–28

- **About Our Speaker:** Dr. John McCall has served as a mission co-worker in Taiwan for 29 years, teaching Preaching, Spiritual Theology, and Pastoral Ministry at the three Presbyterian seminaries in Taiwan and in China. He has also pastored three churches in the United States. John’s ministry, both in Asia and in the US, focuses on helping people cultivate a vibrant, world-blessing faith.



- **For 4 Year Olds–Middle School: Children’s Theatre Camp**



- This summer, we’re thrilled to welcome back Meghan Griffith as the leader for our Evening VBS Children’s Theatre Camp! Children are welcome to bring friends. Registration will be published soon.



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.
- **VBS After Care Camps*, July 20–23 (Mon.–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. Additional details and registration links will be available when VBS registration opens in the spring.

*Note: After Care Camps are open to Kindergarten–5th grade children.

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 details coming soon—we can’t wait to share this special time together!



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



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— KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS —

Do you shop at Kroger? Our church participates in the Kroger Community Rewards program, which means your everyday grocery trips can help support our ministries at no extra cost to you. If you have a Kroger Plus card, simply link it to our church online or through customer service. Kroger will donate a small portion of each purchase to the organization you choose. It's an easy way to help fund church ministries just by shopping as you normally do. Thanks for supporting our church and the programs that serve our community! Rewards Statement: 31-Aug-2025 to 30-Nov-2025:

83 HOUSEHOLDS

\$316.72 TOTAL DONATIONS

If you would like to link Second Presbyterian Church to your Kroger account, follow these steps:

1. Visit the Kroger Community Rewards page at kroger.com/communityrewards.
2. Scroll down and click "Link Your Shoppers Card: Get Started."
3. Sign-in to your Kroger account (you'll need your Kroger Plus card handy. If you are a Kroger shopper and do not have one, you may ask for one at Customer Service).
4. Search for "Second Presbyterian Church" or use our NPO account number: JC314.
5. Click "Enroll."

CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2026

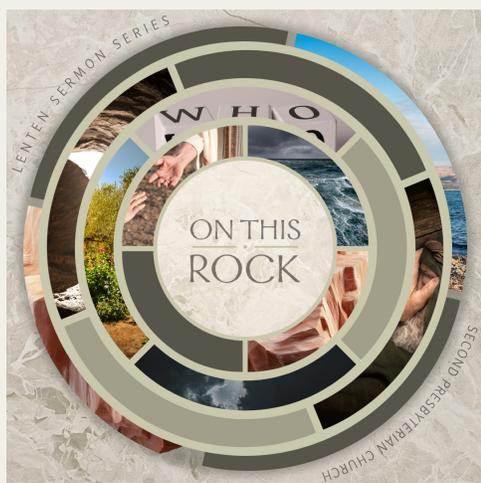
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1 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am POP-UP Sunday School 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Youth Group 5:30pm Welcome Families to the Alexa House	2 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	3 9:30am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Annual Report Deadline	4 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room	5 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room 4:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom 5:00pm Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom	6	7
8 Youth Sunday 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 4:00pm Elder Training (Session's Responsibilities), Session Room	9 5:30pm Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	10 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom 5:15pm Trent Fund Subcommittee, Trent Room	11 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 12:00pm Second Sheet Article Deadline 5:00pm Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom 5:15pm Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room	12 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room	13	14
15 Scout Sunday 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 12:15pm Trent Getaway/Church Retreat Meeting, Reading Room 5:00pm Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm - 6:30pm Parenting Group, Hospitality Room 5:00pm Youth Group 5:30pm Welcome Families to the Alexa House	16 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	17 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:15pm Executive Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom	18 Ash Wednesday 8:05am Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 4:30pm Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room	19 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room	20 Preschool Early Dismissal	21
22 Two Cents a Meal 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Youth Group	23 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:45pm Scouts	24 9:30am Staff Meeting	25 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom	26 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room	27	28 Calendar Info as of Jan. 13.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: 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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2026 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.*

Christmas 2025

Poinsettia Memorials and Celebrations



In Loving Memory of . . .

- John R. Francis, Jr. *given by* Rosemary D. Francis
- Susan Stanley and Jerry “Butch” McKaskel, Jr. *given by* Laura McKaskel
- Mary Betty and Connie Sellers, Charles and Robert Fichtenger *given by* Laura McKaskel
- Charles Burnett, Easton Beisler, and Andrew Rath *given by* Helen Burnett
- Our loved ones *given by* Geoffrey and Martha Ottaway
- Harriette and Pegram Johnson, Jr. *given by* Bonnie and Pegram Johnson
- Gail and Marvin Greer *given by* Bonnie and Pegram Johnson
- Our loved ones *given by* Tom and Carol Worley
- Stewart, Carolyn and Buck, Peggy and Don, Karen and Ron, Brenda and Butch *given by* Judy and Steve Bodley
- Our parents, Stan and Sue Kummer *given by* Don and Babs Smith and family
- Don and Barbara Smith *given by* Don and Babs Smith and family
- Our parents and grandparents *given by* Paul, Beth, Crawford, Ella, and Clara Higgins
- Percy, Ramona, and Mac Rhea *given by* Randy Rhea
- Our parents and sisters, Julia and Goodrich Wright, Lane Cochrane, Virginia and Brooke Mallory, and Frances Meyers *given by* Brooke and Emily Mallory
- Martha and John Wesley Hardt, Clara, Michael, and Jimmy Lesko *given by* Betty and Ed Lesko
- Alma Newman *given by* Pam Newman Morris
- Ronald J. Mack *given by* Darin, Christal, and Lila Pearson
- Our parents, Arthur and Katherine Ellett, William and Lucy Russell *given by* Frank and Lucy Ellett
- LaVonne R. Smith *given by* Fletcher Smith
- Harry F. Smith, Sr., Ruth O. Smith, and Charles O. Smith *given by* Fletcher Smith
- Nellie Bishop, Charlie Cole, and Peter Leggett *given by* Nancy and Jim Bishop
- Jack Airheart *given by* his family
- Bill Mangus *given by* Robert and Carol White
- Billy White *given by* Robert and Carol White
- Our parents *given by* Robert and Carol White
- Harold and Mary Schmidt, John and Dorothy Arbogast, Debbie Cortez, John Arbogast and Dan Arbogast *given by* Marilyn, Brian, Nicole, Maria, Scott, Erin, Elijah and Olivia Arbogast
- Nonna, Papa and Uncle Dan *given by* Maria, Elijah and Olivia Arbogast
- George Barrows *given by* The Barrows Family

- Judith Markley Baumgardner *given by* William R. Baumgardner, Jr.
- Robert S. Bersch *given by* his wife Martha R. Bersch
- Richard Burleigh *given by* Gloria Burleigh
- My brother, Jay Burnett *given by* Connie Burnett
- Betty Harman, Judy Howard, Ann Brockenbrough, and Maxine Copeland *given by* Aaron, Amanda, Graham, Judd, and Lacey Copeland
- Our parents, Sam and Faith Bickford *given by* Gordon, Ann, and David
- My parents, Roy and Marilyn Elliott, and my sister, Pam *given by* Katherine Elliott
- Frederic Phillips *given by* Corey, Kimberley, Melissa, and Houghton and their families
- Ferrel Phillips *given by* Corey, Kimberley, Melissa, and Houghton and their families
- Ned McElwaine *given by* his family
- My parents and brother *given by* David Harrison
- Our mother, Mary S. Watkins *given by* Mary Y. Phillips and Phyllis Y. Hart
- Daniel F. Starkey, Sr. *given by* Phyllis Y. Hart
- James P. Hart III *given by* Phyllis Y. Hart
- Ron Howlett *given by* Betsy Settles Howlett
- Jim Settles *given by* Betsy Settles Howlett
- Our mother, Alice Nelson *given by* Gwyn and John Johnson
- Our brother, John Nelson *given by* Gwyn and John Johnson
- Our parents, Shirley and Johnny Johnson *given by* John and Gwyn Johnson
- Virginia Wells Blain *given by* Ginny and Rick Kuertz
- Samuel Wilson Blain *given by* Ginny and Rick Kuertz
- William and Jo Ann Rife *given by* Terry and Cathy Lauver
- Carl and Carmen Lauver *given by* Terry and Cathy Lauver
- Peggy and Paul Roberts *given by* The Leivy Family
- Nancy and Greg Hutchins *given by* Susan and Sander Leivy
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- Elizabeth Welchman *given by* Kirk and Sarah Ludwig
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- Dick and Evelyn Murray *given by* Rick and Pam Murray
- Phyllis and Walter Dickey *given by* Phyllis and Randy Norbo
- Charlie Loftin *given by* Catherine Loftin Odum, Rob, Alice, and Cassie Odum
- Jim Revercomb, Jr. *given by* the family
- Our parents, Jim and Nancy Robertson and Lawrence and Marjorie Gaines *given by* Jim and Ruth Robertson
- John H. Young *given by* his grandchildren
- Jack Smith, beloved dad and grandpa *given by* Jeff and Beth Smith and family
- Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Robertson, Jr. *given by* John and Mary Emily Thomas
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- James Michael Dillon and Martha Powell Dillon *given by* Cynthia and Mark Lawrence
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- Our parents *given by* David Maxson and Nancy Gray
- Our children and grandchildren, Julia, Rolf, Joseph and Sarah Craven, Bo, Lisa and Samuel Mallory *given by* Brooke and Emily Mallory
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- Lori Privott, Assistant Preschool Director *given by* Alice Light
- Our family, Catherine and Stephen, Oliver and Hannah, Caroline and Evan, Eleanor and Margot *given by* Kirk and Sarah Ludwig
- Our amazing ministers, staff and chancel choir *given by* Kirk and Sarah Ludwig
- Jim and Cely Graham *given by* Retzler and Robert Mangus
- Emily Mangus *given by* Retzler and Robert Mangus
- Tom and Barbara Smith *given by* Retzler and Robert Mangus
- Judy Bishop *given by* Retzler and Robert Mangus
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- H. William Swertfeger, Jr. *given by* Pam and Joe Moskal
- Alice Loftin *given by* Catherine Loftin Odum, Rob, Alice, and Cassie Odum
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- The ringers of the Second Presbyterian Handbell Choir *given by* Beth Vaught Jenkins
- Our goddaughter, Anne Tillison Avis, *given by* Cynthia and Mark Lawrence
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