

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Robyn and David Johnsen on the arrival of their granddaughter, Mary Tatum Johnsen, born on Sunday, February 8 to parents Parker and Kierstin Johnsen of Charlottesville, VA.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service in celebration of the life and Christian witness of Frank A. Boxley, Sr. will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

### SCOUT SUNDAY | WELCOME CUB SCOUT PACK 11

We welcome Cub Scout Pack 11 to our 11:00 a.m. worship service this morning. "Scout Sunday" is a long-standing tradition that celebrates the partnership between scouting units and their sponsoring churches and offers an opportunity to thank the congregation for their support.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEB. 22

A brief congregational meeting will be held during the announcements period of the late worship service on Sunday, February 22 for the purpose of electing a new trustee. We thank Al McLean for his years of faithful service as a Trustee of Second Presbyterian Church. The Nominating Committee will present Stephen Lemon for consideration.

**ASH WEDNESDAY OPPORTUNITIES | WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18:** We offer two opportunities to observe Ash Wednesday. In the morning, you are invited to join us in the parking lot for "Ashes and Prayer To-Go" from 7:30–9:30 a.m. In the evening, we will gather for worship in Kirk Hall at 6:00 p.m. Please see the insert for more information about our Lenten season.

**DRS. GEORGE ANDERSON AND BILL LEE FEATURED SPEAKERS @ CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH | SUNDAY, FEB. 22 | 3:00 PM:** Christ Episcopal Church will hold their Sixth Annual Terry Steer Memorial Presentation featuring guest speakers the Rev. Dr. William Lee and the Rev. Dr. George Anderson. Their presentation, "Before DEI: Our Story," will take place in Nemura Hall on Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m., followed by a Q&A session and reception. All are warmly invited to attend.

**OPEN FLOWER DATE | MAY 10:** Sunday, May 10 is available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the date is still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

**"BUILD IT TOGETHER" 2026 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD:** Get ready! We're about to kick off our 2026 Partnership Build with Habitat for Humanity alongside St. John's Episcopal—and we need YOU! We'll be serving on the 1st/3rd Saturdays, as well as the 2nd/4th Thursdays. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome; no experience necessary. Whether you're a seasoned builder or brand new to construction, there's a place for you on this team. **Start date is tentative; we're now looking at late-March.** Sign up today by scanning the QR code, or via the [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com) found on our website [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org).



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Today, February 15

Scout Sunday  
8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:45 am: Sunday School  
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream  
12:15 pm: Trent Getaway/Church Retreat Meeting, Reading Room  
5:00 pm: Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall  
5:00-6:30 pm: Parenting Group, Hospitality Room  
5:00 pm: Youth Group  
5:30 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

### Monday, February 16

6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library  
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe  
6:45 pm: Scouts

### Tuesday, February 17

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday  
7:30-9:30am: Ashes & Prayer To-Go, Parking Lot Lower Level  
8:05 am: Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid  
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline  
4:30 pm: Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room  
6:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Worship, Kirk Hall

### Thursday, February 19

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

### Friday, February 20

### Saturday, February 21

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Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

February 15, 2026



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## 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  
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Kandy Elliott  
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### Elders - Class of 2026

Mary Airheart  
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Barry Green  
Sally T'Anson  
Drew Kepley  
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Mia Copeland  
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John Jessee  
Patty Lemon  
Jim Pickens  
Dave Speno  
Maria Ward

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | SCOUT SUNDAY

Gathering Music *Dance* C. Alexander Peloquin

Welcome and Announcements  
(11:00 A.M.) Minute for Scouting Chris Link

Prelude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Franklin Ritter

\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>  
We gather to worship the God who calls us to walk in the way of life.  
**We come, trusting not in our own strength, but in God's mercy.**  
God calls us to live with integrity—  
to speak truth, to act justly, and to serve others.  
**We long to do what is good, even when we struggle to do it.**  
God invites us to help our neighbors,  
**to care for the world entrusted to us,**  
**and to walk humbly in the paths of faith.**  
**Teach us again, O God, how to live by your grace.**  
In our striving and in our stumbling,  
God meets us with forgiveness and new life.  
**We come to worship the One who delivers us through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Hymn No. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

(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<sup>2</sup>  
**Merciful God, we confess that we often know what is right and still fail to do it. We delight in your law in our inmost being, yet we find ourselves pulled in directions we did not choose—doing what we wish we would not do, and neglecting the good we long to live. We confess that sin is not only around us, but within us—entangling our wills, distorting our desires, and weakening our resolve. Wretched though we feel at times, we thank you that you do not leave us trapped in our struggle. Deliver us, O God, not by our own effort, but through Jesus Christ our Lord, who meets us in our weakness and sets us free by grace.**

*We have more to say. We will say it in silence.*

Assurance of Pardon<sup>3</sup>

\*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)

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Benjamin Harlan

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Romans 7:7-25 New Testament p. 914  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Can Desire be Converted?* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship  
Offering<sup>4\*\*</sup>  
Offertory (8:45 A.M.) *Lord of the Dance* arr. S. Carter and V. Smith  
Handbell Choir Shaker tune, 19th century  
(11:00 A.M.) *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Dennis R. Johnson  
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

\*Hymn No. 724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Anna Laura Page

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

BULLETIN NOTES

<sup>1</sup>THE CALL TO WORSHIP echoes Scout values (helpfulness, integrity, service, duty) while speaking to human struggle, which is a theme of our passage, Romans 7.

<sup>2</sup>THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION is shaped by today's Scripture from Romans 7, where the apostle Paul speaks in a confessional tone. In this passage, Paul offers his well-known admission that he does not do the good he wants to do, but instead does the very thing he hates. Though Paul speaks in the first person, he gives voice to a universal human struggle—our shared inability to live fully as we know we should apart from God's grace.

<sup>3</sup>Following the Prayer of Confession, the ASSURANCE OF PARDON draws on the movement of Paul's argument in Romans. Having named the struggle and bondage of sin in chapter 7, Paul turns to the good news of God's decisive action in Jesus Christ. The assurance proclaims that our hope rests not in our ability to overcome sin, but in God's grace, which declares us forgiven and sets us free.

<sup>4</sup>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—especially high school seniors—with life skills, healthy decision-making tools, and supportive peer and mentor relationships. FSRV is also widely known for its Child-Centered Play Therapy program for children ages 2–10, using play to help children safely process emotions and experiences, often related to trauma, in a warm and supportive environment. Funds from our Outreach Offering will provide games, toys, art supplies for therapy sessions, and snacks for young clients to take home. **As of Monday, February 9, \$1,591 has 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

**Music:** We thank the Handbell Choir for their participation in today's early service. Ringers today include: Alison Conte, Marilyn Arbogast, Helen Burnett, Anne Culley, John Frank, Glo Howell, Ken Lyons, Ruth Robertson, Martha Wheeler, and Beth Vaught Jenkins, director.

**Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lucy Neal by her husband, Bill, and children, Bryan, Lewis and Patricia. *Arranged by Rosemary Francis.*

**Ushers:** (8:45) Megan Moore (Head), Will Moore, Renee Howell, Macy Moore. (11:00) John Caudill (Head) Jim Pickens, Nancy Pickens, Cindy Smith.

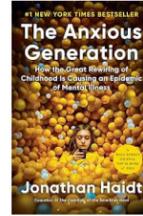
**Greeters:** Angie and Jim Pittendrigh.

**AV Technicians:** (11:00) Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

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



**FAITHFUL FAMILIES: THE ANXIOUS GENERATION (8-WEEK STUDY) | 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.*



**POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL | "RESTORATION HOUSING" | 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.

**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. Register at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org) or by scanning the QR code.



## 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 was 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.