

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS

We hold in prayer the Tims family as daughter Campbell receives care in Atlanta, GA. The church is collecting donations that will be used to cover food expenses for the family. Donations may be made online to the Fund "Special Offering: Tims", or by cash or check (note in the memo line "Tims Family"). Gift card purchases and letters may be left directly in Ben Brannan's box.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service in celebration of the life and Christian witness of Lewis Mann Nelson, Jr. has been rescheduled to Monday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Kirk Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEB. 22

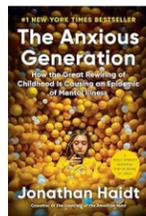
A brief congregational meeting will be held during the announcements period of the late worship service on Sunday, February 22 for the purpose of electing a new trustee. We thank Al McLean for his years of faithful service as a Trustee of Second Presbyterian Church. The Nominating Committee will present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

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).

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.

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.



"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 late-February. 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#.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, February 8

Youth Sunday
8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Sunday School
9:45 am: Youth Breakfast, Intersection
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
12:15 pm: Elder Training (Session's Responsibilities), Session Room

Monday, February 9

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, February 10

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
5:00 pm: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom
5:15 pm: Trent Fund Subcommittee, Trent Room

Wednesday, February 11

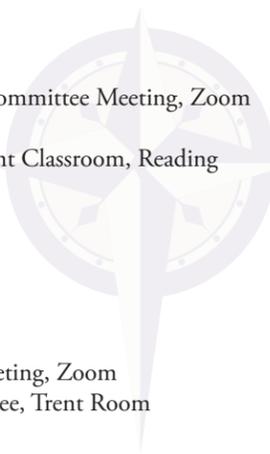
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
5:00 pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
5:15 pm: Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

Saturday, February 14



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Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

February 8, 2026



Photo from the 2025 All Youth Retreat "Nurture Your Nature."

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
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John Caudill
Kandy Elliott
Lucinda Hancock
Mark Lawrence
Megan Moore
Darin Pearson

Elders - Class of 2026

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
YOUTH SUNDAY¹ | FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Gathering Music *Let All Things Now Living* arr. David Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission *Family Service of Roanoke Valley*
Megan Alpine, Program Manager of Youth Development

Prelude *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* arr. Alice Jordan

*Call to Worship

Like the refreshing sprinkle of a summer's rain,
God's love helps us grow.
Like the bright sun renewing our energy,
God's love helps us grow.
Like the nutrients drawn from the soil of the earth,
God's love helps us grow.
Let us grow in love!
Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn (see insert)

Nurture Your Nature (vv. 1-2 seated, vv. 3-4 please stand)
Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we have not lived the way you have wanted us to live. We spend too much time on our phones, looking for digital validation, distracted from what truly nurtures us. Help us to look up and look out, to find contentment with the world and notice your light in those around us. Remind us that our neighbors and our friends are made in your image. Guide us in the work of our souls, to nurture our nature, which is to care for your image in us all.

We have more to say, God. Let us tell the truth that can only be spoken in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

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

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem (see insert) *Image of God* by We Are Messengers

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-25 (summarized), 26-27 Old Testament p. 1
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermons Ryan I'Anson, Madelyn Lyons

A Moment of Reflection

*Affirmation of Faith²

**We imagine a world on earth as it is in heaven:
Where nobody is judged,
Where everyone is accepted,
Where wars are fought by playing a game of chess,
Where love is endless,
Where violence doesn't exist at all,
Where all ships sail smoothly,
Where medical care is affordable,
Where we can just sit and be,
Where there is no poverty,
Where we can respond to needs in the moment as soon as they come up,
Where we can agree to disagree,
Where it feels like we are sitting on a rock in the sun, all the time,
Where a world of excess becomes a world of access,
Where everyone has fulfilling and meaningful jobs,
Where we can live in full harmony with the Word of God,
Where cries have become cries of joy,
Where everyone loves everyone as God loves us,
All this for the Glory of God.
And all God's people say together,
Amen.**

Call to Discipleship

Offering^{3**}

Offertory *Loving Shepherd* Bob Chilcote
Garrett Waters, soloist

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. 410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude⁴ *Allegro (Symphony No. 6)* Widor, arr. Lincoln Harrington

*Please stand in body or spirit.

BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **YOUTH SUNDAY** Many thanks to all the youth who helped plan and prepare for Youth Sunday and shared their gifts of creativity, music, and love. Thanks to seniors Lincoln Harrington, Ryan I'Anson, and Madelyn Lyons, and to youth Lilly Bishop, Anna Bryan, Lydia Bryan, Graham Copeland, Vincent Croteau, Maggie Ellerman, Grayson Harrington, Elmer Hartman, Shannon Howell, Jamie Lewis, Foster Lyons, Brownie Polly, Rebecca Stakor, Drew Underwood, Ellie Underwood, Carson Waters, Garrett Waters, CoCo Wilson, Eli Young, and Maggie Young. Special thanks to all the youth advisors, mentors, leaders, and Sunday school teachers who guide and support the youth.

² **TODAY'S AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** was written by the youth of Second Presbyterian Church and Williamsburg Presbyterian Church at Montreat Youth Conference 2025 during a shared devotion time.

³ **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. **As of Thursday, February 5, \$616 has been collected.**

The Outreach Offering for January benefitted *Solid Rock International*. **The final monthly total came to \$4,236.**

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).

⁴ **TODAY'S POSTLUDE** is a personal arrangement from one of our seniors, Lincoln Harrington, who chose to preach through music composition rather than sermon.

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Nick, Alison, Laura and Nicholas in memory of Elena Conte. *Arranged by Alison Conte.*

Ushers: (8:45) Megan Moore (Head) Will Moore, Corinne Wilson, Sarah Wilson, Macy Moore. (11:00) John Caudill (Head) Jim Pickens, Nancy Pickens, Cindy Smith.

AV Technicians: (8:45) Kirk Treubert. (11:00) Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship & Wonder: "Parable of the Treasure." Storyteller, Lori Privott. Greeter, Maria Blackshaw. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.



Opening Hymn

Nurture Your Nature (vv. 1-2 seated, vv. 3-4 please stand)
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

NETTLETON

[1] Till the ground of heart and spirit, break the soil where roots may grow;
Bring the fear, the pride, the hidden, all the stones we do not show.
No heart barren, none beyond hope, driest ground can come alive;
We are not the dirt abandoned—we are soil where grace will thrive.

[2] Plant the seeds of hope and courage, water daily what you sow;
Faith grows not by wish or wonder, but by love we choose to show.
Through our prayers and honest sharing, through our worship, word, and deed,
We can't force the final harvest, but we choose the seeds we feed.

[3] In this garden, growth is varied, some bloom fast and some take time;
Grant each soul the space to flourish, honor paths that don't match mine.
Some need sunlight, some need shelter, some need silence, some a hand;
Let this place be safe and sacred, where we help each other stand.

[4] Tend your plot with care and courage, pull the weeds that choke your days;
Grow your gifts and share the watering, help another on their way.
We are shaped by daily choosing—who we're growing into now;
Nurture nature, yours and others, side by side, we learn somehow.

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Anthem

Image of God
by We Are Messengers

[Verse 1] I woke up with a broken heart in my chest, I couldn't sleep, couldn't get no rest
Weighed down by the heaviness of life and I, try to shake it flipping through my phone
But all it does is make me feel more alone. How could anything that feels so wrong be right?
Seven billion voices separate us, but only one can show us who we are

[Chorus]

We are made | Made in the image of | Made in the image of God, beautiful shades of love
We are made | Made in the image of | Made in the image of God
That's where the light comes from, yeah

[Verse 2] We all need the same medicine, we all need another second chance
There's no first in line at the foot of the Cross. Father, forgive me, show my concrete heart [Chorus]

[Bridge] We fall apart, we all lose sight of Heaven, but still Your love is chasing us
And oh give me a heart for every heart that's breaking
And give me eyes to see we're so much more than flesh and blood [Chorus]

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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.