

Registration



REGISTER & PAY ONLINE
BY SCANNING THE QR CODE!

Age	Price
Children under 3 years of age by Aug 21, 2026	Free
Children ages 3–college aged	\$40 (per child)
Adult in Shared Room	\$175 (per adult)
Adult in Single Room	\$225

REGISTRATION: Due by Monday, June 1.

PAYMENT: A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. Payment balance due by July 31.

This event is made possible by a generous grant from the Richter Fund, with guest speaker funding from the Trent Fund. **Note: For Financial assistance, contact one of the pastors. For help with online registration, contact the church office.*



Questions?

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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Churchwide Retreat

AUGUST 21–23, 2026

EAGLE EYRIE CONFERENCE CENTER

Take a breath and join us for this special, annual tradition: a weekend of recreation, relaxation, and renewal!



Love Builds Up: Unity, Conflict, and Grace in the Body of Christ

2026 Retreat Theme

RECREATION
RELAXATION
RENEWAL



The Rev. Dr. Rachel Thompson Orfield

About Our Theme & Speaker

We Hope You Will Join Us!

The Churchwide Retreat at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA is set for August 21-23, 2026! Everyone is invited to this intergenerational weekend where there will be programs for all ages. Plan to be part of a fun-filled and meaningful church event!

Participants will gather on Friday afternoon (registration is from 4:00-6:00 p.m.) for a weekend program of study, worship, and recreation! Adults will be led by our guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Rachel Thompson Orfield, in a vibrant study related to our retreat theme, "Love Builds Up."

Middle and high school youth will take part in fun team building exercises and enjoy special programming with Pastor Ben. Special activities for children are also planned, and there will be childcare available for those too young to participate in the lessons and programs.

Saturday afternoon will allow you to enjoy recreational activities of your choosing. The retreat will end following Sunday morning worship. Participants can expect to be back in Roanoke by lunchtime!

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is a message to a church in crisis. The community was being torn apart by factions, arrogance, and selfish behavior, weakening their witness to Jesus Christ. In his letter, Paul speaks openly to the church about their issues and invites them into a way of life that prioritizes love, diversity, and belonging.

Paul's words, though ancient, still resonate today. Using First Corinthians as a lens, this retreat will invite us to explore what it means to live as the body of Christ—learning how love can shape our relationships, guide us through conflict, and draw us toward deeper unity. Through Scripture, reflection, and shared conversation, we will consider how God calls us to build one another up so that, together, we might more faithfully reflect Christ to the world.

Rachel Thompson Orfield is Associate Pastor of First Pres. in Charlottesville. Prior to this role, she served as Pastor and Head of Staff at Harpeth Pres. in Nashville, TN, and as Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults at Second Pres. in Roanoke, VA. Rachel earned a degree in Classics and Sociology from Furman University, an MDiv from Duke Divinity School, and a DMin from Columbia Theological Seminary. Her greatest joys in ministry are in community building, faith formation, and preaching. In all aspects of her ministry, Rachel is committed to sharing the expansive love of God.

Housing

Participants will be placed in either the Cedar Crest Hotel or the Voight Conference Center (rooms will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis). Both facilities have hotel-style accommodations with private baths, linen service, wireless internet, and are accessible to all visitors. A brief description of each location is listed below:

Cedar Crest Hotel

Cedar Crest Hotel features lovely mountain views and top-class quality. Cedar Crest also features:

- 38 hotel-style rooms with personal bathrooms.
- A large lobby area for fellowship with leather sofas.
- Vending area with free coffee, a microwave, and an ice machine.
- Rocking chairs just outside the lobby area overlooking Fleming Mountain.



Voight Conference Center

The Voight Conference Center rooms are conveniently located near the dining hall and other facilities. VCC also features:

- 16 well-appointed guest rooms (2 of which are ADA designed).
- A large lobby area with a stone fireplace and baby grand piano.
- Vending area with free coffee and water; coffee makers in each room.
- Balconies overlooking the campus.

