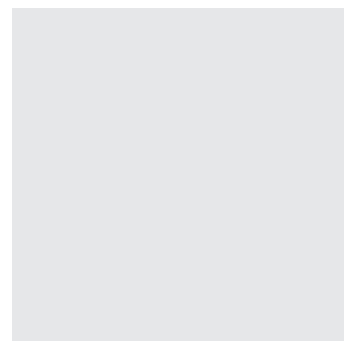
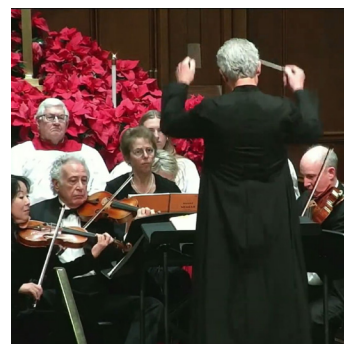


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PASTOR'S NOTES

Dr. George C. Anderson



I don't read tea leaves, palms, stars, or tarot cards to glimpse the future, but I do read the past. Our stories, rightly told and thoughtfully understood, are not perfect predictors of what lies ahead, but they can shape our imagination and steady our hope. They help prepare us not only to recognize what may come, but also to become active participants in bringing about what we pray and work to see.

In what follows, I'll speak briefly to the recent story of the church in certain areas and then to what I envision ahead.

CHURCH LIFE

The Immediate Past:

While maintaining an online ministry, we offer as full an in-person ministry as we did before the pandemic. Opportunities for learning continue to grow through Sunday School classes, short-term studies, and special events such as the Edmunds Lectures and retreats. The Preschool remains strong. Congregational care is lived out primarily through faithful member and pastoral visits. While in-person worship attendance has not fully returned to pre-pandemic levels, participation expands significantly when we include online worship and sermon podcasts.

The congregation remains strong, adaptive, and a positive force in both the community and in the lives of its members.

Looking Ahead:

Research strongly affirms that diverse, intergenerational, and healthy faith communities play a powerful role in countering isolation, anxiety, and polarization. There are fewer communities like ours than there once were, and they are deeply needed.

Our challenge is not imagination, but participation. A thriving church requires regular and committed engagement, beginning with worship and extending into education, service, and fellowship. It is the responsibility of the Session and staff to create meaningful opportunities for connection. It is the responsibility of members to receive those opportunities as invitations worth prioritizing. The future vitality of our church will be shaped not only by what we offer, but by our shared willingness to show up for one another.

LOCAL MISSIONS

The Immediate Past:

Already strong in local outreach, the church took significant steps forward during and after the pandemic. Rather than becoming paralyzed by the magnitude of need, the congregation chose to focus on areas where we could make a real and tangible difference as a witness to God's grace. The monthly outreach offering supporting local ministries quadrupled. The budget for local benevolences increased significantly. The *Mission Build Campaign* met and exceeded its goal. The *Mountain Avenue Fund* has continued to grow. Most importantly, our members offer hands-on service: building Habitat homes, tutoring students, and hosting families through Family Promise at Alexa House. These are signs of a congrega-

tion embracing even more its call to love its neighbors in concrete and faithful ways.

Looking Ahead:

If we remain committed to finding common ground and faithful in our support of the church's mission through our pledges, we have the opportunity to become an even more powerful engine of cooperation, healing, and reconciliation in our community. In a fragmented and often distrustful world, it matters more than ever that the Roanoke Valley knows Second Presbyterian Church simply and clearly as "*the church that helps.*"

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

The Immediate Past:

For decades, Second Presbyterian Church has carried out much of its global compassion and witness through partnerships. Our partnership with *Union Presbyterian Seminary* has strengthened theological education, helping build infrastructure there while also enriching our life here through the Trent Symposium. Our partnership with *Solid Rock International* has contributed to the transformation of a community and the construction of a new hospital in San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic. Through the *PC(USA)*, we have supported missionaries and mission efforts across the world.

All three of these partnerships remain vital, but each is experiencing significant change. Union Presbyterian Seminary is moving from a fully residential model to a hybrid approach. Solid Rock's work has shifted from hosting multiple mission teams to a greater emphasis on institutional development and long-term sustainability. And the PC(USA)'s decision to dissolve the Presbyterian Mission Agency has created a serious gap in the support structure for PC(USA) missionaries and their ministries.

Looking Ahead:

Second Presbyterian Church will give careful attention not only to existing partnerships, but also to forming new ones that meet the evolving challenges of mission in our time. The goal is to develop plans that may include new mission trip opportunities (possibly in places beyond San Juan), support for an additional seminary committed to residential theological education, and fresh ways to stand with and sustain the ongoing work of missionaries.

In these efforts, our congregation has an opportunity not only to respond faithfully to change, but also to serve as a model for other churches seeking thoughtful, adaptable, and deeply rooted engagement in national and international mission.

FINANCES

The Immediate Past:

I saved finances for last because they underwrite every area described above—and more.

From 2020 to 2024, both pledged and unpledged giving increased. Those gains reflected a clear sense of shared purpose: bearing witness to unity and hope during the pandemic, building Alexa House, and supporting the Mission Build Campaign's projects. During those years, challenge budgets were approved without reductions.

In 2025, we experienced something of a pause and finished in the red for the first time in several years. That was sobering. Even with a strong stewardship season that produced a pledge increase of more than 4%, we still had to make significant cuts in order to project a balanced budget. Because many expenses are fixed, those cuts came from areas where we had hoped to grow—benevolences and staff compensation.

At the same time, the church's designated funds have continued to grow. While these funds are restricted to specific purposes, they enable ministry and mission well beyond what a church of our size could normally sustain. Our longstanding funds continued to accomplish much in advancing the vision and goals of the church. In 2025, 5% of the total funds was distributed. Also, the Martin Fund was established to support youth and young adult ministry, and both the Anderson Cornerstone Fund and the Richter Fund began making distributions for education and outreach.

FINAL THOUGHTS

With so many congregations struggling simply to survive, I thank God that our church is healthy, united, and in a strong position to grow our impact here in the valley and beyond. I am deeply grateful for all who have brought the church to where we are today, and I am excited and energized by what more we can do to bear witness to the transforming grace of God.

As you look over this Annual Report, I trust you will share in that same sense of gratitude and hope.

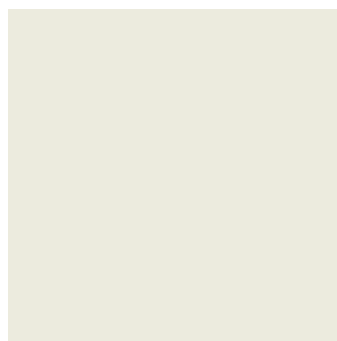
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

This year, with our Christian education theme “Show Your Faith,” we invited members to let their light shine through study, fellowship, service, and faithful presence in our community. While faith can be deeply personal, it is never meant to be private, and we continue to see the ways God’s light is revealed when we learn together.

Adult education remained a vital part of our ministry together this year. Midweek and Sunday offerings created space for thoughtful engagement with Scripture and theology, encouraging participants to connect faith with everyday life. Adult Sunday school participation was strong, with vibrant ongoing, year-long classes, and seasonal offerings. The Bible in Black & White continued to draw meaningful participation from across the city, and other midweek classes explored New Testament stories and invited learners to wrestle with deep questions and show their faith through conversation and reflection.

Our Vacation Bible Schools offered opportunities for joy and learning for all ages. Evening VBS in June invited participants to explore Scripture in ways that connected faith to real life, and engaged our children in learning through movement and theatre. Morning VBS engaged children and youth and adult volunteers alike through storytelling, creativity, and play rooted in the teachings of



	CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (All Ages)
2023	386
2024	411
2025	405



Jesus. These experiences reminded us that faith formation can be both joyful and transformative, helping members across the generations to let their light shine.

Intergenerational learning and fellowship continued through special events and our annual church retreat. The Trent Getaway provided time for rest, relationship-building, and spiritual growth across generations. We joyfully kicked off the fall program year with our Rally Day Picnic at Braeloch Pavilion, where worship, a shared meal, and playful activities celebrated the gift of community and invited everyone to show up and find their place in the year ahead.

Children’s ministry flourished under the leadership of Maria Blackshaw and the dedication of many wonderful volunteers. Children’s and youth Sunday school offered creative and imaginative ways for our young people to learn and love God’s story. Kids’ Fellowship, led by Maria Blackshaw and Alison Conte, continued to provide colorful, musical, and relational opportunities for children to encounter God’s Word through song and fellowship. Children, Worship, & Wonder, under the leadership of volunteer coordinator Rhesa Bailey, helped our youngest members experience worship in meaningful ways.

We are called to live out our faith boldly and brightly, trusting that God uses our learning, our exploring, and our relationships to form us for faithful living. With the intelligence, imagination, and enthusiasm of our volunteers and participants, we want to place our light on the lampstand—learning together, so that our faith may be seen in love and service to the Lord.

I give thanks for everyone who makes Christian education possible at Second: committee members, teachers, shepherds, and volunteers who generously share their time and gifts. Because of you, we are blessed with a vibrant and welcoming Christian education program for all ages, helping this congregation grow in faith and shine God’s light in the world.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

Megan Moore, Committee Chair



Second Presbyterian Preschool is a busy and thriving place. We provide play-based and faith-based nurturing and learning in a high-quality, early childhood setting. The program offers a loving environment with eight classes for Infants, Ones, Young Twos, Twos Plus, Threes, and Pre-K. Families have a variety of options for the time they'd like their child to spend in preschool from 8:00 to 5:30, Monday through Friday. The core day is 9:00–12:00, along with early care, lunch, aftercare, and opportunities for enrichment classes for older children. In addition, there are nine weeks of summer programming with flexible scheduling for parents.



Our preschool is dedicated to providing enriching experiences for children and their families. In 2025, a new initiative was explored with the Science Museum of Western Virginia's Junior Lab program. Children in our Threes and Pre-K classes participated in eight weeks of programming using Bee Bots. This program introduced early coding skills in a developmentally appropriate experience. We hosted our first book fair for families to shop, and proceeds supported our classroom libraries. Additionally, the preschool was visited several times by a librarian from the Roanoke City Library for a special, interactive storytime. Book Buds continued this year, inviting parents, grandparents, church members, and other special adults to be guest readers in the café on Mondays each month. We hope to build an early love of books for our young students and welcome any interested readers.

The preschool has been blessed with an endowment fund, established in 2018, which was able to make its first significant purchase this year. A permanent sunshade will be installed over the Tot Lot, where the youngest preschool children play. This project has been in coordination with the Property Committee and is being led by Jim Pickens. We are hopeful that the project will be completed by summer 2026. Moving forward, the Preschool Committee's goal for this fund is to enhance our program, control tuition, and offer subsidies for staff. The committee continues to focus on raising awareness about the endowment fund to ensure its continued growth and support for the preschool's mission. Please see a committee member or reach out to the preschool to learn more.

Preschool Director, Alice Light, diligently worked with preschool staff and local organizations such as the United Way to ensure that the preschool remains licensed and provides care with a focus on high levels of teacher and child engagement. The preschool received several acknowledgments by the United Way for the 2024–2025 school year with a VQB5 (Virginia Quality Birth to Five) quality rating that "Exceeds Expectations," which is the highest rating that can be given. Our infant and toddler programs were awarded an "Excellence" classification for the Ready Region West. These awards are reported on a statewide site and are the result of internal and external observations. Staff participate in professional development and valuable collaboration opportunities during the year, with the goal of supporting and enhancing best practices in early childhood education. If you or anyone you know has an interest in working with our preschoolers, in the morning or afternoon, please reach out to Alice (alight@spres.org).

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Mary Airheart, Committee Member

Congregational Life serves to foster spiritual growth among our members through fellowship, service, and fun. We offered several of those opportunities in 2025 celebrating our life together as a congregation.

Robin Hobbs and Mary Airheart continued to co-chair Food Services. Their leadership team secured menus, led discussions, and orchestrated the details that helped bring our meals and fellowship opportunities to life. We express our gratitude to the members who gave their time and energy to set up and serve these meals and to those who donated many delicious desserts. Without our volunteers, we could not successfully coordinate these lovely events!

The year started in January with the Pancake Breakfast hosted jointly by the Christian Education and Congregational Life Committees. It was a fun time for members of all ages to fill up on pancakes and bacon to start the new year. Yummy!

In early April, at the direction of our incredible Pastors' Assistant, Meredith Koliba, the church showed its gratitude for our amazing 80+ year old members by providing a luncheon. This meaningful gathering also included music led by Barry Green.

To close out our annual Trent Symposium for New Ministers, our committee arranged and served a lovely churchwide dinner. It was an enjoyable evening for members to become more deeply acquainted with these new ministers and to attend a program by author David Zahl entitled, "The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World."

To kick off the summer, we were blessed to be a part of the Evening VBS program in June by organizing a barbecue dinner with sides and a scrumptious ice cream bar. After dinner, we were treated to a program from a long-time favorite minister of our church, Dr. Ed McLeod.

With a team of wonderful volunteers, we helped host the Rally Day Picnic in August at the beautiful Braeloch Pavilion in Vinton. We are so grateful to Maria Hammond for her organization and coordination of this wonderful event. Maria and her family had just moved to

Charlotte, but she came back to make sure this went off without a hitch. We sure do miss the Hammonds! This highly anticipated event, attended by 250+ members, included worship, music, barbeque, a sundae bar, balloon artist, face painter, and outdoor games... something for everyone!

In November, the two-day Edmunds Lecture Series took place. Our guest speaker, Dr. Andrew Root, author and professor from Luther Seminary, spoke on "The Church in a Secular Age." Our committee organized refreshments and enjoyed the fellowship.

Also in the fall were our men's and women's retreats. The Gals' Gathering daylong retreat was led by Dr. Sarah Wiles, pastor of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church. Women of all ages attended, and they explored the beauty and wisdom of Song of Songs. The Men's Retreat at Eagle Eyrie, "Revelation and Reggae" led by the Rev. Chris Vogado, was a time of deep reflection, laughter, and connection.

Knowing that the holidays can be difficult for some, we hosted a seminar on grief, called "Holding Grief and Joy: A Holiday Workshop." Presented by Frannie Gaeta from Carilion Clinic, this meaningful workshop provided grief support, education, and explored emotions that reactivate during the holidays.

We ended the year and celebrated the Christmas season with the cherished tradition of our annual Christmas Dinner and Pageant attended by 160 members. Volunteers decorated the Fellowship Hall and served a delicious dinner, which included a wonderful variety of holiday sweets provided by church members. With the pageant that followed, it was a fun and enjoyable evening for ringing in the season!

Throughout the year, Robin Hobbs coordinated our Meet & Greet program which provided snacks and drinks for members to congregate in Kirk Hall between worship services and before Sunday School. We are so very grateful for the help of our Sexton John Brady Anderson every Sunday!

Connie Polly, Engagement Coordinator, introduced us



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COORDINATORS

Chair: Susan Carter

Fellowship Chairs: Mia Copeland, Nancy Pickens

Trent Getaway – Jessica Tims, Chrissy Underwood

Gals' Gathering – Chasity Fitzpatrick

Men's Retreat – Ben Brannan, George Anderson, Carter Brothers

Rally Day Picnic – Maria Hammond, Shelley Lyons

Columbarium Project – Mary Phillips

Hospitality/Greeters – Elizabeth Vacher

Flower Coordinator – Denise Revercomb

Engagement Coord.: Connie Polly

Food Services: Robin Hobbs, Mary Airheart

2PC Clubs: Susan Carter, Nancy Pickens

Book – April Lewis, Mia Copeland

Coffee – Glo and David Howell

Lunch Groups – Chris and Ann Bickley, Mary Phillips

Movie – Marilyn Arbogast

Parenting – Margaret Ashburn, Rebekah Gunn

Pickleball – Bob Cole

Restaurant Groups – Angie Pittendrigh, Sarah Ludwig

Roots & Wings – Cindy Young

Walking – Lynn Nave

to new members and encouraged volunteers to get involved.

Our relationship building and engaging 2PC Clubs were coordinated by Nancy Pickens. There was something for everyone: Book, Coffee, Lunch groups, Restaurant groups, Movie, Parenting group of pre-school and early elementary children, Pickleball, Roots and Wings for empty nesters, and Walking.

We are deeply grateful to Susan Carter, our committee chairperson who unfortunately became ill mid-year. We have missed her dearly and keep her in our prayers as she continues her recovery. We are also very thankful for our committee members, church staff, and volunteers whose dedication and energy make Congregational Life at Second Presbyterian successful.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Nancy O. Gray, Parish Assoc. for Visitation, & Meredith Koliba, Pastors' Assistant

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATORS

Second Family – Sue Caudill, Alice Loftin, Cindy Smith

Visitation – Nancy Gray

Flower Ministry – Linda Shiner

Second Takes a Meal – Deborah Vaughan

Card Ministry – Stacy Moore

Grief Team – Trip Kreger

Congregational Care is a ministry that supports members of our worship community through the dedication of many volunteers, much of which takes place beyond the church walls. It is an important area that is under our Congregational Life Committee. Since most of these ministries fall beyond the church walls, you may not know that they exist. Congregational Care's goal is to make sure all our members feel loved and cared for in times of need, whether they are in a nursing home, grieving a loss, facing an illness, or just can't make it to church anymore.

If you have ever attended a memorial service here at our church, you may have also been to one of the receptions afterward hosted by our Second Family team. Second Family is a group of church members that make and bring food for these receptions to provide a space for grieving family and friends to gather and be supported by their church. Some other ministries of the church that help members in times of need include our Grief team, who connect with members when they have experienced a loss and offer support; Second Takes a Meal, who responds by providing meal trains for people following illnesses, surgeries, and special circumstances; and the Card Ministry, where cards are sent to older members of the congregation for their birthdays.

Another area of Congregational Care is our Flower Ministry and Visitation Committee. Every Sunday, volunteers with the flower ministry deliver vases of flowers taken from the floral arrangements in worship to church members who are in the hospital, recovering from illness, have lost a loved one, or are homebound. The Visitation Committee provides outreach and hospitality to members of the church who are homebound, facing a challenging circumstance, or are in a nursing home facility. Volunteers on this committee make personal visits to these members and often form lasting relationships. Through pastoral visits, flower deliveries, and Visitation Committee visits, we hope that our senior members remain engaged in the life of Second and know our church sees them and loves them.

We want to thank all the volunteers who are involved in the multiple ministries under Congregational Care. These ministries are impactful and important in the life and the body of our church.



ENGAGEMENT

Connie Polly, Engagement Coordinator



Serving as Engagement Coordinator at Second continues to be a joy. I am grateful for the many opportunities to welcome visitors and to build relationships.

In 2025, we welcomed 30 new members spanning a wide range of ages, from confirmands to senior adults. New member classes and fellowship opportunities continue to provide meaningful ways for pastors, members, and visitors to build relationships and grow in connection with one another.

Live streaming continues to be an important way for members who are homebound, ill, or traveling to remain connected to worship and the life of the church. We are encouraged by regular participation through the Virtual Friendship Pad, which reflects both familiar names and those new to our community. Our church management system, Realm, has also proven valuable by offering a more organized and effective way to maintain contact with visitors and new members.

I know 2026 will be a wonderful year ahead. I hope you will join me in making Second a warm and friendly place to be!

BUILDING USE FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT

In 2025, Second Presbyterian Church continued to support the broader community by making our facility available to outside organizations when possible. Through hosting meetings, events, and mission-focused initiatives, we were proud to help advance important work beyond our own ministry. The following organizations utilized our facilities this year:



YOUTH

The Rev. Ben Brannan

This year the youth program at Second was marked by *invitational depth*—depth in scripture, depth in relationships, and depth in lived faith. Continuing with our 2024–2025 theme *Deep Dive*, the youth intentionally explored what it means to go to new depths with God, with one another, and with scripture—focusing on Ephesians 3:16–19—through lessons and conversations that connect faith to real middle and high school life. A cadence was created that brought rhythm into our conversations—thought, reflection, response, invitation—which provided safe and courageous space for our youth to lean into the depth of life and faith together.

As 2025 began, the youth jumped right into planning Youth Sunday, a worship service that, through song, sermon, and sacrament, invited the congregation to dive deep. The gifts of our youth and the grace of God were on full display, and it was our hope that you may have found a deeper connection to life, in all its beautiful messiness.

Each week that followed, in Sunday school and at Youth Group, the youth didn't just learn about faith—they practiced it, questioned it, lived it, and shared it with one another in action and with themselves in reflection. By the end of the year, our youth grew in confidence with scripture, vulnerability and connection, spiritual curiosity, and courage to live faith out loud—in both the deep valleys and highest peaks of life.

As the end of the program year inched closer, our Great Day of Service in April saw 62 volunteers from this church sent out to serve our city. Partnering with 7 local agencies, the groups helped the Bradley Free Clinic and Restoration Housing with landscaping needs, helped Kid's Soar and Roanoke City Library organize books, painted the "café" at the West End Center, cleaned and served breakfast/lunch at RAM House, and helped the Rescue Mission's 2nd Helpings Stores organize inventory. It may seem like the work was the mission, but the focus was on *invitational depth* as we grew in relationship with those with whom we serve.

Summer arrived quickly, as did our summer pastoral intern, Ramsay Reid (more about this on p. 11). In June, our youth traveled to eastern Kentucky, in partnership with Appalachian Service Project, where they worked on two homes. These homes were part of a powerful, larger collaboration between local nonprofits, city and state partners, private donors, and government agencies, to create new subdivisions of safe housing built above flood lines, offering families



long-term hope and stability. Our youth, teaming up with Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church of Rock Hill, South Carolina, worked on two of these new homes for families that had been displaced since flooding back in 2022. The group witnessed firsthand how faith shows up with hammers, sweat, teamwork, and compassion.

Later in the summer, youth attended the Montreat Youth Conference, joining hundreds of youth from across the country around the theme *Light My Path*. This week offered something truly sacred: emotional illumination, deep and honest conversations about faith and doubt, connections across churches and backgrounds, and worship experiences that moved hearts. The week offered a space where students felt safe to ask big questions, share real struggles, and encounter God in powerful ways that cannot be replicated in ordinary routines.

From classrooms, construction sites, worship spaces, and small-groups, our youth embraced what it means to go deeper. The waters may be deep—but our youth are learning to trust God as they dive in.

As we moved from one program year to the next, the momentum continued to shape our ministry. Youth are eager for deeper scripture engagement, more opportunities to serve, and ongoing spaces for honest faith conversations. Which led to our 2025–2026 youth theme *Nurture Your Nature*. The Youth Council picked this theme to focus on the fact that each of us, youth or adult, carries the fingerprint of God. Your nature—your truest self—is not defined by grades, likes on social media, or even the opinions of others. God has marked you, claimed you, and made you in God's image. That's who you are, and who everyone else is, at the deepest level.

And so, the 2025 youth year was one of *invitational depth* because when we go deep, into the depths of life and into the depths of our soul, it is precisely there that we find God. And finding God is finding who we truly are: a reflection of God's love and compassion in the world.



SUMMER PASTORAL INTERN

Through the generosity of the Kitty Susan Trent Fund, the summer of 2025 welcomed Second’s fifth summer pastoral intern: Ramsay Reid. It was a great joy to welcome Ramsay into the life and work of Second. Ramsay did not grow up in the church, but what he lacked in experience he more than made up for with a vigor for learning and growing. Ramsay had just finished his first year at William and Mary, and while there in Williamsburg, he’s an active participant and leader at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, helping with the youth program. This past summer, Ramsay encountered a breadth of church experiences through a wide range of involvement: he helped with the Evening VBS Theater Program; he chaperoned in Kentucky on the High School Mission Trip; he was a shepherd and assisted in Morning VBS; attended Montreat Youth Conference for the first time, was an adult leader in the middle school small group and led our back home devotion time; he led the Morning Men’s Bible Study for the month of July; he helped with At-Home Mission Week; and finally, he put together the children’s program for the Trent Getaway. To close out the summer, he offered an inspiring Summer Capstone Sermon inviting us to give up what is not of God. On top of all of that, Ramsay had weekly pastoral visits, flower deliveries, worship responsibilities, and a supervision meeting with Ben every Thursday. He was busy! Ramsay has many gifts, and he was eager to ask the big questions and offer deep insight into the meaning of things.

Here are some comments about Ramsay from those he worked closely with during the summer:

- *“I appreciate his dedication all summer. The children and youth really connected with him. He was really intent on learning and growing. He was very helpful!” – Chasity Fitzpatrick*
- *“Ramsay was always eager to learn, whether it was how to manage kids or something more scholarly. He did a lot of the planning for the children’s program at the Getaway and was a huge help at both Evening and Morning VBS. I was extremely impressed with both his speaking and writing skills. I hope he continues his journey into ministry because I think he has a gift for it.” – Maria Blackshaw*
- *“It was my pleasure to work with Ramsay during the week in preparation for our Men’s Bible studies. His attention to detail, his insights, and his summations were always on target. Ramsay is a very mature and affable, young man, and I have no hesitation in recommending that he continue his track in religious studies.” – Dave Speno*



YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adult program here at Second continues to reform as we seek consistent opportunities to gather for study, fun, and fellowship. Young Adults want to be challenged, to be engaged in deep and meaningful conversations, and to find a place of warmth and welcome. Second Presbyterian Church is that place. We have teamed up with the Young Adults group at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church in order do large group activities and have space for organic and intentional discussion. Looking ahead, we will seek to broaden our reach and our programming to offer additional ways to get involved and stay involved. Come find out how you might be involved in our Young Adult program.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Randy Rhea, Committee Chair

Local Ministries Supported by the Service & Outreach Budget

Presbyterian Community Center, PCC Pathways, PCC Summer Camp, Family Service, Family Promise, Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM), West End Center, Roanoke Valley Jail Ministry, Feeding SW Virginia, Habitat House (Partners in Prosperity), Child Health Investment Partnership (CHIP), The Turning Point (Salvation Army), Society of Saint Andrew, Bradley Free Clinic, House of Bread, Rescue Mission, Kids Soar, Cool Springs Summer Camp program, Super Hero Kids, Congregations in Action, Loudon Ave Christian Church Healthcare partnership (Horizons healthcare), Community Elementary School (Morningside Elementary), Local Office on Aging, Affordable Housing (Restoration Housing), Outreach Offering.

In 2025, the Service and Outreach Committee focused on ongoing, forward-looking ways to deepen our call to be a mission-minded and a mission-driven church. The support of the congregation in these efforts has been extraordinary.

The congregation's pledged support is instrumental to our church providing consistent, planned aid to 24 local agencies, Solid Rock International, Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Union Presbyterian Seminary, and the greater PC(USA) church. Your financial commitment is vital in helping these agencies live out their missions. On top of this pledged giving, the congregation responded to monthly Outreach Offerings by donating more than \$66,322.96, which went directly to ministries focused on food insecurity, at-risk children, people who are financially disadvantaged, unsheltered, or have mental health challenges, and isolated seniors.

Through the foresight and thoughtfulness of four families at Second Presbyterian, our church provides additional support to local agencies through funds these families established. The Lil Brown Fund seeks to address mental health issues, especially where they intersect with the poor, and in 2025, the Service and Outreach Committee distributed \$12,500 to the work of agencies aligned with the vision of this fund. Additionally, the Service and Outreach Committee distributed \$20,495 from the Mountain Avenue Fund, a fund established to support local ministries dealing with four categories of need: homelessness, poverty, hunger, and at-risk children. Continued contributions to these funds will allow Second Presbyterian to provide ongoing support in the future. Most recently, Second has been blessed by the addition of the Richter Fund, established to be used for outreach and education, with an end-of-year distribution toward affordable housing. And now, the Macfarlane Grant has been added to the Mountain Avenue Fund, expanding the fund's reach and impact, with the hope that continued growth will allow the Macfarlane Grant to become a stand-alone fund.

Beyond financial support, our congregation is in the community supporting those in need. Members provided meals

for Kids Soar and Family Promise, provided a place for families of inmates for video conferencing loved ones through AFOI, and packed snacks for the Greene Memorial Pack-a-Snack program for Highland Park and Morningside Elementary students. The congregation volunteered as evening and overnight hosts for Family Promise at Alexa House, and also volunteered at the Rescue Mission, West End Center, Presbyterian Community Center, House of Bread, Bradley Free Clinic, and Local Office on Aging.

Additionally, our involvement with Congregations in Action supported class parties, tutors, Fun Day, and the Pack-a-Snack program at Highland Park Elementary. The Service and Outreach Committee also supported Morningside Elementary in SE Roanoke by volunteering to help with their back-to-school cookout, STEM nights, and the purchase of hot chocolate supplies—200 students were recipients of these gifts. The committee also sponsored a collection of teacher supplies for both Highland Park and Morningside. Using money from our budget, the committee purchased 8 Thanksgiving bags along with 5 gift bags for the Giving Tree. The committee, as part of Congregations in Action, supplied 3 angel tree bags for Highland Park.

The Service and Outreach Committee coordinated multiple collections throughout the year, collecting canned goods each month for the PCC food pantry, totaling \$3,794; gift cards for West Center's gift bags, totaling \$1,000; plus gift cards for Family Promise families. Angel Tree gifts for seniors through LOA resulted in our receiving a record number of Angels for distribution, totaling 101 Angels. They were claimed within days. Lastly, stamps and cards were given to the Local Jail Ministry who distributed Christmas cards and stamps to inmates in local jails.

The Service and Outreach Committee is working to deepen relationships with the agencies we currently support and exploring ways to engage the congregation more actively. One way we have accomplished this is through a partnership with St. John's Episcopal Church to sponsor a home every two years with Habitat for Humanity.

Looking forward, we will continue the monthly canned food collection for PCC and its beautiful new food pantry. We will continue to support the affordable housing initiative through Restoration Housing's project at 319 Dale Avenue. We will work in partnership with Loudon Avenue Christian Church to make healthcare more affordable in partnership with the Horizons Healthcare services through support of the Patient Assistance Program.

In 2026, the Service and Outreach Committee will sponsor another Mission Fair on Sunday, April 12. This fair will allow the congregation to interact with representatives from the agencies we support and learn about the ways they can become more involved in each ministry.

Second Presbyterian's Service and Outreach Committee remains dedicated to focusing on ministries of compassion in our community because "love builds up"—love builds up a home, a community, a church, a people, a school, a student, a way of living. We are thankful and grateful for our congregation's support and commitment to acting as a mission-minded church. The work is ever-present but our call remains the same: find direction by following Jesus.



CHURCH RESOURCE LINKS

Website	www.spres.org
YouTube	www.youtube.com/@spresroanoke
Facebook Public Page	www.facebook.com/spresroanoke
Facebook Private Community Group	www.facebook.com/groups/spresroanoke
Instagram	www.instagram.com/spresroanoke
Online Giving	www.spres.org/give/give-now
Live Stream	www.spres.org/worship/livestream
Podcasts (<i>Second on the Mount</i> and <i>Child of God</i>)	www.spres.org/connect/podcasts
Sermons	www.spres.org/worship/sermons

STAFF

Senior Pastor Dr. George C. Anderson
Executive Pastor The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link
Associate Pastor for Youth & Young Adults
 The Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan
Parish Associate for Visitation Nancy O. Gray
Engagement Coordinator Connie Polly
Children's Ministry Coordinator Maria Blackshaw
Church Business Administrator Nathan Anderson
Church Secretary Stacy Moore
Pastors' Assistant Meredith Koliba

Media & Communications Specialist Andrea Boone
Media Assistant Erin Mucha
Nursery Coordinator Aubrey Beeson
Director of Music Dr. Jeffrey R. Sandborg
Organist Marianne M. Sandborg
Children's Music Director Alison Conte
Church Sexton John Brady Anderson
Custodian Shirley Newton
Preschool Director Alice Light
Preschool Asst. Director Lori Privott

DIGITAL REACH

Andrea Boone, Media & Communications

Digital engagement continues to play an important role in the life of our church, helping us remain connected with our congregation and broader community. Through platforms such as our website, YouTube channel, podcasts, and social media, we share worship, stories, and ministry beyond our walls. This year, overall participation on YouTube increased, while podcast downloads declined slightly. At the same time, we saw significant growth in website users compared to last year, reflecting increased interest in our online content and the impact of our social media advertising efforts. Ongoing engagement—such as liking, sharing, and subscribing to our social channels—remains a meaningful way to support and extend the reach of Second Presbyterian, allowing more people to encounter the Gospel and witness God’s work through this church.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL STATS



Views
14.8K

Watch Time
3.5K HOURS

Top Geographies by Views

United States 9,256
India 125
United Kingdom 56

Watch Time by Subscription Status

Subscribed (28.9%)
Not Subscribed (71.1%)

Total Subscribers
849

Subscribers
+59

PODCAST STATS

20

Countries Reached

USA (88.6% total downloads)
Followed by: Netherlands
Singapore
Switzerland
Australia
Canada

34

States Reached (USA)

Virginia (31.4% of USA downloads)
Followed by: Iowa
California
Florida
North Carolina
Georgia

2.4K

Worldwide Streams 2025 (Average 200 per month)

2K
Listeners



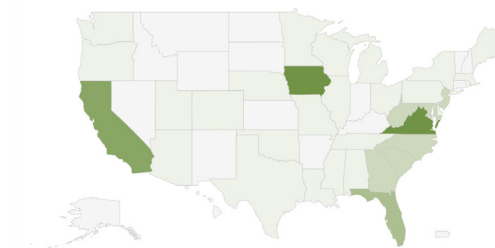
ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN 2025

In Person 295 Online Views 158

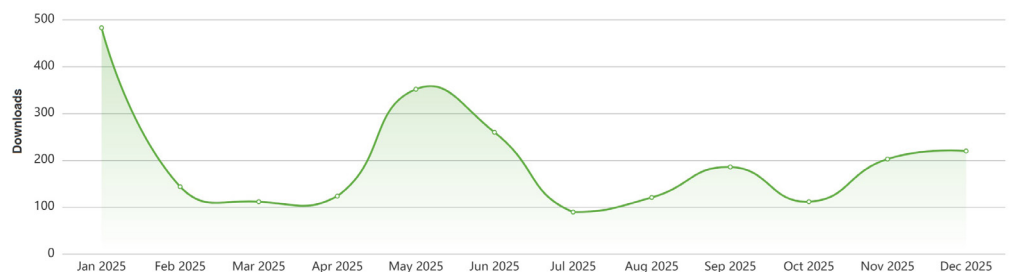


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107% increase in web users over 2024.



States/Provinces	Downloads	Percent
Virginia	667	31.43%
Iowa	467	22.01%
California	343	16.16%
Florida	175	8.25%
North Carolina	93	4.38%
Georgia	76	3.58%



GIFTS

Your generosity matters. In 2025, you gave **\$305,160** out of the budget to benevolent causes. These gifts helped sustain the ongoing expenses of...

- the local ministries of compassion and transformation in which we support;
- the larger church through support of institutions which build the PC(USA) such as the Presbytery and General Assembly;
- our international involvement in the Dominican Republic where we partner with Solid Rock International to transform barrios through medicine, construction, and education.

The amount given over and beyond budgeted benevolences to causes through special gifts and projects of the Restricted Funds totals **\$388,998**. That “over and beyond” generosity is listed below.

2025 BENEVOLENCES OUTSIDE OF OUR OPERATING BUDGET

Contributing Funds & Offerings:	Amount:
Mountain Avenue Fund	\$ 20,817
Cornerstone Fund	\$ 5,000
Edmunds Fund	\$ 1,000
Richter Fund	\$ 38,212
Trent Fund	\$ 30,214
Help Fund	\$ 4,919
Trustees Fund	\$ 15,687
Second Fund	\$ 250,000
Lil Brown Fund	\$ 12,700
Two Cents-a-Meal	\$ 6,588
Manger Offering – Family Promise	\$ 3,861
Total:	\$388,998

In Sum:

Budgeted Benevolences	\$ 305,160
Over and Beyond Benevolences	\$ 388,998

Total 2025 Outreach Support:

\$694,158

On behalf of those who have been blessed by this support, thank you!

2025 MEMORIAL GIFTS

Marion Avery	Lucille Noell
Audrey Bates	Claudia O'Bosky
Elaine Baynton	Bette Parsons
Virginia Blain	William Potter
Melissa Carter	Andrew Ramsey
Bev. Fitzpatrick, Sr.	Jim Revercomb
Helen Fitzpatrick	Jim Rice
Frances R. Garrett	Jo Rider
Sally Anne Goff	Mr. and Mrs. Henry
Glenn Harrison	R. Rosebro
Mary Neely Huddle	Henry R. Rosebro,
Dr. Bill Klein	Jr.
Charlie Loftin	Will Shackelford
Anne Macfarlane	Bill Shrader
Granger Macfarlane	Mary Spicer
Martha Clay Martin	Sue Stanley
Sara McGhee	Peggy Strong
Dee Moore	William Vaught
John Nelson	Helen Vogel
Al Noell	Vernelle Walker

2025 HONORARIUMS

George Anderson	Andrew Rath
Easton Beisler	Joyce Rice
Ben Brannan	Jeff Sandborg
Chancel Choir	Marianne Sandborg
Fred Genheimer	Carolyn Shackel-
Lynn Genheimer	ford
Nathan Goff	Linda Shiner
Cecil Kelley	Phil Shiner
Sandra Kelley	Shirley Shrader
Elizabeth Link	Youth Group
Dee Moore	

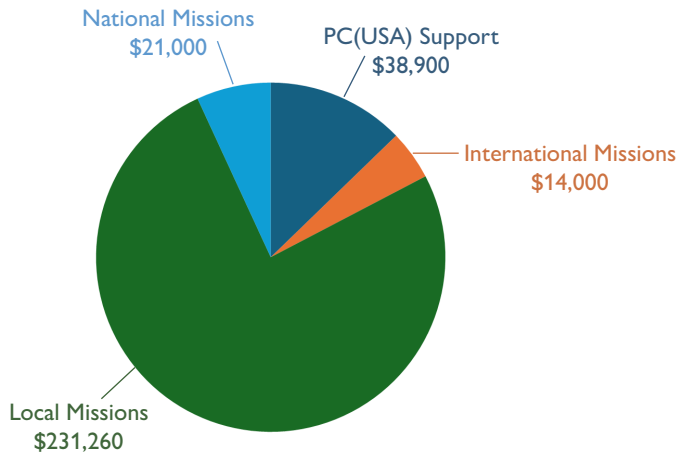
FINANCES

Nathan Anderson, Administrator

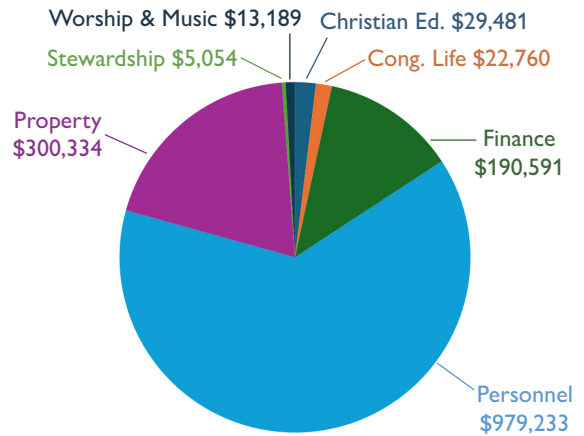
Total Benevolences & Expenses \$1,845,801
 Total Receipts (General Fund). \$1,767,003
 Budget Deficit \$ 78,798

General Fund Surplus: Jan. 1, 2025 \$213,000 General Fund Surplus: Dec. 31, 2025 \$138,219
 (Unaudited)

TOTAL (BUDGETED) BENEVOLENCES – \$305,160



TOTAL EXPENSES – \$1,540,642



DISBURSEMENTS FROM OTHER CHURCH FUNDS

(off budget) Balances as of December 31, 2025

\$269,702	Second Fund
\$20,817	Mountain Avenue Fund
\$134,470	Trent Fund
\$68,240	Maintenance Fund (Limited)
\$6,732	Alexa House Fund
\$12,700	Lil Brown Fund
\$132,134	Other Smaller Funds
\$644,795	Total Exp. from Other Church Funds

FUND BALANCES as of December 31, 2025

\$5,370,080	Second Fund
\$647,890	Mountain Avenue Fund
\$3,235,836	Trent Fund
\$1,997,934	Maintenance Fund (Limited)
\$929,179	Richter Fund
\$464,691	Preschool Endowment
\$2,464,883	Other Church Funds

TOTAL CHURCH RECEIPTS 2025

(All church funds are included in this total)

\$1,436,094 - Pledges & Gifts
 + \$552,385 - Investment Income
 + \$853,834 - Preschool
 + \$1,230,898 - Contributions to Church Funds
 + \$125,029 - Other Income

= \$4,198,240

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2026

Barry Green & Ginger Poole Avis, Co-chairs

2026 PLEDGE ANALYSIS SUMMARY – as of January 30, 2026

297 pledges were received for a total of **\$1,406,950** in financial support for 2026.

This represents a **4.55%** increase over last year, reflecting the continued faithfulness and generosity of the congregation of Second Presbyterian Church.

... Of these pledges ...

145
Increased

30
Decreased

\$4,737
Average pledge
(an increase from \$4,383 in
2025—a meaningful sign
of deepening commitment
across the congregation)

104
Maintained the same

+ 18
New

A pledge can be made at any time of the year by contacting Nathan Anderson, Administrator, at admin@spres.org.

The Stewardship Committee is grateful to report a strong and steady response to the 2026 campaign, *The Light We Shine*. While the total number of pledges decreased slightly from last year, the overall increase in pledged dollars and average pledge size speaks clearly to the congregation's shared confidence in the mission and future of Second Presbyterian Church.

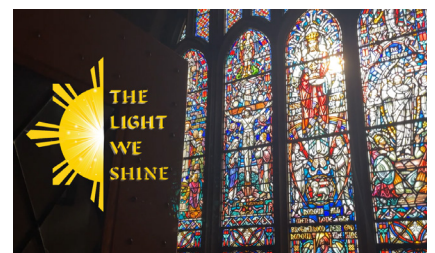
This year's campaign reflects a church that continues to shine light through worship, mission, education, outreach, and care, not only sustaining its ministries, but strengthening them. The significant number of increased pledges demonstrates a growing sense of shared responsibility for the work God is calling this congregation to do, both within our walls and far beyond them.

We are especially encouraged by the 18 new pledges, a reminder that stewardship is not only about sustaining long-standing commitments, but also about welcoming new participants into the life and mission of the church.

At the same time, the committee remains mindful of those who were unable to renew a pledge this year and of the varied financial realities present within our congregation. Stewardship at Second Presbyterian is grounded in grace, not obligation, a shared trust that each gift, offered freely, contributes to the light we shine together.

With gratitude for every pledge, every prayer, and every act of generosity, we give thanks for the ways this congregation continues to shine Christ's light in the world.

The Stewardship Committee



SESSION COMMITTEES

2025

Executive Committee

George Anderson
Nathan Anderson
Ginger Avis
Ben Brannan
Susan Carter
John Caudill
Bill Durham
Chasity Fitzpatrick
Barry Green
Sally l'Anson
Mark Lawrence
Wayne Lewis
Elizabeth Link
Ken Lyons
Bob Martin
Joe Miller
Megan Moore
Darin Pearson
Randy Rhea
Kelly Speas

Christian Education Committee

Maria Blackshaw
Ben Brannan
Alison Conte
Chasity Fitzpatrick*
Elizabeth Link
Madelyn Lyons
Carol Moneymaker
Margaret Salters
Maria Ward

Garrett Waters
Martha Wheeler

Congregational Life Committee

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Susan Carter*
Robin Hobbs
Elizabeth Link
Nancy Pickens
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Finance Committee

George Anderson
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Manly Aylor
Kandy Elliott
Cecil Kelley
Wayne Lewis*
Elizabeth Link
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Joe Miller
Lee Osborne
Brownie Polly
Ken Sizemore
Kelly Speas
Stephen Waskey

Nominating Committee

George Anderson

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Manly Aylor
Rhesa Bailey
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Elizabeth Link
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Kipper Nottingham
Chrissy Underwood

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John Jessee
Elizabeth Link
Lee Osborne
Betsy Prillaman
Brooke Rosen
Chrissy Underwood

Preschool Committee

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Margaret Ashburn
Laura Delgado
Rebekah Gunn
Alice Light

James Moneymaker
Megan Moore*
Julie Mugford
Lori Privott
Emily Roseman

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Jack Dickerson
Bob Groth
Drew Kepley
Robert Kulp
Jim Pickens
Matt Prescott
Hank Simpson

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Connie Burnett
Mia Copeland
Lucinda Hancock
Alice Holman
Pat Houghton
Susan Leivy
Anna McLean
Julie Mugford

Randy Rhea*

Stewardship Committee

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Andrea Boone
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Cynthia Lawrence

Worship and Music Committee

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Pattie Clevenger
Alison Conte
Bonnie Johnson
Jerry Lusk
Rob Nordt
Darin Pearson*
Jeff Sandborg
Marianne Sandborg
Doug Settles
Dave Speno
Linda Steadman

*Committee Chair

SESSION MEMBERS

2025

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Assistant Clerk, Ken Lyons
Treasurer, Joe Miller
Assistant Treasurer,
Bob Martin
Trustees,
Ron Ayers
Lauren Ellerman
George A. McLean, Jr.

Class of 2025
Ginger Avis
Susan Carter
John Caudill
Kandy Elliott
Lucinda Hancock
Mark Lawrence
Megan Moore
Darin Pearson

Class of 2026
Mary Airheart
Margaret Ashburn
Chasity Fitzpatrick
Barry Green
Sally l'Anson
Drew Kepley
Randy Rhea
Ken Sizemore

Class of 2027
Mia Copeland
Rebekah Gunn
Beth Vaught-Jenkins
John Jessee
Patty Lemon
Jim Pickens
Dave Speno
Maria Ward

MEMBERSHIP (ACTIVE ROLE)

*In the statistics below, you will notice a significant decrease in the number of active members. This change reflects a decision by the Session to update our membership rolls by moving certain names from the Active Roll to the Inactive Roll—specifically, members who have moved away or who have not participated in the life of the church for at least three years. This step was taken in anticipation of creating a new, accurate, and usable pictorial directory. (*It is important to note that this is an administrative clarification. Whenever anyone on the Inactive Roll becomes involved in the life of the church again, their name is returned to the Active Roll.*)*

Welcome New Members of 2025

Carolyn Armentrout	Katherine Ellett*	Cole Kepley*	Jill Sisk
David Bickford	Linda Farrar	Foster Lyons*	Mike Sisk
Bill Brown	Marin Fiddler	Laura McKaskel	Clayton Thomas*
Sandra Brown	Charlie Fowler*	Kim Parker	Ansley Tompkins*
Erica Coates	Molly Greear*	Ron Parker	Kirk Treubert
Robert Coates	Grayson Harrington*	Peter Peterman	Ellie Underwood*
Ethan Connelly*	Ben Harris	CS Rice	
Mandi Cox	Shannon Howell*	Jean Sanders	<i>*Denotes Confirmand</i>

Beloved Members Who Died in 2025

Audrey Doll Bates	October 8
Virginia W. Blain	June 29
Anne Ernestine Beck Macfarlane	April 30
John Granger Macfarlane, II	June 23
Martha Clay Lunsford Martin	February 16
Daisy Williams Moore (Dee)	December 11
Elizabeth W. Parsons (Bette)	March 16
James Venable Revercomb, Jr.	June 16
James Davies Rice	May 19
Garnett Jo Rider	November 5
William Raymond Shrader, Jr.	May 15
Susan Fichtenger McKaskel Stanley	May 29
Peggy Louise Crocker Strong	April 29
Helen M. Vogel	March 10
Vernelle Slough Walker	January 25

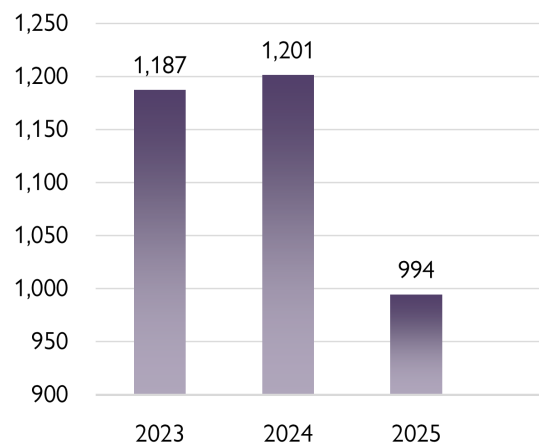
New Babies of 2025

Rowan Lura Butler	December 20
Reid Keller Cox	November 24
Margaret Clark Girvin	August 14
Penelope Anna Groth	June 7
Nikhil Anderson Mathur	March 11
Tucker Hill McGhee	October 17
Hans Eril Musil	December 2
James Venable Revercomb, IV	July 11
Margot Elizabeth Welchman	March 25
Charles Stuart Wilkes	July 30

Active Membership Year-End Statistics

Gains	
Profession/Reaffirmation	12
Certificate of Transfer	7
Confirmation	11
Total Gains	30
Losses	
Certificate of Transfer	4
Death	15
Moved to Inactive Roll	218
Total Losses	237
Net Membership	
	-207
Children of Active Members	218
Infant/Child Baptisms	9
Adult Baptisms	1

Year-End Active Membership



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