

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS

BJ Millar, Bob Miller, Pat Wilson, Avery Taylor


NEW ARRIVAL


Congratulations to Meredith and Oscar Parker on the birth of their daughter, Vivian Gray Parker, on Thursday, March 12. Proud grandparents are Nancy and Andrew Kelderhouse.


EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE TOMORROW: If you would like to give memorial or celebration flowers for the April 5 Easter services, please use the online order form found at www.spres.org or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera. Hard copies are available at the front desk. We encourage use of the online form to ensure spelling accuracy.



HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS: Holy week begins next Sunday, March 29. We hope you will join us for the services happening throughout the week leading up to Easter:

 **Palm Sunday, March 29:** Palm Sunday is a special day at Second. As we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, children of all ages are invited to participate in the procession of palms. During the opening hymn, children may process, waving palm branches, to commemorate this holy day.

 **Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.:** Join us in Kirk Hall for a moving and meaningful worship service with communion. On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. This time of worship will call attention both to the events in the upper room and to the events of Good Friday.

 **Easter Sunday, April 5:** Join us for worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate our risen Lord! Sunday school will not meet on Easter Sunday. We encourage children and adults to bring flowers to decorate the Easter crosses (at the 3rd Street entrance and on the playground) on Easter morning.

KAIROS WEEKLY REFLECTIONS | WEDNESDAYS IN LENT VIA YOUTUBE/FACEBOOK | THE OTHER DISCIPLES | FEB. 25–APRIL 1: We invite you to subscribe to our church's YouTube channel (@spresroanoke) as we begin this Lenten journey together. Each Wednesday during Lent, we will release a new installment in our Kairos devotional series, *The Other Disciples*. In this series, we'll take a closer look at the lives and faith of some of Jesus' twelve disciples, especially those we don't often hear much about. Beyond Peter (who will be the focus of our Sunday sermon series), there are faithful followers whose stories helped spread and inform the Christian faith. Through Scripture, reflection, and prayer, we'll explore what their journeys can teach us about doubt and courage, misunderstanding and growth, failure and faithfulness. *Available Now: The Disciple Philip. Reflection by Ben Brannan.*

WHIST GAME NIGHT FOR YOUNG ADULTS/YOUNG FAMILIES | TODAY | 5:00–7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: Whist is a classic four-player, trick-taking card game, typically played in two partnerships, using a standard deck. And the excitement only rises when you have competing teams. Teams of 4 compete to win the most hands, as 2 players from each team travel to other tables to play. Is this night just about playing cards? No! This style of Whist provides the opportunity to meet everyone in the room, share in some friendly competition, and join in fellowship with others. And perhaps even find out you have a new favorite card game... or playing partner. Capacity is 40, so register now if you plan to come! Childcare will be available; please indicate your needs on the form. *To register, scan the QR code or visit www.spres.org.*



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, March 22

8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
12:00-1:30 pm: Children's Communion Class with Lunch, Session Room
5:00 pm: Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00-7:00 pm: Whist Night for Parents & Young Adults, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
5:00 pm: Trent Fund Subcommittee, Trent Room

Wednesday, March 25

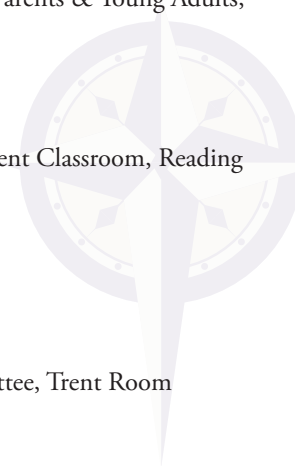
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15 pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Thursday, March 26

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
9:30-10:30 am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
10:30-11:30 am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28



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Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

March 22, 2026



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Dr. George C. Anderson, Senior Pastor

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Large-print copies of services may be requested from an usher.

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MARCH 22, 2026

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Gathering Music *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Albin C. Whitworth

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude No. 3 (BWV 555)* J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship¹

Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross."

**We come, not because it is easy,
but because in following, we find life.**

For those who want to save their life will lose it,
And those who lose their life for Christ's sake will find it.

What does it profit to gain the whole world and forfeit your soul?
Teach us the wisdom of letting go, O God.

Come, let us follow Jesus—
and discover the life that cannot be taken from us.

*Hymn No. 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and merciful God, You call us to follow Jesus, but we resist
your way. You speak of crosses, and we reach for comfort. You speak
of losing our lives, and we cling tightly to what we have. We choose
security over trust, control over surrender, self-protection over self-
giving love. Forgive us.**

In silence, we share more of our struggle.

Assurance of Pardon

*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 *Since By Man Came Death* (from *Messiah*)

I Corinthians 15:21-22 G.F. Handel

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall be made alive.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:21-27 New Testament p. 792

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *On This Rock: The Rebuke* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering^{2**}

Offertory
(8:45 A.M.) *The Crucifixion* Samuel Barber
Pattie Clevenger, Soloist

(11:00 A.M.) *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* arr. Howard D. McKinney

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. 220³ *Go To Dark Gethsemane*

*Charge and Benediction

(11:00 A.M.) Choral Response

Postlude *Tocatta in A Minor* Jan Pieter Sweelinck

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **WHAT IS WORSHIP?** Christian worship forms us in a way of seeing the world that runs counter to our instincts. We are taught to measure life by what we can gain, secure, and control. Yet in worship, we hear again the surprising claim of Jesus: that life is found not in grasping, but in giving; not in securing ourselves, but in trusting God. In prayer, confession, song, and Scripture, we practice letting go—of our illusions of control, of our need to prove ourselves, of our fear of loss. And in that letting go, we begin to discover a deeper life, held securely in the grace of God.

² **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for the month of March will benefit *Child Health Investment Partnership* (CHIP) of Roanoke Valley, which works to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable children and families by reducing barriers to healthcare, strengthening families, and promoting healthy early childhood development. CHIP recently expanded its Mental Health Therapy services to include teenagers in enrolled families, supporting the well-being of the entire household. Our offering will help convert a former filing room—no longer needed since CHIP transitioned to electronic records—into a welcoming therapy space where the Director of Mental Health can meet weekly with teens, providing a comfortable environment for counseling, connection, and the support they need to thrive. **As of Thursday, March 19, \$3,550 has been collected.**

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for the month of March are pasta, spaghetti, macaroni, and sauces. Pull top cans preferred. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

³ **GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE:** This Lenten hymn invites us to follow Jesus not only to the cross, but to the garden of Gethsemane—the place of anguish, prayer, and surrender. Each verse is a quiet summons: "Go...watch...learn." We are not spectators to Holy Week, but participants. In Gethsemane, we witness Jesus' deep struggle—his honest plea that the cup might pass—and his ultimate trust in the will of God. The hymn teaches us that faith does not deny fear or suffering. Instead, it leads us through them, shaping a trust that can say, even in the darkest hour, "Thy will be done."

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THIS SUNDAY

Music: We thank Pattie Clevenger for sharing the gift of music at today's early service. Pattie is a member of Second Presbyterian Church. She is a member of the Chancel Choir, accompanist for the Children's Music, and is in Second's College of Elders. She is a voice teacher at Burton Center for Performing Arts and is an adjunct voice teacher at Roanoke College.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God with love and thanksgiving for the life of Carol Bewley Dalhouse by her daughters and their families on the occasion of her birthday. *Arranged by Rosemary Frances.*

Ushers: (8:45) Patty Lemon (Head), Bill and Carol Broadhurst, Stephen Lemon. (11:00) Dave Speno (Head), Broaddus Fitzpatrick, Brian and Ford Harris, Christal Pearson.

Greeters: Angie and Jim Pittendrigh.

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

Children, Worship & Wonder: "The Gifts of the Poor Widow." Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.

"BUILD IT TOGETHER" 2026 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD | BEGINS MARCH 26: Get ready—our 2026 Partnership Build with Habitat for Humanity alongside St. John's Episcopal kicks off this week, and we still have volunteer spots to fill across all service days! We'll be serving on the 1st/3rd Saturdays and the 2nd/4th Thursdays, and we'd love to have you join us. 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. *Sign up today by scanning the QR code, or via the [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com) found on our website www.spres.org.*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK MARCH 29–APRIL 4: *Dinner (5:30–7PM) | Evening (7–9PM) | Overnight (9PM–7AM):* Our church is volunteering without the help of Beth Israel the week of March 29th–April 4th, so we need extra volunteers! We are responsible for dinner (5:30–7PM), Evening (7–9PM) and overnight (9PM–7AM). We have two volunteers signed up for grocery items (i.e. grab and go breakfast, milk, juice, snacks, fruit, etc). The following HAVE NOT been filled as of this posting. It takes a village, and we, along with the families in the program, need your help. As always, thank you! Contact Lucinda Hancock (luhancock@gmail.com) or Lauren Ellerman (LEllerman@frithlawfirm.com) to volunteer or with questions.

- Monday 3/30: Evening; Tuesday 3/31: Dinner; Wednesday 4/1: Overnight; Thursday 4/2: Dinner, Evening, Overnight; Friday 4/3: Overnight; Saturday 4/4: Dinner, Evening.

THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE | SPRING SESSION BEGINS APRIL 8 | APRIL 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 12:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: This spring, the Bible in Black & White will pick up where our fall study left off. After exploring the long, layered conversations Jesus has in the Gospel of John, we will now turn to our own conversations—especially the ones we hesitate to have. What does it look like to speak truthfully and listen deeply in a divided world? Can Jesus teach us not only what to say but how to say it—with humility, courage, and love? Using Scripture as our foundation, we'll also draw on other resources that help us navigate difficult conversations with grace—knowing when to speak, when to stay silent, and how to stay connected even when we disagree. Come ready to reflect, engage, and grow in the sacred art of conversation.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER & PROGRAM TUESDAY, APRIL 21 @ 6:00 P.M. | REGISTER BY APRIL 12: Join us for the Trent Symposium Dinner on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.!

Enjoy a delicious meal and time with symposium participants, followed by a special program, "Sustaining Rootedness in an Age of Fragmentation," presented by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty.

Dinner includes pork tenderloin, green beans, rosemary potatoes, salad, rolls, and desserts. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5–12, and free for children under 5. We hope you'll come share in this meaningful and engaging evening together! *Register by April 12 using the QR code or at www.spres.org.*

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"ON THIS ROCK" LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "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 faith was 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.

2026 Lenten Worship Schedule:

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.