

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Richard G. "Dick" Lawson, Sr., who died on Wednesday, February 11.

Sympathy is extended to Ken and Stacy Potter on the death of Ken's brother, Stephen Boshell Potter of Anchorage, AK, on Wednesday, March 18.

Sympathy is extended to the family and loved ones of Patricia "Pat" Wilson, who died on Saturday, March 21.

Our sympathies extend to John and Betsy Prillaman on the death of John's father, Alton Prillaman, on Sunday, March 22. Our prayers are also with their children, Taylor, Meghan, and Kemper.


Our sympathies extend to Janet Miller and family on the passing of her husband, Robert "Bob" Miller, on Monday, March 23. A memorial service in celebration of Bob's life and Christian witness will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.


NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Bobbie and Paul Black on the arrival of their granddaughter, Mary Talmadge Rogers, born to parents Anna and Jack Rogers. Proud big siblings are Nell and Bobbie.

THANKS TO BILL DURHAM: We express our deep appreciation and gratitude to Bill Durham, who has faithfully served the church as Clerk of Session for 10 years. He and his wife, Sarah, have moved to Harrisonburg to be near family. Bill Broadhurst is assuming this role and will continue his predecessor's good work as Clerk. Please hold them in your prayers.

HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS: Holy week begins on Palm Sunday, when focus is given to the events of the last few days of Jesus' life. We invite you to join us as we observe this sacred season.

 **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

| FEB. 25–APRIL 1: We invite you to subscribe to our church's YouTube channel (@spresroanoke) for this Lenten journey. 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 is 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: Thomas. Reflection by Elizabeth N.H. Link.*

MISSION FAIR SUNDAY | APRIL 12 | 9:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: Join us on Sunday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a Mission Fair hosted by the Service & Outreach Committee. Visit booths from our mission partners to learn how they're serving the community and how you can get involved, especially for the Great Day of Service on April 25. Enjoy food provided by Congregational Life and make new connections! We look forward to what this day may provide for us and for our partners!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, March 29

Palm Sunday
Two Cents-a-Meal
8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
12:30 pm: Youth Group, Offsite
5:30 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, March 30

6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library

Tuesday, March 31

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 1

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15 pm: Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday
7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
10:00-11:00 am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
4:00 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom
5:00 pm: Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom
6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Worship, Kirk Hall

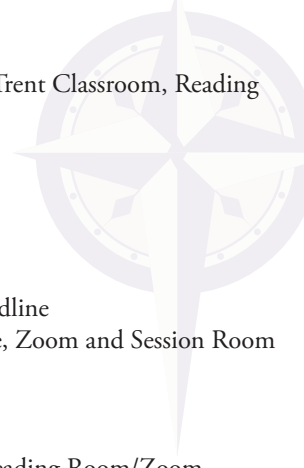
Friday, April 3

Good Friday

Saturday, April 4



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Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

March 22, 2026



PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. George C. Anderson, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link, Executive Pastor

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

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elders - Class of 2026

Mary Airheart
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MARCH 29, 2026

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY¹

Gathering Music *Improvisation for Palm Sunday* Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Fellowship *Churchwide Retreat*
(8:45 A.M.) The Underwood Family | (11:00 A.M.) The Pearson Family

Prelude *The March to Calvary* Colin Curtis

(11:00 A.M.) Choral Introit *Blessed Is He* Vivian Hare/Katie Houts
Children's Music, Handbell Choir
Pattie Clevenger, Piano

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone!

Hosanna in the highest!

Fling wide the gates,

that all may enter in and give God thanks.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed are all who come in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymn No. 196/Procession of the Palms² *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Two Cents-a-Meal³

(11:00 A.M.) *Following the procession of palms, Elizabeth will have a short
prayer with the children and dismiss them to CWW or back to the pews.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we rally to your side, cheering and waving, caught up
in the excitement of the procession. We join in, with prophecy and
song echoing in our minds: singing of the triumph of God over the
enemies who have held us captive. We cry out, "Hosanna! Save us!"
all the while believing we don't need a savior.**

**In your mercy, O Christ, forgive us. Forgive us the desire for power,
and the willingness to replace one empire with another. Forgive us
when we think that knowing you for a long time means a privileged
place in your Kingdom. Forgive us when our desire to follow ends
with the joyful procession, and refuses to hear about the inevitable
outcome of speaking truth to the powerful, or speaking love to the
fearful. Forgive us our failure to follow.**

In the silence, we open our hearts to you, O God.

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 *Behold the Lamb of God* (from *Messiah*, Part II)
John 1:29 G.F. Handel
Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 18:1-14 New Testament p. 876
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *On This Rock: Sword in the Garden* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering^{4**}

Offertory *The Palms* Jean-Baptiste Faure

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. 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

*Charge and Benediction

(11:00 A.M.) Choral Response
Surely He hath borne our griefs (from *Messiah*, Part II)
Derived from Isaiah 53:4-5 G.F. Handel
Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for iniquities.
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

Postlude *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Dale Wood

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



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BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **PALM SUNDAY** falls on the Sunday before Easter, and commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event recounted in all four of the Gospels. At the 11am service, our Palm Sunday celebration includes a children's processional during the Opening Hymn. All children are invited to meet in the Narthex to take part in this special piece of today's worship.

² **ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR:** Bishop Theodulf of Orléans, author of this hymn, was imprisoned by the then Holy Roman Emperor Louis the Pius. It was while under arrest that Theodulf composed the original 39 verses of this hymn, written for its use on Palm Sunday. Legend has it that Theodulf was singing the hymn aloud, when his captor overheard the words and was so moved that he released the prisoner.

³ **TWO CENTS-A-MEAL:** (8:45 A.M.) Ford Harris (parents, Brian and Olivia). (11:00 A.M.) Olympia and Penelope Greenawalt (parent, Jamie Greenawalt).

⁴ **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 Wednesday, March 25, \$4,726 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).

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The palms are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lee Penny Baker by her husband, Ralph. *Arranged by Alison Conte.*

Ushers: (8:45) Patty Lemon (Head), Stephen Lemon, John and Marybeth Robinson. (11:00) Dave Speno (Head), Broaddus Fitzpatrick, Ann Green, Denise Revercomb.

Greeters: Angie and Jim Pittendrigh.

AV Technicians: (8:45) Kirk Treubert. (11:00) Miranda Moore, Darin Pearson.

Children, Worship & Wonder: "A Woman Anoints Jesus for Burial." Storyteller, Lori Privott. Greeter, Lisa Miller. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK MARCH 29–APRIL 4: *Dinner (5:30–7PM) | Evening (7–9PM) | Overnight (9PM–7AM):* Our church is serving without the help of Beth Israel this week, March 29th–April 4th, and we urgently need volunteers! We are responsible for dinner (5:30–7PM), evening (7–9PM) and overnight (9PM–7AM). The following slots HAVE NOT been filled. It takes a village, and we, along with the families in the program, need your help. Contact Lucinda Hancock (luhhancock@gmail.com) or Lauren Ellerman (LEllerman@frithlawfirm.com) to volunteer or with questions.

- Wednesday 4/1: Overnight; Thursday 4/2: Dinner, Overnight; Friday 4/3: Overnight; Saturday 4/4: Dinner, Overnight.

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.*



"BUILD IT TOGETHER" 2026 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD | BEGINS MARCH 26: Our 2026 Partnership Build with Habitat for Humanity alongside St. John’s Episcopal is officially underway! We’re serving on the 1st/3rd Saturdays and the 2nd/4th Thursdays. Volunteer spots remain across all service days, and we’d love for you to 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. *Learn more and sign up today by scanning the QR code, or via the SignUpGenius found on our website at www.spres.org.*



“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.

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.

– Elder Nominations –

The Nominating Committee will be meeting in the spring to elect a slate of nominees to serve as **Elders for the Class of 2029**. An excerpt from the Book of Order states: “Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the Church and in the world.” A ballot box for nomination forms is located in the entryway near the sliding glass doors and will remain there through **Sunday, April 19**. Please use the nomination forms and prayerfully consider the commitment, involvement, and talents of individuals you nominate. If you have questions or to submit your nomination via email, contact Patty Lemon, Nominating Committee Chair, at phlemon@aol.com.

– To the Nominating Committee –

Please consider _____ for elder nomination.

He/she has been a member for (approximately) _____ years.

My reasons for recommending him/her are as follows (please indicate areas of involvement in the church):

Name and phone number (optional): _____



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



The Rev. Dr. Rachel Thompson Orfield
Guest Speaker
Assoc. Pastor of First Pres. Charlottesville

Churchwide Retreat

AUGUST 21–23, 2026

EAGLE EYRIE CONFERENCE CENTER

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 lunch!

Theme & Speaker

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 about their issues and invites them into a way of life that prioritizes love, diversity, and belonging. Paul’s words still resonate today. Using First Corinthians as a lens, this retreat invites 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 unity. Through Scripture, reflection, and conversation, we will consider how God calls us to build one another up so that, together, we might 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.

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.