

WELCOME TO THE 2026 TRENT SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS

Nicholas Carson, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC
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Letarshia Robinson, Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, SC
Heather Woolard-Lawson, Shandon Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Dr. John Hayden Hollingsworth, who died on Monday, April 13. We hold in prayer his daughters, Jennifer Hollingsworth-Austin and Betsy Hollingsworth Lee. A memorial service in celebration of Hayden's life and Christian witness will be held on Friday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and via live stream. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service in celebration of the life and Christian witness of Frank A. Boxley, Sr. will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and via live stream. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to George and Barbara Cartledge on the arrival of their grandson, Francis James Cartledge, born on Tuesday, April 7 to parents Joseph and Bailey Cartledge of Washington, D.C. Proud great-grandparents are George and Mary Ann Cartledge.

TRENT CONGREGATIONAL DINNER & PROGRAM | TUESDAY, APRIL 21 | 6:00 P.M.:

Thanks to all those who registered for the annual Trent Symposium Dinner on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. We'll enjoy dinner with the symposium participants followed by a special program offered by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty titled, "Sustaining Rootedness in an Age of Fragmentation." ***If you did not register for dinner but would still like to attend the program, plan to arrive by 6:40 p.m. to be seated after the meal. If you are bringing younger children who need care during the program, please notify the office.***

ELDER NOMINATIONS DUE TODAY, APRIL 19: Elder nominations for the Class of 2029 are underway. Please scan the QR code to use the online nomination form and prayerfully consider the commitment, involvement, and talents of individuals you nominate. Hard copies are available at the front desk with a ballot box for submissions located nearby. The last day to return submissions is TODAY, April 19. Contact Nominating Chair Patty Lemon with questions (phlemon@aol.com).



GREAT DAY OF SERVICE | SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 8:00 A.M.–NOON: This Saturday, April 25th, the youth of Second invite you to join them for an intergenerational mission day as we seek to serve the city! This year, we will focus our time and energy solely on beautifying the grounds of Trinity Commons. The day will kick off with Donuts & Devotion at 8:15 a.m. before walking across the street. We will serve until 12:00 p.m. Scan the QR code to register!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, April 19

8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service with infant baptism of Katherine Bayless Nicholson, Sanctuary/Live Stream
12:15-1:15 pm: Churchwide Retreat Committee Meeting, Reading Room
5:00 pm: Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Youth Group, Offsite

Monday, April 20

8:30am-4:30pm Trent Symposium at the Intersection
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, April 21

Trent Symposium
6:00 am-7:00 pm: Polling Center for Elections, Kirk Hall
6:00 pm: Trent Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 22

8:30 am: Trent Symposium, Trent Room
12:00 pm: Bible in Black and White, Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15 pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Thursday, April 23

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
9:30 am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
11:00 am: Memorial Service for Frank Boxley, Sanctuary with Reception in Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

8:00 am-12:00 pm: Churchwide Great Day of Service
8:15 am: Donuts and Devotion, Fellowship Hall

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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
April 19, 2026



PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. George C. Anderson, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link, Executive Pastor
The Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults

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

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elders - Class of 2026

Mary Airheart
Margaret Ashburn
Chasity Fitzpatrick
Barry Green
Sally I'Anson
Drew Kepley
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Elders - Class of 2027

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Elders - Class of 2028

Amanda Copeland
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Dan Hodges
Carol Moneymaker
C.J. Swanson
Stephen Waskey
Kevin Young

APRIL 19, 2026

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gathering Music *This Joyful Eastertide* Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements¹

Prelude *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Joel Raney
Julee Hickcox, flute

*Call to Worship
Seek ye the Lord with all your heart!
**We seek the One who is always near,
the One who came in search of us!**
Let us worship our ever faithful God!

*Hymn No. 386 *Come, Worship God*

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
We confess, O God, that we have been slow to embrace the deep truths of the gospel, for they stretch our imaginations and run counter to what we think we know about the world. We confess it is easier to believe in the power of the darkness, for we have seen it at work, than to trust in the power of your light. We confess that the fear of death still undermines our joy, for the promise of the resurrection seems almost too good to be true. But you have invited us to be a people of hope, our hope rooted not in what we have seen, but in the faithfulness of your promises, given to us through Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to this eternal truth, that we might live with joy, all our days, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Hear now what our hearts must say to you in silence...

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

(8:45 A.M.) *Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith)
We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that degrade and destroy human life. His Lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his Lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all the lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now, he is Lord.

Concerns

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

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *Come My People* Frank Williams
Julee Hickcox, flute

Come my people to the living fountain of the Lord.
Come ye that thirst and rest beside these waters.
Because they flowed sweetly from the lips of God, our savior, who dwells in heaven.
Blessed are they that are refreshed. Blessed are they whose spirits sing.
Come my people to these waters. Rest beside the flowing stream.
Blessed are they who come before Him. Come to the fountain of the Lord.
Come by water and by blood descending to the valley,
By Jordan's stream that blessed the Christ our savior.
And feel the healing hands of Christ the King, the healing hand that leads us to Glory.
Praise our God with perfect love. God in manmade manifest,
Come by water and by blood. Touch the healing hand of God.
Feel the love of Christ our savior. Come to the fountain of the Lord, My Lord.
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Prayer for Illumination

(11:00 A.M.) Sacrament of Baptism - Katherine Bayless Nicholson
Presiding Elder: Laurie Dalhouse Saunders
*Hymn of Preparation No. 487 *These Treasured Children* (v. 1)
*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God* p. 35
Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K-1st grade)
excused after the baptism.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35 New Testament p. 856
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Hearts Warmed* Dr. Ed McLeod

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{2**}
Offertory *Brethren, We Have Met To Worship* Raymond H. Haan
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. 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Allegro* (Cello Sonata No. 4) Vivaldi/Norris

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES



¹WELCOME TO THE 2026 TRENT SYMPOSIUM
PARTICIPANTS: We are happy to have you visiting our church this spring and hope that your time here will be productive, providing you with unique learning opportunities, helpful information, and skills to help with your ministry building efforts for years to come. We also welcome **Dr. Ed McLeod**, Senior Minister Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC, to our worship service this morning and thank him for his leadership during the Trent Symposium and his message for us this morning.

²THE OUTREACH OFFERING for April will support *TAP's Sabrina's Place*, the region's only secure, supervised visitation and exchange center for families affected by domestic violence. Founded in 2006 in memory of Sabrina Reed—a respected local nurse who, along with her father, was killed by her spouse during what should have been a routine child exchange—the program provides a free, safe space for children and parents with court-appointed custody agreements to meet with monitored guidance and support. Today, Sabrina's Place helps protect families by preventing the risk of violence during parent-child visits, serving at least 40 families each year and potentially twice that number with increased funding. TAP depends upon community donations to sustain these vital services, ensuring the safety and well-being of our children at greatest risk. **As of Monday, April 13, \$3,735 has been collected.**

Undesignated cash gifts are given to the Outreaching Offering. If you would like your gift to benefit the church, please designate "Second Presbyterian."

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for the month of April are rice and beans. 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

Baptism: During the 11 o'clock service today, Ann Henley and Ben Nicholson will present their daughter, Katherine Bayless Nicholson, for the Sacrament of Baptism. The presiding elder will be Laurie Dalhouse Saunders.

Music: We welcome Julee Hickcox back to Second. Julee was born in Singapore and spent her formative years in Hong Kong. She moved to the United States with her family at an early age and attended the North Carolina School of the Arts, where she studied flute with Philip Dunigan. Julee is a member of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, Amici Musicorum, Wintergreen Music Festival, and Opera Roanoke. Her mentors include contemporary piccolo masters Jeffery Zook, Clement Barone, Jan Gippo, and Laurie Sokoloff.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Barbara and Wilson Watts by Mark and Debbie Watts. *Arranged by Denise Revercomb.*

Ushers: (8:45) Patty Lemon (Head), Russ Ellett, Kandy Elliott, Stephen Lemon. (11:00) John Jessee (Head), Shea Jessee, Al and Anna McLean.

Greeters: Jim and Angie Pittendrigh.

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

Children, Worship & Wonder: "Jesus Again Asks Peter to Follow Him." Storyteller, Amanda Copeland. Greeter, Lisa Miller. Program Coordinator, Rhessa Bailey.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERSHIP BUILD WITH ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL: Serve with us this spring on 1st & 3rd Saturdays and 2nd & 4th Thursdays. All skill levels welcome—no experience needed. 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 visiting www.spres.org.*



THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE | WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 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.

BELIEVING & BELONGING | APRIL 26 & MAY 3 | 9:45 A.M. | HOSPITALITY ROOM: Join our ministers George Anderson and Elizabeth Link for a seasonal two-week class on what it means to be a Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of Second Presbyterian Church. *This is a great class for visitors and new members!* Contact Connie Polly, Engagement Coordinator, with questions (connie@spres.org).

POP UP SUNDAY SCHOOL MAY 3 | 9:45 A.M. | CHAPEL: Join us on May 3 for Pop-Up Sunday School hosted by Second's Green Team. We will welcome guest speaker Maureen McNamara Best, a passionate advocate for local food and vibrant farming communities. Maureen will share about her work with LEAP (Local Environmental Agriculture Project), which nurtures our region's food community by supporting farmers, markets, and initiatives that prioritize health, dignity, access, and abundance. Come learn how local food connects us—to the land, to one another, and to a more hopeful, healthy future for Southwestern Virginia.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS 80 AND OVER | MAY 3 | RSVP BY APRIL 26: Second Presbyterian Church joyfully invites members ages 80 and over to a Fellowship Luncheon following the 11:00 o'clock worship service on Sunday, May 3. Join us for a time of fellowship, a brief program, and a catered meal. You should have received a formal invitation in the mail (if your birth date is in the church database). If you are in this age range and did not receive an invitation by mail, please contact the church. *RSVP by Sunday, April 26 on Realm via the QR code, or to Meredith Koliba at the church office (540-343-3659; meredith@spres.org).*



EVENING VBS FOR ALL AGES | "PAYING ATTENTION TO GOD IN DAILY LIFE" | JUNE 7: 6–8 P.M. WITH DINNER | JUNE 8–10: 6:30–7:45 P.M. WITH REFRESHMENTS: All are invited to join us for Evening VBS June 7–10, kicking off the week with a dinner and program on June 7. Our guest speaker, Dr. John McCall, will help adults dive deeper in scripture and faith together. Children (Pre-K–5th grade) will enjoy a special parallel theatre camp, and childcare will be available for any younger children attending. *Learn more and register by Sunday, May 31 online or by scanning the QR code!*



MORNING VBS & AFTER CARE CAMPS | JOSEPH'S JOURNEY | JULY 20–23: This year's Morning Vacation Bible School (Pre-K–5th grade) will explore the inspiring story of Joseph from the book of Genesis. Together, children will discover how God was always with Joseph (like God is always with us) through challenges, change, and moments of great need. Our VBS programs thrive thanks to the energy and commitment of our youth and adult volunteers! If you're interested in helping with crafts, games, storytelling, or snacks, we'd love to have you join the team. We're pleased to again offer VBS After Care Camps for families seeking extended care during VBS week! Please note that space will be limited and a \$180 fee will apply for the aftercare portion. *Learn more online and scan the QR code to register!*



CHURCHWIDE RETREAT | "LOVE BUILDS UP" | AUGUST 21–23 (FRI–SUN): Join us August 21–23 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg for our annual church-wide retreat! You won't want to miss this intergenerational opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday, and ends following mid-morning worship on Sunday. Our guest speaker for the retreat is the Rev. Dr. Rachel Thompson Orfield, Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville. A table with brochures is set up in Kirk Hall for more info. *Register by Monday, June 1 online or by scanning the QR code!*

