

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS 80 AND OVER | MAY 3 | RSVP BY TODAY: 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 via the QR code, or to Meredith Koliba at the church office (540-343-3659; meredith@spres.org).*



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).



THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 | 12:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: The final meeting of our spring session will take place this coming Wednesday, April 29. Plan to stay a bit longer than normal (an hour-and-a-half) as we'll enjoy a luncheon thanks to a grant from the Presbytery of the Peaks. We look forward to sharing this time and meal together.

POP UP SUNDAY SCHOOL | MAY 3 | 9:45 A.M. | CHAPEL: Join us next Sunday, 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.



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.*



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!*



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, April 26
 Two Cents-a-Meal
 8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
 9:45 am: Believing and Belonging, Hospitality Room
 9:45 am: Sunday School
 11:00 am: Worship Service with baptism of Penelope Groth, Sanctuary/Live Stream
 5:00 pm: Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
 5:30 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, April 27
 6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
 6:45 pm: Scouts

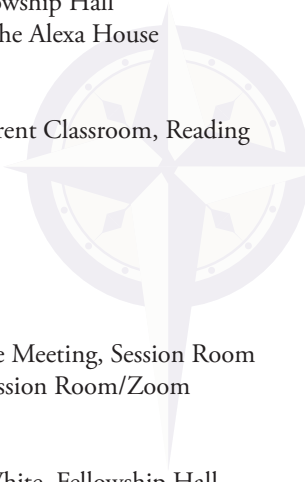
Tuesday, April 28
 9:00 am: Staff Meeting
 11:00 am: Visitation Committee Meeting, Session Room
 5:15 pm: Executive Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Wednesday, April 29
 12:00 pm: Bible in Black and White, Fellowship Hall
 12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
 4:00 - 5:00 pm: Nominating Meeting, Reading Room

Thursday, April 30
 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

Friday, May 1

Saturday, May 2



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For upcoming events, a library of sermons, office hours, and more, visit our website:

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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

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Sunday Morning Worship
 Early and Late Services
 April 26, 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
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 Randy Rhea
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Elders - Class of 2027

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 Dave Speno
 Maria Ward

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Amanda Copeland
 Suzanne Fischer
 Dan Hodges
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 C.J. Swanson
 Stephen Waskey
 Kevin Young

APRIL 26, 2026

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

Gathering Music *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Immortal, Invisible* Todd Kendall

*Call to Worship

We come with what we have gathered—

And hearts that wonder if it is enough.

We are tempted to measure our lives by what we possess—

But God calls us to a life beyond accumulation.

Life is more than what we store.

Life is found in the Giver of all good things.

So let us release what we cling to—

And receive again the life God freely gives.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Two Cents-a-Meal

(8:45 A.M.) Jackson Gunter (parent, Brianna)

(11:00 A.M.) Hannah & Oliver Malayil (parents, Catherine & Stephen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have given us life in abundance, yet we confess how easily we measure our lives by what we possess. We hold tightly to what we have, fearing there will not be enough. We build and store and secure, yet our hearts remain restless. We trust in things that fade and seek security apart from you. We overlook the needs of others while tending carefully to our own. Teach us again what it means to live with open hands, to trust in your provision, and to find our life in you alone. Forgive us and set us free.

Hear now what the confession silence invites...

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

(8:45 A.M.) *Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's 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 *Christ's Flock* Martin Shaw

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed,

From Christ's own flock let concord hate expel:

Of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced,

As we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell.

Christ is the author of all unity,

From whence proceedeth all felicity.

O sing unto this glitt'ring glorious King,

O praises from every living thing:

Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!

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Prayer for Illumination

(11:00 A.M.) Sacrament of Baptism - Penelope Anna Groth

Presiding Elder: Bob Groth

*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 12:13-22 New Testament p. 842

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Fool's Sight* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering^{1**}

Offertory *If With All Your Hearts (Elijah)* Mendelssohn/Hughes

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. 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Psalms 100* Justin Heinrich Knecht

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



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BULLETIN NOTES

¹**THE 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 this morning, Cameron Mountcastle Groth and Abigail Madeline Amato will present their daughter, Penelope Anna Groth, for the Sacrament of Baptism. The presiding elder will be Bob Groth, Penelope's grandfather.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob and Mary Groth in honor of their granddaughter, Penelope Anna Groth, on the occasion of her baptism. *Arranged by Stacy Potter.*

Ushers: (8:45) Patty Lemon (Head), Brianna Gunter, Kipper Nottingham, Carol White. (11:00) John Jessee (Head), Shea Jessee, Al and Anna McLean.

Greeters: (8:45) Bill Blaylock. (11:00) Rick & Pam Murray.

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

Children, Worship & Wonder: "God's Gift of the Holy Spirit." Greeter, Donna Wardell. Storyteller & Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.

MORNING VBS & AFTER CARE CAMPS | "JOSEPH'S JOURNEY" | JULY 20-23 | 8:30 A.M.-12 NOON: 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. **After Care Camps | 12 noon-4:00 p.m.:** 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. *Register VBS participants AND volunteers by scanning the QR code!*



CHURCHWIDE RETREAT | "LOVE BUILDS UP" | AUGUST 21-23 (FRI-SUN): 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. Participants will gather on Friday afternoon for a weekend program of study, worship, and recreation! Adults will be led by our guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Rachel Thompson Orfield, in a vibrant study related to our retreat theme, "Love Builds Up." Middle and high school youth will take part in fun team building exercises and enjoy special programming with Pastor Ben. Special activities for children are also planned, and there will be childcare available for those too young to participate in the lessons and programs. Saturday afternoon will allow you to enjoy recreational activities of your choosing. The retreat will end following Sunday morning worship. Participants can expect to be back in Roanoke by lunchtime! 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!*



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Churchwide Retreat
AUGUST 21-23, 2026
EAGLE EYRIE CONFERENCE CENTER

Registration
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SCANNING THE QR CODE OR
VISITING WWW.SPRES.ORG



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

