

— HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS CLASS OF 2026 —

Charlotte Antsey	Parker Fralin	Ryan I'Anson
Gage Appel	Addison Gibson	Madelyn Lyons
Riley Appel	Ainsley Gibson	Claire McCahill
Lucy Paige Ellett	Gracie Greer	Meghan Prillaman
Mason Fogarty	Peyton Greer	Eliza Vogel
William Fowler	Lincoln Harrington	Merritt Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS

Kerry Raterink (sister of Kirk Treubert)

SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extend to Maria and Rhett Ward on the death of Maria's brother, Theodore Garnett, on Thursday, April 30. We also hold in prayer their children, Jane and Everett.

Sympathy is extended to Steven Whitney on the death of his wife, Betsy Whitney, on Tuesday, May 5. A memorial service in celebration of Betsy's life and Christian witness will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Connie and Joe Vaughn on the arrival of their grandson, Wells Brock Vaughn, born to parents Brock and Hayley Vaughn on Wednesday, March 25.

THANKS & RECOGNITION FOR WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for mothers, grandmothers, caregivers and all those who selflessly nurture children.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERSHIP BUILD WITH ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL:

Many opportunities to serve remain throughout May and June during our 1st/3rd Saturday and 2nd/4th Thursday volunteer days. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is needed—just a willing heart to bless others and serve our community together. *Learn more and sign up today by scanning the QR code or visiting www.spres.org.*



OPEN FLOWER DATES: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: June 14, 28; July 26. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

DR. ANDERSON'S SABBATICAL | MAY 18–AUGUST 10: Following worship on May 17, Dr. George Anderson will begin his 12-week study sabbatical. He will return on August 10. During this time, please direct all work-related emails or calls to the church office. Please join us in keeping Dr. Anderson in your prayers; that his time away may prove renewing and fruitful.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, May 10

High School Senior Recognition Sunday
8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service with infant baptism of Rowan Butler, Sanctuary/Live Stream

Monday, May 11

5:30 pm: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, May 12

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
4:00 pm: Congregational Life Meeting, Reading Room

Wednesday, May 13

8:05 am: Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
5:00 pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
5:15 pm: Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, May 14

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
9:00 am: Staff Habitat Build Day
10:00 - 11:00 am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room

Friday, May 15

12:00 am: Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Reading Room

Saturday, May 16

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MAY 17: Last Day of Sunday School

MAY 24:

- 8:45 A.M. Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:00 A.M. Worship, Sanctuary/Live Stream
- (No Sunday School)

MAY 31–SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

- 10:00 A.M. Worship, Sanctuary/Live Stream
- (No Sunday School)

Staff

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Nathan Anderson
Choir Director
Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg
Organist
Marianne Sandborg
Engagement Coordinator
Connie Polly
Children's Ministry Coordinator
Maria Blackshaw
Parish Associate for Visitation
Nancy O. Gray
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Meredith Koliba
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Andrea Boone
Media Assistant
Erin Mucha
Church Sexton
John Brady Anderson

Trustees

Ron Ayers
Lauren Ellerman
Stephen Lemon

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Bill Broadhurst
Ken Lyons (Asst. Clerk)

Treasurers

Joe Miller
Bob Martin (Vice Treasurer)

Missionaries

National:
Beth-El Farmworker Ministry; Wimauma, FL
Local:
Presbyterian Community Center, Roanoke, VA

Preschool

Alice Light, *Director*
Lori Privott, *Asst. Director*
540.342.6405
www.sprespreschool.com

For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: www.spres.org/about/leadership/

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

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Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

May 10, 2026

Seniors Class of 2026 pictured in their combined Confirmation Class of 2022.



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
Randy Rhea
Ken Sizemore

Elders - Class of 2027

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

Elders - Class of 2028

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



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MAY 10, 2026

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / SENIOR RECOGNITION

Gathering Music *Meditation on "Land of Rest"* Gilbert M. Martin

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* James Mansfield

(11:00 A.M.) Choral Introit
I'm Gonna Sing with Over My Head arr. Terry D. Taylor
Children's Music & Pattie Clevenger, piano

*Call to Worship
We come to worship a God who speaks in stories—
in seeds and soil, in lamps and fields, in ordinary things made holy.
Teach us to pay attention.
There is more here than meets the eye, more than we first understand.
Give us eyes to see and ears to hear.
In this time of worship, may we notice what we have overlooked—
and receive what you are revealing. **Let us worship God.**

*Hymn No. 170 *You Walk along Our Shoreline*

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, we confess that we often hear your Word as if we could choose to be good soil. But the truth is harder and deeper. At times our hearts are weary, at times shallow, at times crowded with cares we cannot untangle. We confess our limits. We confess our lack of control. We confess that even our best intentions cannot make us new. Have mercy on us, O God. Do in us what we cannot do for ourselves. Break up what is hardened, deepen what is shallow, clear away what chokes out life. Give us not just the will to receive your Word, but hearts made ready by your grace.

We grow silent, praying to receive your grace.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

(8:45 A.M.) *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 *Abide With Me* Arr. Benjamin Harlan
(See insert for lyrics.)

Prayer for Illumination

(11:00 A.M.) Sacrament of Baptism¹ - Rowan Lura Butler
Presiding Elder: Connie Polly
*Hymn of Preparation No. 482 *Baptized in Water* (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 Reading² Mark 4:1-20 New Testament p. 810
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Listen and Look* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{3**}
Offertory *On Wings of Song* Mendelssohn/Denton
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

(11:00 A.M.) Senior Recognition
Class of 2026, as you enter the next chapters of life—of learning, working, serving, and growing—know that God goes with you.
God loves you, and so do we!
We pray that Christ will guide your steps, that the Spirit will stir your gifts, and that God's love will always surround you.
God loves you, and so do we!
May you seek wisdom, walk humbly, and live courageously in faith and hope.
You are now and always will be part of this community of faith. God loves you, and so do we!

*Closing Hymn No. 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*
(8:45 A.M.) All verses
(11:00 A.M.) vv. 1, 3

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Allegro from Spring* (The Four Seasons) Vivaldi/Wolff

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **IN BAPTISM** we celebrate God's grace at work in our lives before we are even aware of it. We baptize infants as a sign that they belong to God and are embraced by the love of Christ and the care of the church. As they grow, they will have the opportunity to claim this faith as their own.

² **JESUS SPOKE IN PARABLES**—stories that both reveal and conceal. They invite us to look again at what we think we know, to listen more closely, and to discover God's presence in unexpected places. Parables are less about quick conclusions and more about awakening our imagination and opening our hearts to the kingdom of God.

³ **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for the month of May will benefit *House of Bread*, a job skills and mentoring program for under-resourced women in Roanoke that emphasizes building relationships across social classes and fostering understanding among people from different walks of life. With *House of Bread's* emphasis on relationships, participants become part of a community, and they learn in an environment where they are afforded dignity and respect. Our May Outreach Offering will support the development of a second-chance employer network where graduates can be placed in apprenticeships as a bridge to full, independent employment. **Thus far, \$1,805 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."

The Outreach Offering for April supported *TAP's Sabrina's Place*. **The final monthly total came to \$7,325.**

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for the month of May are cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, and syrup. 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, Leah and Bill Butler will present their daughter, Rowan Lura Butler, for the Sacrament of Baptism. The presiding elder will be Connie Polly.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Diane Turner and Beth Vaught Jenkins for their faithful devotion to Kids' Fellowship, by Alison Conte. *Arranged by Cindy Smith.*

Ushers: (8:45) Beth Vaught Jenkins (Head), Helen Burnett, Daniel Hodges, Chrissy Underwood, Ellie Underwood. (11:00) Amanda Copeland (Head), Aaron Copeland, Suzanne Fischer, Davey Miller, Ron Witt.

Greeters: Clint and Nancy Hopkins.

AV Technicians: (11:00) Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship & Wonder: "Philip, a Follower of Jesus, Teaches in Samaria." Storyteller, Carol Money maker. Greeter, Donna Wardell. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.



(11:00 A.M.) Anthem

Abide With Me

Arr. Benjamin Harlan

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes. Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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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 | 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! *Register by Monday, June 1 online or by scanning the QR code!*



JOIN THE PCC FOR THEIR RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE | FRIDAY, MAY 29: Welcome PCC into its new home and celebrate this next chapter with our community. Open House: 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting: 12:30 p.m. 1228 Jamison Ave, SE, Roanoke, VA. Please [RSVP to PCC](#) to help them plan for refreshments.



RECREATION
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Registration

REGISTER & PAY ONLINE BY
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!



Love Builds Up: Unity, Conflict, and Grace in the Body of Christ
2026 Retreat Theme



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!

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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.*