

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONCERNS

Doris Henning (mother of Kirk Treubert)

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extend to Lesley Owens on the death of her husband, Lawrence Ashby Owens, on Friday, May 8. We also hold in prayer their children, Drew and Lindsey. A memorial service in celebration of Ashby's life and Christian witness will be held on Monday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and via live stream. A reception will follow off site.

Sympathy is extended to Adele Neal and family on the death of her father, William Lovell "Bill" Neal, on Monday, May 11. A memorial service in celebration of Bill's life and Christian witness will be held on Friday, May 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and via live stream. A reception will follow in Kirk Hall.

Our sympathies extend to the families of Karen Berglund and Debbie Thrasher on the passing of their mother, Dolores Sink Simpson, on Tuesday, May 12. We also hold in prayer the families of Whitney Horn and Kara Spooner, Dolores' grandchildren.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service in celebration of the life and Christian witness of Elizabeth R. "Betsy" Whitney will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and via live stream. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

### THANK YOU TO OUR 2025-2026 CE VOLUNTEERS

A heartfelt thank you to all our Christian Education volunteers for your incredible dedication and hard work this year. In the spirit of this year's theme, "Show Your Faith," your time, energy, and enthusiasm have been a living witness, making a meaningful impact on our church programming and community. We deeply appreciate and value all that you do.

**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.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 31:** Beginning Sunday, May 31, we will move to our summer worship schedule of one worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary/live stream (no Sunday school). *Today is the last day that Sunday school and CWW will meet.*

**OPEN FLOWER DATES:** The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: June 14, 28; July 26; August 2, 23. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

**WELCOME SUMMER PASTORAL INTERN:** Second Presbyterian is excited to welcome Kylie Young as our Summer Pastoral Intern from May 17 through August 16. During her time with us, Kylie will assist with summer activities, mission trips, VBS, the Montreat Youth Conference, and the Churchwide Retreat. Please pray for, support, and warmly welcome Kylie as she joins us this summer. *"Hi! My name is Kylie Young, and I am looking forward to being the summer intern this year! I am currently a rising sophomore at Coastal Carolina University and have been a member of Second Pres. since I was in middle school. I'm honored to be a part of the congregation and am looking forward to the experience to grow spiritually."*



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Today, May 17

8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:45 am: Sunday School  
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream  
12:00 pm: Youth Council Retreat  
5:15 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

### Monday, May 18

11:00 am: Memorial Service for Ashby Owens, Sanctuary  
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library  
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe  
6:45 pm: Scouts

### Tuesday, May 19

9:30 am: Staff Meeting  
11:00 am: Memorial Service for Betsy Whitney, Sanctuary with Reception in Fellowship Hall  
4:00 pm: Church Retreat Planning Meeting, Reading Room

### Wednesday, May 20

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline  
4:30 pm: Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room

### Thursday, May 21

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

### Friday, May 22

11:00 am: Memorial for Bill Neal, Sanctuary with a Reception in Kirk Hall

### Saturday, May 23

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### 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)



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## Sunday Morning Worship

### Early and Late Services

### May 17, 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  
Randy Rhea  
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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 Money maker  
C.J. Swanson  
Stephen Waskey  
Kevin Young

MAY 17, 2026

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

Gathering Music *Setting of "Lift High the Cross"* Setting by Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements  
Introduction of Summer Pastoral Intern, Kylie Young  
Minute for Education, Evening VBS Dr. John McCall

Prelude *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

\*Call to Worship  
The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed,  
small and seemingly insignificant.  
**Yet, contained within is the power to heal our wounds  
and save the nations of the earth.**  
Come, trust in the quiet strength of God's grace.  
**We come with faith, hope, and humility.**

\*Hymn No. 310<sup>1</sup> *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

(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  
**Holy God, we confess that we are too easily impressed by power,  
success, and achievement. We admire what is large, influential, and  
visible, while overlooking the quiet strength of your grace. We doubt  
that love is powerful enough, mercy strong enough, forgiveness deep  
enough, or compassion lasting enough to matter much in this world.  
Forgive us for underestimating the power of grace and placing our  
trust in what cannot heal, redeem, or save.**

*We grow silent to hear your still, small, voice.*

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)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading<sup>2</sup> Mark 4:30-32 New Testament p. 810  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Look at the Seed and See the Bush* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection *Now, My Tongue* Setting by Flor Peeters

Call to Discipleship  
Minute for Mission *House of Bread* Noelle Edwards, Outreach Coordinator  
Offering<sup>3\*\*</sup>  
Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* Setting by Paul Manz  
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. 460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata in E Minor* Johann Pachelbel

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

BULLETIN NOTES

<sup>1</sup>“**I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD**” was written by Timothy Dwight, the grandson of Johnathan Edwards who sparked the First Great Awakening. When Dwight attended Yale University in the 18th century, few students were Christians. After serving as a pastor, he returned to Yale as president. He discovered a culture where it was popular to ridicule the faith. Dwight began having public debates with students on topics like, “Are the Scripture of the Old and New Testament the Word of God?” Little by little, students believed until a third of the student body converted. The movement spread to other campuses and the “Second Great Awakening” began.

<sup>2</sup>**TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON** comes from a section of the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus teaches almost entirely through parables drawn from the natural world. Remarkably, at least three of these parables involve seeds: the Parable of the Sower, the Seed Growing Secretly, and the Mustard Seed.

<sup>3</sup>**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. **As of Tuesday, May 12, \$2,920 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 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**

**Music:** We extend a warm welcome to Andrew Phillips who is at the organ console this morning. A resident of Salem, Andrew enjoys his career as a freelance musician. He teaches piano, violin, and viola; serves as a contract church pianist and organist for local congregations; and also engages his musical skills in piano accompaniment and performance. He additionally delights in being a pilot and flight instructor.

**Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Pittendrigh family in memory of all veterans who gave their lives in service to our country. *Arranged by Rosemary Francis.*

**Ushers:** (8:45) Beth Vaught Jenkins (Head), Marilyn Arbogast, Anne Culley, Bri Gunter, Patty Lemon. (11:00) Amanda Copeland (Head), Mia Copeland, Ann Green, Lisa Miller, Brooke Rosen.

**Greeters:** (8:45) Elizabeth Vacher. (11:00) Jim and Nancy Bishop.

**AV Technicians:** (8:45) Kirk Treubert. (11:00) Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

**Children, Worship & Wonder:** "A New Heaven, a New Earth, a New Jerusalem" Storyteller, Lori Privott. Greeter, Maria Blackshaw. Program Coordinator, Rhessa Bailey. *Today is the last Sunday of CWW for the program year.*





**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](http://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!*



**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!*



**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!*



**DR BIBLES & BRICKS MISSION TEAM DONATIONS:** This June 27–July 4, our church will once again send a Youth Bibles & Bricks Mission Team to the Dominican Republic in partnership with Solid Rock International. The team will lead VBS camps for local children, build relationships within the community, and assist with ongoing ministry efforts through Solid Rock. Each year, our church not only brings VBS supplies, but also donates much-needed items on Solid Rock's guesthouse and ministry wish lists. These donations help support mission teams and provide resources that can be difficult to obtain in the Dominican Republic. If you would like to contribute, please see the [Current Guesthouse Needs List](#) for pantry items and other essentials, as well as the [Amazon Wish List](#) for additional needed supplies—links are provided in the most recent Pastor's Letter email. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**PRESCHOOL SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR 2026–27:** The preschool has a few spots open in the Twos Plus, Threes, and Pre-K classes for the new school year, beginning mid August. There is also space on the waitlist in Young Twos. Please email Preschool Director Alice Light, [alight@spres.org](mailto:alight@spres.org), to learn more or enroll.

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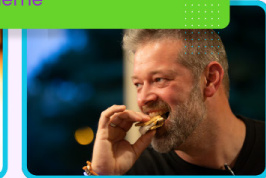
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Love Builds Up: Unity, Conflict,  
and Grace in the Body of Christ  
2026 Retreat Theme



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