

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Alice and Barry Holman on the death of Alice's sister, Naomi Kohen, on Friday, May 15.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 25. We will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26. Have a happy and safe holiday!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY: Beginning next week on 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 or CWW).

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."

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



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.*



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, May 24

Pentecost Sunday
8:45am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream

Monday, May 25

Office and Preschool Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

9:30am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 27

12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Thursday, May 28

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

Friday, May 29

10:30-6:00pm: PCC Open House
12:30pm: Ribbon Cutting at PCC

Saturday, May 30



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MAY 31-SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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

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).



VIEW THE DIGITAL BULLETIN



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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 24, 2026



Descending Dove stained glass window located in the upper level of Kirk Hall.

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
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Elders - Class of 2028

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

MAY 24, 2026

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
DAY OF PENTECOST¹

Gathering Music *March* James Marsh

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Fellowship *Churchwide Retreat* Chris Link

Prelude *Setting on "Slane"* Gregg Sewell

*Call to Worship
Come, Holy Spirit!
Grant us your peace.
Come, Holy Spirit!
Give us your power.
Come, Holy Spirit!
Grace us with your presence.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 290 *O Day of Joy and Wonder!*

(11:00 A.M.) A Time for Children
Children are invited back to the pews for worship following the Children's Time.
Worship bags are available.

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Spirit of the Living God, we are hesitant and full of doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as beloved community. Let your Spirit fill us, igniting your flame of love. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your promised resurrection for all the earth.

We wait in silent stillness, as your breath moves within us.

Sung Response No. 288 *Spirit of the Living God*
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Assurance of Pardon

*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from 1 Corinthians 12:3-13)
There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit moves among us.
There are varieties of services, but the same Lord calls us together.
There are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who gives life to all.
Each person is given the Spirit's presence for the good of the whole community.
No gift is too small, no calling insignificant.
For the Spirit works through each of us as the Spirit wills.
Together, we are the body of Christ, gifted, gathered, and sent in love.

Concerns

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

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem² *O Love* Elaine Hagenberg
O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
O Joy that seeks me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.
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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21 New Testament p. 882
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Breaking Babel* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Minute for Mission PCC Ribbon Cutting Bev Fitzpatrick
Offering^{3**}
Offertory *Partita on "Nettleton"* Lawrence Salvatore
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. 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *March in D* G.F. Handel

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

BULLETIN NOTES

¹ ACCORDING TO THE DAY OF PENTECOST story in Acts 2:1-13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, cosmic language, the rush of a mighty *ruach* (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power—the unseen power of God—moved among them and gripped them. The Holy Spirit is unseen, like the wind, which is why the Old Testament calls it *ruach YHWH*, “the wind, or breath, of God” (cf. John 3:8). The Spirit is the “unseenness of God” working among us... Therefore, on the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10). (Excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 117-119).)

² TODAY'S ANTHEM is a setting of a familiar hymn text, *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*, found in our hymnal. The words receive here a fresh musical treatment by Elaine Hagenberg. The original hymn was inspired by the words of Scottish minister, George Matheson, in 1882. When he was blinded at the age of nineteen, his fiancé called off their engagement, and his sister cared for him as he endured new challenges. Years later, on the eve of his sister's wedding, he faced the painful reminder of his own heartache and loss as he penned the words to this hymn. This setting for choir uses hopeful ascending lines representing renewed faith. Though lingering dissonances remind us of past heartache, the beautiful promise remains: “morn shall tearless be.”

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. 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 19, \$4,485 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, oat-meal, 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

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bob and Jeanette Williams and Deborah Ann Williams Zika by Suzanne Fischer. *Arranged by Cindy Smith.*

Ushers: (8:45) Beth Vaught Jenkins (Head), David Howell, Glo Howell, Angie Pittendrigh, Jim Pittendrigh. (11:00) Amanda Copeland (Head), Mary Airheart, Chris Bickley, Ann Bickley, Carol Money-maker.

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

AV Technicians: (845) Kirk Treubert. (11:00) Andrea Boone, Miranda Moore.



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!*



RALLY DAY PICNIC @ BRAELOCH PAVILION | SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | 10:00 A.M. | REGISTER BY AUG. 21: Save the date and plan to join your church family for our end-of-summer Rally Day Picnic at Braeloch (the farm of Nancy and Al Hammond located at 2353 Hammond Dr, Vinton, VA 24179) at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 30! We look forward to this time of worship and fellowship outdoors with a picnic buffet-style meal from Three Li'l Pigs Barbeque (options will be available for dietary restrictions—i.e. gluten free, vegan). We'll have a bounce house, balloon art, face painting, and other fun activities. Commonwealth Coach and Trolley will once again provide transportation for those wanting a ride to Braeloch from the church. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed for setup, clean up, and to bring desserts. If you can help, sign up via the SignUpGenius linked in the registration form. *Scan the QR code to register by Friday August 21.*



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, to learn more or enroll.

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!

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.

SAVE THE DATE

RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR NEW BUILDING!

29
MAY
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Open House
10:30 AM - 06:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting
12:30 PM



RSVP TO JOIN US!

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