

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Margaret “Patsy” Whitesell Chaney, who died on Sunday, April 26. A memorial service in celebration of Patsy’s life and Christian witness was held on Friday, May 1 in the sanctuary and via live stream.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service in celebration of the life and Christian witness of Dr. John Hayden Hollingsworth 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.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to David and Regina Carson on the arrival of their grandson, Churchill Carson Lagarde, born on Wednesday, April 22 to parents Anna Paden and Paul Lagarde.

POP UP SUNDAY SCHOOL | TODAY | 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.



BELIEVING & BELONGING | TODAY | 9:45 A.M. | HOSPITALITY ROOM: Join our ministers George Anderson and Elizabeth Link for part two of this 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).

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS 80 AND OVER | TODAY: We look forward to gathering with members ages 80 and over who registered for today’s Fellowship Luncheon following the 11:00 o’clock worship service.

THEOLOGY ON TAP | TUESDAY, MAY 5 | 6:00 P.M. | STARR HILL BREWERY: Men of the church are invited to join us for another great night of Theology on Tap—a space where faith meets real life over good conversation and better company. Join us this Tuesday, May 5 at Starr Hill Brewery from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

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 WEEK AHEAD

Today, May 3

Legacy Sunday
8:45 am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Believing and Belonging, Hospitality Room
9:45 am: Sunday School
9:45 am: POP-UP Sunday School with LEAP, Chapel
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
12:15 pm: 80 and Over Lunch, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Kid’s Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
6:00 pm: Theology on Tap, Starr Hill Brewery

Wednesday, May 6

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15 pm: Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, May 7

7:15 am: Men’s Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
10:00 - 11:00 am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
5:00 pm: Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Friday, May 8

11:00 am: Memorial for Dr. Hayden Hollingsworth, Sanctuary with Reception in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 9

5:00 - 10:00 pm: Youth End of Year Party, Intersection, Church, Bowling Alley

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)

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

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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
May 3, 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
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MAY 3, 2026

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

Gathering Music¹ *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements
Fund Report Joe Miller

Prelude *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand* Adam Mason

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 121)
We lift up our eyes to the hills;
from where will our help come?
**Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**
In praise and with thanksgiving,
we gather as one body, with song and with prayer.
**The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time and forevermore.**
Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 722 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

(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 Confession²
**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what
to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine
great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the
good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of
faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray.
Open our hearts to your ways, help us to repent, and make us whole.**

*In the silence of this moment, may we be reminded that you
are merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive.*

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)

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Adoniram Gordon
Arr. Benjamin Harlan
My Jesus, I love Thee, I know thou art mine, for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My Gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
And singing Thy praises, before Thee I'll bow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 18:1-8 New Testament p. 848
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *The Widow and the Judge* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{3**}
Offertory *Partita on "Foundation"* Dennis Eliot
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

(8:45 A.M.) The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper^{4***}
*Hymn of Preparation No. 692 *Spirit, Open My Heart* (v. 1)

(11:00 A.M.) *Hymn No. 692 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Postlude* (Songs Without Words) Mendelssohn/Blake

*Please stand in body or spirit.

***All communion elements are gluten free.

BULLETIN NOTES

¹**WHY ARE THE PARAMENTS STILL WHITE?** Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. White and gold symbolize days and seasons of joy and mark pivotal events in the life of Christ. Red symbolizes the work of the Holy Spirit (notice the colors on Pentecost, May 24!). Purple (and sometimes blue, in Advent) designates a season of penitence and preparation, such as Lent. Our paraments remain white the weeks between Easter and Pentecost, celebrating the joy and hope of Eastertide.

²**TODAY'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION** is adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good."

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.

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 monthly total came to \$6,365.**

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).

⁴**WHAT DO PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE ABOUT COMMUNION?** Also known as the Lord's Supper, or the Eucharist, Presbyterians do not believe that the physical nature of the bread and cup change. These elements are the symbolic representation of the broken body and shed blood of Jesus. Yet, we believe Jesus is genuinely, spiritually present in this shared church family meal, as he promised, to sustain and strengthen his people. All are welcome to share in this sacrament.

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Rick and Pam Murray in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary. *Arranged by Karen Davidson.*

Ushers: (8:45) Beth Vaught Jenkins (Head), Becky Battle, Ben Harris, Joyce Harris. (11:00) Amanda Copeland (Head), Suzanne Fischer, Rebekah Gunn, Daniel Gunn, Ron Witt.

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

Children, Worship & Wonder: "Peter, a Follower of Jesus, Heals a Lame Man." Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Greeter, Jacquie Lockett. Program Coordinator, Rhessa Bailey.



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!*



CURRENT LEGACY OPPORTUNITIES OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You probably know that our church has many funds, but you may not be aware of how they are used or their original purpose. Our funds greatly enrich our programs and operations, strengthen our ministry locally and internationally, and ensure future resources for excelling in ministry not just to the next generation, but to all of the ones who follow. Our past donors had wonderful intentions, and Second Presbyterian honors their memory by continuing to fund the programs that they intended when they so graciously gave these gifts.

Benevolences, Mission and Outreach

- **Mountain Avenue Fund** – provides annual support for local ministries dealing with homelessness, poverty, hunger, and at-risk children.
 - **Anne and Granger Macfarlane Grant** – supports vulnerable individuals and families in the spirit of the Mountain Avenue Fund.
- **Lil Brown Benevolent Fund** (*within Second Fund*) – respond to needs connected with mental health.
- **Help Fund** – for meeting immediate needs, at the pastors' discretion.
- **Gene and Treva Richter Fund for Outreach & Education** – supports outreach and education purposes within and outside church programming, as well as vocational guidance.

Christian Education

- **H. Spencer Edmunds Fund** – supports the Edmunds Lecture Series; brings persons of national or international reputation to challenge and inspire us with Biblical messages in preaching or in teaching.
- **Kitty Susan Trent Fund** – supports a broad range of educational programs and scholarships at Second Presbyterian and the larger church.
- **Trustees: Johnson Memorial Fund** – provides in whole or in part for the college or postgraduate education of a student preparing for ministerial or other religious works.
- **Trustees: Payne Scholarship Fund** – for general scholarships for members of Second Presbyterian to Union Presbyterian Seminary and for the charitable purpose of the Presbyterian Homes.
- **William R. Klein Continuing Education Fund** – provides greater opportunities for continuing education and covers the cost of educational experiences and sabbaticals for our professional preaching staff.
- **George and Millie Anderson Cornerstone Fund for Pastoral Excellence** – supports pastoral excellence.

Congregational Ministry

- **Music Fund** – for special music programs and featured musicians which enhance our worship services.
- **Organ Maintenance Fund** – for organ and piano tuning and repairs.
- **Preschool Fund** – supports capital and program needs of Second Presbyterian Preschool.
- **Frank and Martha Clay Martin Fund for Youth** – supports the youth and young adult ministries.
- **Youth Mission Fund** (*within Second Fund*) – supports youth mission trips; helps those who may need funding or for projects for the youth.

Facilities and Operational Expenses

- **Columbarium Fund** – for long-term care and maintenance of the Columbarium.
- **Donald and Elizabeth Parsons Maintenance Fund** – supports ongoing maintenance and operational expenses of the church; allows the execution of roof repair, HVAC repair, plumbing and electrical projects, etc.
- **Alexa House Fund** – for maintenance of Alexa house.

Long-term Viability

- **Second Fund** – for the use of the church as it engages in promoting or carrying out religious, charitable, benevolent or literary purposes. Separately incorporated fund for the preservation of Second and for special mission projects.

If you read over this list and find a cause that interests you, the Legacy Workgroup would be happy to discuss the opportunities you have to participate. We thank you for participating in these ministries and for considering how you might follow your passion and make your own plans to advance the work of our church. Whether you are thinking of an immediate contribution or to include the church in your will, please contact Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator, or Al McLean, Legacy Workgroup Chair.






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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

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