

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Troy and Kim Rech on the death of Troy's father, Kenneth Edward Rech of Iowa, on Thursday, May 21. Our prayers are also with their children, Grayson and Campbell.

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 TODAY, May 31 online or by scanning the QR code!



CHURCHWIDE RETREAT REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO JUNE 12 | "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! *The registration deadline has been EXTENDED to Friday, June 12! You may do so 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.*



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! *Donations may be placed in the labeled bin in the coat closet.*

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, May 31
Two Cents a Meal
10:00am: Worship Service, Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, June 1
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45pm: Scouts

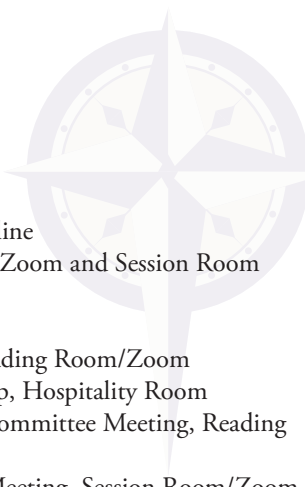
Tuesday, June 2
9:30am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 3
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15pm: Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, June 4
7:15pm: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
10:00-11:00am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
4:00pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom
5:00pm: Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS WEEK

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
May 31, 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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Amanda Copeland
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Dan Hodges
Carol Money maker
C.J. Swanson
Stephen Waskey
Kevin Young

MAY 31, 2026
WORSHIP ON SITE & ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.
TRINITY SUNDAY

Gathering Music *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise* Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Setting, Hal H. Hopson

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 8)

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
**The heavens declare your glory;
the earth reflects your wonder.**
Who are we that you are mindful of us?
**Yet you have crowned us with honor
and called us to care for your creation.**
**O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*Hymn No. 664 *Morning Has Broken*
Two Cents-a-Meal: Eleanor Link (parents, Chris and Elizabeth)

Call to Confession¹

Prayer of Confession²

**Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned
our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and
not long-term healing, help us.**
**Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have
been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others,
forgive us.**
**Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move,
when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when
we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.**
**Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace
and hear your call in Christ.**

In the silence, we are held by your grace.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Affirmation of Faith³ 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)

Anthem *Peace Like A River* Arr. Mack Wilberg
I've got peace like a river...
I've got faith like a river...
I've got hope like a river...
I've got love like a river...
In my soul.
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Sung Prayer for Illumination No. 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (v. 1)

Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-21 New Testament p. 918
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Marks of a Disciple* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{4**}
Offertory *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* Arr., Virginia P. Figh
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. 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

Postlude *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* Gordon Young

*Please rise.



BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **CONFESSION** has always had an emphasis in Reformed worship. John Calvin, the father of Reformed theology, said that when we assemble as the church, we say something about God and something about ourselves. We enter into the presence of our gracious God only when we acknowledge our unworthiness. The assurance of our forgiveness always comes immediately after our confession, reminding us of the abundant grace of God.

² **TODAY'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION** is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

³ **THE APOSTLE'S CREED** is named such not because it was produced by the apostles themselves but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. In its present form, it is dated no later than the 4th century CE. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith. It has been used as a baptismal creed from its very beginnings.

⁴ **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, 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

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Cayce and Ann Myers in loving memory of Linda Cayce Myers. Today would have been her 80th birthday. *Arranged by Karen Davidson.*

Ushers: Amanda Copeland (Head), Bill Broadhurst, Carol Broadhurst, Beth Vaught Jenkins, Carol Moneymaker.

Greeters: Helen Burnett, Cindy Smith.

AV Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

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.*



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Churchwide Retreat

AUGUST 21-23, 2026
EAGLE EYRIE CONFERENCE CENTER

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

