

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Bonnie and Pegram Johnson on the arrival of their new grandson, Archer Garrett Uptegraft, born on Tuesday, June 23 to parents Greer and Colby Uptegraft.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | JULY 19

On Sunday, July 19, we will hold a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing Elders of the Class of 2029. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate: Paul Bryan, Barry Green, Jason Horn, Anna McLean, Cayce Myers, Catherine Prescott, Eddie Smith, Sr., and Sharon Stewart. *Check out the upcoming Pastor's Letter email to learn more about the nominees.*

COLLEGE STUDENTS @ PARTY AT ELMWOOD | JULY 9: On Thursday, July 9 at 5:00 p.m., college students are invited to attend Party at Elmwood! There will be live music featuring The Domino Band, as well as a food truck (The Hot Dog Girl) at the event. Tickets are \$10 per person, cash only. Come enjoy some food, live music, and fun!

MEN'S NIGHT OUT AT THE SALEM RIDGEYAKS | JULY 22: Join us for a Men's Night Out at the Salem RidgeYaks game on Wednesday, July 22. Thanks to the generosity of Don Wilson and Evergreen Memorial Trust, we have reserved Suite 8, which includes 20 complimentary tickets—available on a first-come, first served basis (8 remain). The air-conditioned suite is located on the second floor, with access via stairs or elevator. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., and the game begins at 6:35 p.m., with the RidgeYaks taking on the Augusta GreenJackets. To claim one of the remaining tickets, email Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org). Tickets will be held at the Will Call window under the name Second Presbyterian. If complimentary tickets run out, additional tickets may be purchased at the gate.

YOUTH RIDGEYAKS BASEBALL GAME | JULY 24: On Friday, July 24 the youth are invited to attend a Salem RidgeYaks baseball game! The theme for the night is Christmas in July. Feel free to dress according to the theme! RSVP to Kylie Young (kylieyoung913@outlook.com) by Tuesday, July 21.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE MEAL/SNACK SPONSORSHIP: On Sunday, July 26, our senior high youth head off to Montreat Youth Conference. This conference is a highlight for our youth as they connect with other youth and adults from around the country, explore their faith in new ways, and grow in relationship with God. This year, we are thrilled to be joined by three Taiwanese youth, as well. To help cut costs, we are asking for members to sponsor a meal/snack. Sign up by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera. Contact Ben with any questions (benb@spres.org). Thank you!



OPEN FLOWER DATE | AUGUST 2: Sunday, August 2 is the final available summer date for anyone wishing to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the date is still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

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.

PRESCHOOL HIRING: Additionally, the preschool is hiring Infant Assistant Teachers for the morning and afternoon positions. Contact Preschool Director Alice Light with interest (alight@spres.org).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, July 5

10:00am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, July 6

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

Tuesday, July 7

9:30am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 8

12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline

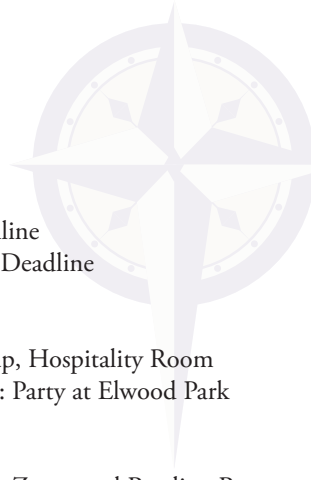
Thursday, July 9

10:00-11:00am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
6:00pm: College Student Event: Party at Elwood Park

Friday, July 10

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

Saturday, July 11



Staff

Administrator
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
Pastoral Ministries Coordinator
Meredith Koliba
Secretary
Stacy Moore
Media and Communications Specialist
Andrea Boone
Media Assistant
Erin Mucha
Church Sexton
John Brady Anderson

Trustees

Ron Ayers
Lauren Ellerman
Stephen Lemon

Clerk of Session

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:

www.spres.org



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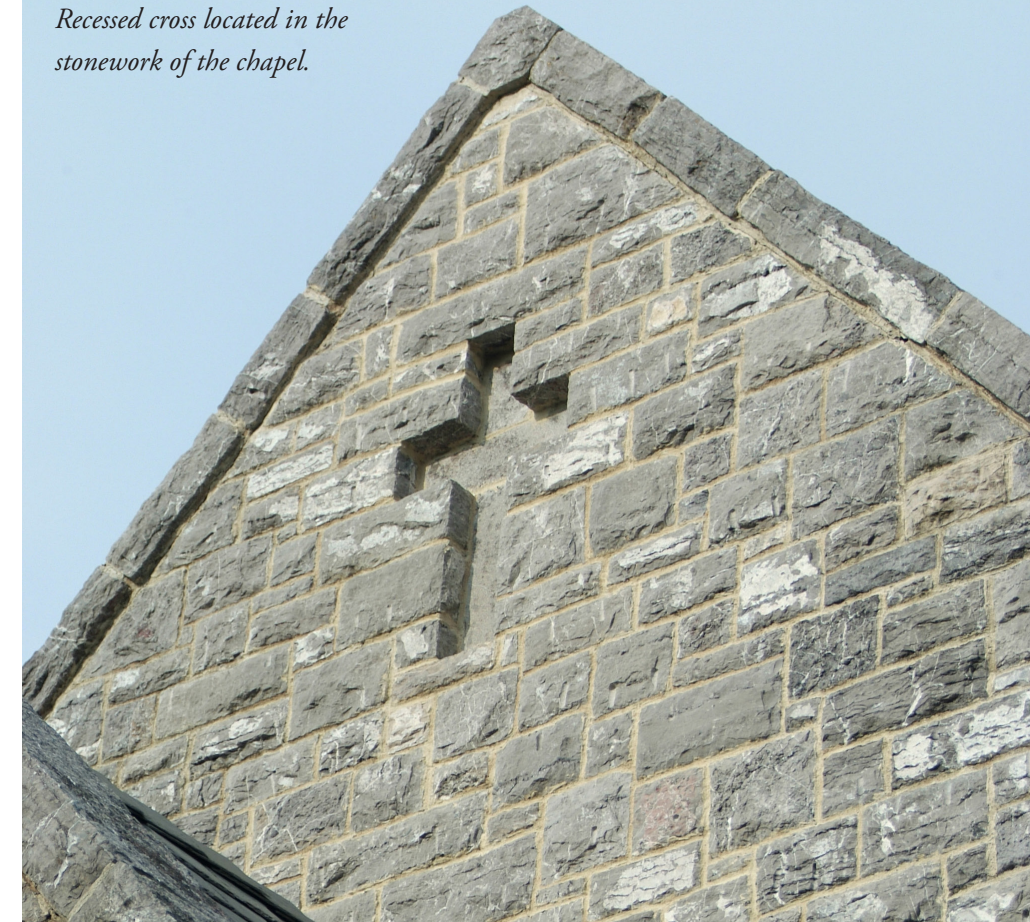
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Finding direction by following Jesus.

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Sunday Morning Worship
July 5, 2026

Recessed cross located in the stonework of the chapel.



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 Kempley
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

JULY 5, 2026
WORSHIP ON SITE & ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering Music *America* Austin C. Lovelace

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *National Hymn* Robert J. Hughes

*Call to Worship (Psalm 95, selected verses)
 O Come,
 let us sing to the Lord;
Let us come into his presence with Thanksgiving.
 O Come,
 let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
 For he is our God,
**And we are the sheep of his pasture
 and the sheep of his land.**

*Hymn No. 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

Call to Confession
 Prayer of Confession¹
Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been self-indulgent and ignored the needs of others, when we have turned our backs on you and focused only on ourselves, when we have not loved you nor loved our neighbors as ourselves, forgive us.

Loving God, free us. When we are burdened by unnecessary anxiety, when we are fearful about what the future may bring, when we struggle with doubt and the mistakes of our past, when we are weak when thy power is at hand, free us.

Almighty God, fill us. Fill us with love that knows no barrier, faith strong enough for darkness, courage that cannot be shaken. Fill us with your Spirit so that we might better love you and one another.

Lord, in the quiet, we have more to say.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith²)
 We trust in the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
 In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.
 With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Concerns

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-25 New Testament p. 946
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Called to Freedom* Nancy O. Gray

Hymn of Response No. 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Call to Discipleship
 Offering^{3**}
 Offertory *America* Arr., David Lowe
 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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper^{***}
 *Hymn of Preparation No. 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

*Hymn No. 688 *Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart* (v. 1)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Fantasia on "God of Our Fathers"* Rex Koury, ASCAP

^{*}Please rise.
^{***}All communion elements are gluten free.



BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **TODAY'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION** is inspired by a prayer written by Beth Merrill Neal on her blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good" and by a prayer given to friends by the late Dee Moore.

² In 1983, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was formed by the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Integral to this reunion was the preparation of a brief statement of faith that could be used in worship. This **STATEMENT OF FAITH** drew on the documents in the *Book of Confessions* and Scripture for its formulations and arranged them within a trinitarian framework.

³ **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for July will support four vital Summer Camp Programs that serve children and families across our community. *PCC's Pathways for Youth* provides engaging summer programs for K-12 students, and Outreach funds will help support hands-on educational experiences, STEM activities, college and career exploration, transportation, and enrichment opportunities that build confidence and life skills. *West End Center* serves 145 students through a seven-week full-day summer program, and donations will help provide healthy snacks, transportation for educational and recreational outings, additional staff for safety and supervision, and paid internships for older youth. *Salvation Army's Camp Rappahannock* offers life-changing camp experiences for children who might not otherwise have access to them, and contributions will help fund scholarships, transportation, meals, lodging, outdoor adventures, character-building programs, and faith-based activities that foster confidence, resilience, and hope. *Kids Soar* provides enriching summer opportunities for local children, and donations will help fund program scholarships and a special educational field trip to Smith Mountain Lake, giving participants valuable experiences for learning, recreation, and lasting summer memories. Your generosity ensures each of these programs can continue to offer meaningful, educational, and joyful summer experiences for children who need them most. *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 the month of June benefitted the *Taiwanese Ministers Montreal Conference*. **As of Wednesday, June 24, \$4,624 had been collected.**

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for the month of July are canned vegetables (other than corn or green beans). 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 William and Jane Battle by the family. *Arranged by Denise Revercomb.*

Ushers: Barry Green (Head), Ann Green, Dan Hodges, Monty Salyer.

Greeter: Monty Salyer.

AV Technicians: Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

VBS 2026
July 20-23

JOSEPH'S JOURNEY

Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke


REGISTER FOR VBS



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! In partnership with local sports and arts organizations, children will enjoy fun, enriching afternoon "mini camps" held right here at the church. This opportunity allows families to take full advantage of the free Morning VBS while adding engaging afternoon activities. Please note that space will be limited and a \$180 fee will apply for the aftercare portion (*Note: After Care Camps are open to Kindergarten-5th grade children.). Register VBS participants AND volunteers by scanning the QR code above!

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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School Supplies Drive

Drop off to labeled bin in the Coat Closet by
Thursday, July 16



School year 2026/2027
*Items with an * are a high priority.*

West End Center for Youth is a non-profit organization located at the corner of Patterson Ave and 13th Street. The program was created in 1979 to give the children in the neighborhood a safe place to focus on homework and fun activities. They provide after school care and a full day summer program for children in grades K-12. This year the center will be putting together 140+ bags of school supplies. They need our help to make this possible. **All supplies need to be brought to the church by Thursday, July 16.** The list for Second Presbyterian has been created to help gather the most needed items. A labeled collection box is located in the Coat Closet. Thank you for helping these children and their families be ready for a new school year!

Let's stay healthy items:

- *Hand sanitizer pump bottles 8 oz size
- *Clorox or similar disinfecting wipes
- Tissues – flat boxes/no cube size
- Baby wipes – refill packs are okay

School Supplies:

- *Dry Erase makers – thin and wide multi packs in colors and black
- *#2 pencils (Dixon and Ticonderoga preferred)
- Pencil cap Erasers
- *Elmer's Glue sticks, Regular and Jumbo size
- Children's Fiskar brand scissors (Age 8+ preferred)
- Headphones/ earbuds from Dollar Store
- Blue and Black ballpoint pens
- Spiral notebooks (Wire bound)
 - 1 subject and 3 subject in both Wide and College Ruled