

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Tom and Carol Worley on the passing of Tom's brother, Harry Richard Worley of Worcester, MA, on Friday, May 29.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Mike and Sharon Stewart on the arrival of their grandson, Stetson Paul Edwards, born to parents Tori and John Edwards.

### EVENING VBS FOR ALL AGES | "PAYING ATTENTION TO GOD IN DAILY LIFE" | STARTS TONIGHT, 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 tonight with a dinner and program. 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. (\*Registration was requested by May 31. Dinner reservations have closed, however individuals and families are still welcome to come and attend the program!)

### CHURCHWIDE RETREAT REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO THIS FRIDAY, 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 THIS Friday, June 12! Register 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](http://www.spres.org).*



### YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING | ELMWOOD PARK | JUNE 11 @ 6-8 P.M.:

Mark down June 11th for a fun night out at Party at Elmwood beginning at 6:00 p.m. RSVP for this event by June 10th to let Ben Brannan know if you can join, and tickets will be provided. College students are invited, too! To join our Young Adult email list, reach out to Ben ([benb@spres.org](mailto:benb@spres.org)).

### OPEN FLOWER DATES:

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Today, June 7

10:00am: Worship Service, Sanctuary & Live Stream  
6:00-8:00pm: Evening VBS with Dinner, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, June 8

5:30pm: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room  
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library  
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe  
6:30-7:45pm: Evening VBS with Refreshments, Fellowship Hall  
6:45pm: Scouts

### Tuesday, June 9

9:30am: Staff Meeting  
5:00pm: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom  
6:30-7:45pm: Evening VBS with Refreshments, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, June 10

8:05am: Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid  
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline  
12:00pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline  
5:00pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom  
5:15pm: Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room  
6:30-7:45pm: Evening VBS with Refreshments, Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, June 11

Habitat Build Day  
7:15pm: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom  
10:00-11:00am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room  
6:00pm: Young Adults at Elmwood Park

### Friday, June 12

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

### Saturday, June 13

## Staff

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For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: [www.spres.org/about/leadership/](http://www.spres.org/about/leadership/)

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## Sunday Morning Worship

June 7, 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  
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 Money maker  
C.J. Swanson  
Stephen Waskey  
Kevin Young

JUNE 7, 2026  
WORSHIP ON SITE & ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST<sup>1</sup>

Gathering Music                      *Simple Gifts*                      Setting, Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements  
Minute for Mission    *Taiwanese Ministers Conference*    Dr. John McCall

Prelude                      *The Heavens Are Telling*                      Beethoven/Wells

\*Call to Worship  
We gather this day, and much is visible:  
**Our smiles may show our outward joy;  
our eyes may speak of inward pain.**  
We come to this place, seeking signs of the living God:  
**Something holy. Something beautiful. Something mysterious.**  
Will we see God today? Will we notice the Divine around us?  
**With eyes ready for the unexpected, let us worship God.**

\*Hymn No. 395                      *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession  
**Dear Lord,  
We have journeyed through another week.  
A week of sadness and joy, a week of many voices  
shouting for our attention, a week of mystery and love.  
And yet we have journeyed on our life's path  
without noticing your presence with us.  
We have been so busy seeking to stay in control,  
that we fail to hear your still, small voice leading and  
encouraging and loving.  
The messages from our screens become reality  
and we fail to look and see what you would have us see.  
We fail to listen and hear what you would have us hear.**  
**Allow us to pause and pay attention to your grace in each day.  
Show us how to open our lives more generously  
to the meaning and mystery of the present moment.  
We pray in Jesus' name.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn of Response No. 581    *Gloria Patri*

\*Affirmation of Faith (from *A Declaration of Faith*)  
We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ,  
our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected.  
In Christ, God's Word of acceptance takes flesh:  
by grace through faith we are set right with God,  
adopted as children of God,  
not because of anything we have done,  
but because of what Christ has done.  
In Christ, God's Word of demand is lived out:  
to love God and neighbor as Jesus did is what God requires of us.  
The Spirit adds no different Word from God,  
but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.

Concerns

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

Hymn No. 452<sup>2</sup>    *Open the Eyes of My Heart* (sung twice)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading                      Matthew 13:10-17                      New Testament p. 788  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon                      *What Your Eye Doctor Can't Teach You*                      Dr. John McCall

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship  
Offering<sup>3\*\*</sup>  
Offertory                      *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*                      Dale Wood  
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. 450                      *Be Thou My Vision*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude                      *Toccata on "Old Hundredth"*                      Gordon Young

*\*Please rise.*



BULLETIN NOTES

<sup>1</sup>**WHY ARE THE PARAMENTS GREEN?** Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Green paraments are traditional during what is called Ordinary Time. Green symbolizes a time of growth in the Christian faith as the church studies and strives to practice the teachings of Jesus as seen in the stories of scripture that focus on his day-to-day life. "Ordinary" is not to suggest some boring, ho-hum, run-of-the-mill time in the church year. Rather, it is derived from "ordinal" (Latin *ordinalis*) which describes numbers in a series. Ordinary Time helps us count our days, mark the weeks as they pass. It walks God's children through the rhythm of our days. Not every Sunday is "special" and in these not-so-special-Sundays God is still present with us, turning ordinary things into holy moments.

<sup>2</sup>**THIS TEXT EMERGED** as a sung prayer one day the author was leading worship. His recollection is that he initially sang it in the plural ("our hearts," etc.) but the singular version is what has become popularized... None of this was planned, so he would not have been able to recover the song if his sound engineer had not been recording the service. That prayer of the moment has found a sympathetic response from many people who understand the song as a prayer for an authentic and transformative encounter with God. In contrast with the religious songs of some other eras, this prayer does not try to bring God down to a human level, instead it asks for an experience like Isaiah's being present to God "shining in the light of your glory."

<sup>3</sup>**THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for the month of June will benefit *Taiwanese Ministers Montreat Conference* organized by Dr. John McCall, PC(USA) Mission Co-worker. Our offering will assist with the conference and travel costs for Taiwanese indigenous pastors to attend a 10-day, spiritual life conference titled, "Sowing Seeds of Understanding: Being Renewed for Ministry in a Changing Global World." Since most of the Taiwanese pastors live right at their church and many also have small children, these 10 days apart at Montreat give them the opportunity to dream new dreams, to hone their vision for ministry, and be renewed to go back as people of hope in their churches and families. *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 May supported *House of Bread*. **The final monthly total came to \$6,051.**

**Monthly Food Collection for PCC:** The food items for the month of June are canned fruit, tuna, and chicken. 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**

**Welcome:** We welcome Dr. John McCall, guest preacher and Evening VBS speaker, to the pulpit and thank him for his message this morning. John has served as a mission co-worker in Taiwan for 29 years teaching Preaching, Spiritual Theology, and Pastoral Ministry at the three Presbyterian seminaries in Taiwan and in China. He has also pastored three churches in the USA. John's ministry, both in Asia and in the USA, focuses on helping people cultivate a vibrant, world-blessing faith.

**Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill Blaylock and Elizabeth Vacher in honor of the Flower Arranging Committee and the Flower Delivery Ministry. *Arranged by Rosemary Francis.*

**Ushers:** Carol Money maker (Head), Dana Bryan, Paul Bryan, Lisa Miller, James Money maker.

**Greeter:** Monty Salyer.

**AV Technicians:** Miranda Moore, Darin Pearson.



**CALL FOR GRADUATES' NEWS:** We are collecting information on our church's graduates (high school, college, graduate school, technical training, etc.) which will be announced in the July issue of *The Second Sheet*. Please send your graduation information and future plans along with a senior photo (optional) to [andrea@spres.org](mailto:andrea@spres.org) by Monday, June 15. Students may submit their own information if desired.

**COLLEGE STUDENT MUSIC BINGO NIGHT | JUNE 18:** On June 18th from 6:30–8:30 p.m., college students are invited to attend Music Bingo at Martin's Downtown Bar and Grill. Come and attend for some fun trivia, good food, and better company! RSVP to Kylie Young ([kylieyoung913@outlook.com](mailto:kylieyoung913@outlook.com)) by Wednesday, June 17th.

**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](mailto:alight@spres.org), to learn more or enroll.

**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.*

