

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extend to Lawrence and Sally l'Anson on the death of Lawrence's mother, Ann l'Anson of Portsmouth, VA, on Sunday, July 12. Our prayers are also with their son, Ryan.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A brief Congregational Meeting will be held during today's worship service for the purpose of electing Elders for the Class of 2029. The ballot of nominees is provided in the bulletin insert. For members participating via live stream, votes should be cast by phone (540-343-3659) or email (info@spres.org) by noon on Monday, July 20. The results of the vote will be announced via churchwide email tomorrow afternoon.

A NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of the Miller and Hughes families, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Second Presbyterian Church and the Second Family for the wonderful service and reception provided for our mother Ann Miller. Your support during this time meant the world to us. Love, the Miller/Hughes Family.



**MORNING VBS "JOSEPH'S JOURNEY" & AFTER CARE CAMPS BEGIN TOMORROW | JULY 20-23 | 8:30 A.M.-12 NOON & 12 NOON-4 P.M.:**

We look forward to learning and growing with nearly 80

children this week at VBS as we explore Joseph's journey from the Bible. Thanks to our many volunteers who helped us set up!

We hope families and friends can join us at 12:00 noon on Thursday for a brief closing music presentation and celebration in the sanctuary. You will get to hear about what we have learned all week, and listen to the beautiful music and joyful noise that help make VBS so special.

For our mission project this year we are collecting money to purchase food for the Presbyterian Community Center food bank. Thanks for joining us!

**MEN'S NIGHT OUT AT THE SALEM RIDGEYAKS | JULY 22 | 4 REMAINING TICKETS:** 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 (4 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, July 19

10:00am: Worship Service with Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary & Live Stream  
5:30pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, July 20

8:30am - 12:00pm: Children's VBS  
12:00pm - 4:00pm: After Care Camps  
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library  
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe  
6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, July 21

8:30am - 12:00pm: Children's VBS  
9:30am: Staff Meeting  
12:00pm - 4:00pm: After Care Camps

Wednesday, July 22

8:30am - 12:00pm: Children's VBS  
12:00pm - 4:00pm: After Care Camps  
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline  
6:35pm: Men's Night Out at Ridge Yaks Baseball Game

Thursday, July 23

8:30am - 12:00pm: Children's VBS  
10:00am - 11:00am: Knitting Group, Library  
12:00pm - 4:00pm: After Care Camps  
12:00pm: VBS Closing Program, Sanctuary

Friday, July 24

6:35pm: Youth Event: Ridge Yaks Baseball Game

Saturday, July 25

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

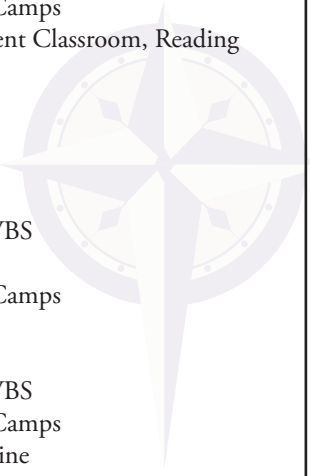
Preschool

Alice Light, *Director*  
Lori Privott, *Asst. Director*  
540.342.6405  
www.sprespreschool.com

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Chairs, visit: [www.spres.org/  
about/leadership/](http://www.spres.org/about/leadership/)

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of sermons, office hours, and  
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Sunday Morning Worship  
July 19, 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 l'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 19, 2026

WORSHIP ON SITE & ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering Music

Marche Petite

Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Meeting – Election of Elders Class of 2029<sup>1</sup>

Prelude

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Gordon Young

\*Call to Worship (by Joanna Harader)

Holy God,  
As we gather this morning, we are distracted.  
**Grant us focus.**  
We are worried.  
**Grant us peace.**  
Our lives are cluttered.  
**Grant us space.**  
Our minds are racing.  
**Slow us down.**  
Our hands are clinging to so many things.  
**Loosen our grasp.**  
May we release the many things of this world  
**as we seek the one thing–**  
**Your eternal kingdom.**

\*Hymn No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession<sup>2</sup>  
**Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, Giver of Life:**  
**Hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that**  
**separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have**  
**allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the**  
**separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us**  
**to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each**  
**other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations.**

Receive this prayer, Lord, and the silent prayers of our hearts.

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)

Sung Prayer for Illumination No. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See (vv. 2-3)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

New Testament p. 788

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Sower and the Seed

Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering<sup>3\*\*</sup>  
Offertory

Count Your Blessings

arr. Jeffrey Bennett

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. 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Sortie in D

César Franck

BULLETIN NOTES

<sup>1</sup> IN THE PRESBYTERIAN TRADITION, the election of elders is not a political process but a spiritual act of discernment. We believe that Christ alone is the Head of the Church, and through the voice of the congregation and the leading of the Holy Spirit, certain individuals are called to serve as elders in ordered ministry.

Elders are not chosen because they are perfect, but because they have been recognized for their spiritual maturity, wisdom, compassion, and commitment to the life of the church. Together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they form the Session, the governing body of the local congregation, responsible for spiritual leadership, oversight, and nurture.

Today, as we elect new elders, we give thanks for those who have faithfully served and pray for those whom God is calling now. May we listen carefully—for this is not only about who leads, but how all of us are called to follow Christ with faith, humility, and hope. (See today's insert for the slate of nominees).

<sup>2</sup> TODAY'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good’ and is used with permission.

<sup>3</sup> 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. As of Thursday, July 9, \$1,178 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 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 Alexa Cannon by her family. Arranged by Cindy Smith.

**Ushers:** Barry Green (Head), Ann Green, Jacquie Luckett, Beth Vaught Jenkins.

**Greeters:** Jim and Angie Pittendrigh.

**AV Technicians:** Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

\*Please rise.



**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 and Threes classes for the new school year, beginning mid-August. There is also space on the waitlist for Young Twos and Pre-K. 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).

**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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— SECOND PRESBYTERIAN ELDER NOMINATIONS —  
BALLOT FOR THE CLASS OF 2029

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE  
FOLLOWING NOMINEES FOR ELDER OF THE SESSION, CLASS OF 2029

|             |             |                    |                  |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Paul Bryan  | Jason Horn  | Cayce Myers        | Eddie Smith, Sr. |
| Barry Green | Anna McLean | Catherine Prescott | Sharon Stewart   |

*Learn what these nominees love about Second Pres below!*



**Paul Bryan:** "I love Second Presbyterian Church because of our focus on helping communities not only in our own neighborhoods of Roanoke, but internationally as well."



**Barry Green:** "I love Second Presbyterian Church because it is a community of grace, thoughtful faith, and genuine welcome, and I am honored to continue serving alongside people who have become such an important part of my life."



**Jason Horn:** "I love Second Presbyterian Church because it gave me the space to grow my faith on my own timeline, free from judgment or rigid expectations."



**Anna McLean:** "I love Second Presbyterian Church because of the emphasis the church has on service and missions. Service not only to the members of the church, but to the greater Roanoke Valley, our country and to those in need abroad."



**Cayce Myers:** "I love Second Presbyterian Church because of the people and church community."



**Catherine Prescott:** "I love Second Presbyterian Church because within this church community that provides so many faith shaping activities and study for people of all ages, I get to enjoy and be challenged by serving as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer and being a member of the Chancel Choir."



**Eddie Smith, Sr.:** "I love Second Presbyterian Church because of our amazing pastors, wonderful congregation, and our continual mission to serve our community as well as serving mission efforts around the world."



**Sharon Stewart:** "I love Second Presbyterian Church because it reminds me of my church growing up and so I'm comfortable and feel at home."