

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Joe Miller and family on the death of his mother, Margaret Lee Flora Miller, on Thursday, July 16.

Music

We welcome Caroline Jarrell back to Second! Caroline is an accomplished classical violinist and music educator based in the Virginia and North Carolina regional music circuits. Known for her versatility as an ensemble musician, she frequently performs as a first violinist for orchestral works, musical theater productions, and regional music festivals. Caroline is an active performer with regional ensembles, recently performing alongside premier musicians in the Festival Virtuoso Orchestra for the Virginia Blue Ridge Music Festival (VBRMF). Her orchestral experience also includes collaborations with the Roanoke Symphony leadership and the University of Virginia Music Department ensembles. Beyond traditional classical venues, she is a frequent pit musician for prominent theatrical productions. She has played violin for major regional runs of contemporary musicals like *The Spitfire Grill* with Skylight Music Theatre and showcased commercial work at the Ferguson Center for the Arts. She frequently provides string accompaniment for elite youth and community vocal ensembles, notably performing for the Roanoke Valley Children’s Choir (RVCC) concert series. Dedicated to training the next generation of string players, Caroline maintains a strong presence in youth music education. She specializes in individual violin instruction and chamber coachings, frequently serving as an interim faculty member and guest strings instructor at community institutions such as the First Baptist Academy of Music.

PRAYERS FOR THE MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE: Please keep our Senior High Youth and their chaperones in your prayers as they attend the Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina this week. As they worship, learn, and grow alongside youth from across the country, we pray this week will be filled with meaningful moments of connection, transformation, and joy—shaping them as a community and empowering them to live like Christ as they wonder and wander.

VBS 2026 “JOSEPH’S JOURNEY”: Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, parents, and children who made VBS such an amazing week; we had a wonderful time learning and growing together! Our mission project for the week helped raise more than \$1,200 to purchase food for the Presbyterian Community Center food bank, helping to feed our neighbors. To our children, parents, youth volunteers, adult leaders, and everyone who prayed, prepared, donated, encouraged, and served—thank you for making this week so special!

CAPSTONE SERMON SUNDAY, AUG. 9: Our summer Pastoral Intern Kylie Young will preach her Summer Internship Capstone Sermon following worship on August 9 in the chapel. All are invited to join.

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.*



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, July 26
Montreat High School Youth Conference
Two Cents-a-Meal
10:00am: Worship Service, Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, July 27
Montreat High School Youth Conference
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, July 28
Montreat High School Youth Conference
9:30am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 29
Montreat High School Youth Conference
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline

Thursday, July 30
Montreat High School Youth Conference
10:00am - 11:00am: Knitting Group, Library

Friday, July 31
Montreat High School Youth Conference

Saturday, August 1
Montreat High School Youth Conference

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).



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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/](#)

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Sunday Morning Worship
July 26, 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 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 26, 2026

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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST¹

Gathering Music	<i>Gigue</i>	Telemann/Simone
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude	<i>O Worship the King</i> Caroline Jarrell, violin	Gary Lanier

*Call to Worship²
Welcome to this house of the Lord.
We thank You for this kind greeting.
We come carrying burdens,
wrestling with questions,
seeking God’s presence and grace.
Our hearts and spirits are in need of God’s healing touch.
Here, you will be cherished and nurtured.
Praise be to God, who offers us such a place of comfort.

*Hymn No. 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Two Cents-a-Meal
Eleanor and Danny O’Connell (parents, Shevaun and Michael)

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Meet us in our own wrestling and do not let us go unchanged.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the Human One.

*O God, who calls us to healing and wholeness,
prepare our hearts to receive your invitation of restoration.*

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Affirmation of Faith (Selected verses from Romans 8)
We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God’s purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Concerns

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

*Hymn No. 450³ *Be Thou My Vision*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 32:22-31 Old Testament p. 26
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Wrestling with God* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{4**}
Offertory *The Swan* Camille Saint-Saëns
 Caroline Jarrell, violin

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. 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Nun Danket Alle Gott* ed., E. Power Biggs

**Please rise.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** and its liturgy was prepared by our Summer Pastoral Intern, Kylie Young.

² **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** is based on a Call to Worship by Nancy C. Townley, written for *Ministry Matters*.

³ **THIS PRAYER-HYMN** belongs to a special category known as a *lorica*, a Latin word meaning “armor” or “breastplate.” Such prayers were understood to be an incantation of divine protection, not only in times of battle but also in daily life.

⁴ **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 23, \$2,853 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 by Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt in honor of her brother Ralph and his wonderful family. *Arranged by Denise Revercomb.*

Ushers: Barry Green (Head), Ann Green, BT Fitzpatrick, Eleanor O’Connell.

Greeters: Rick and Pam Murray.

AV Technician: Andrea Boone.