

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS AND WELL WISHES TO SUMMER PASTORAL INTERN KYLIE YOUNG: As Kylie concludes her time as our Summer Pastoral Intern, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the energy, creativity, and dedication she has shared with our church family. Throughout the summer, Kylie contributed to worship, visitation, mission trips, youth and young adult gatherings, Vacation Bible School, the Montreat Youth Conference, and the Churchwide Retreat—enriching our congregation through it all with her gifts and enthusiasm. We pray for Kylie as she returns to Coastal Carolina University to continue her studies. May God bless her in all her future endeavors!

CHILDREN, WORSHIP & WONDER LUNCH & TRAINING | TODAY SUNDAY, AUG. 16 AFTER WORSHIP | SESSION ROOM: Have you ever wondered what Children, Worship & Wonder is all about? Children, Worship & Wonder is a unique ministry that invites children into the stories of our faith through wondering, storytelling, and worship. It creates a sacred space where children can experience God's presence, engage Scripture in meaningful ways, and grow in their faith. Whether you're simply curious or have been thinking about getting involved, we'd love to invite you to join us for lunch and a special training in the Session Room immediately following today's worship service. We'll be led by Elaine Austin, a retired Disciples of Christ pastor and certified Children, Worship & Wonder instructor, who will introduce the program and share what makes this ministry so meaningful. You don't have to commit to volunteering to attend—this is a great opportunity to learn more about the program, ask questions, and see if it might be a good fit for you. We are always looking for caring adults who feel called to nurture the faith of our youngest members, and we'd love to welcome new volunteers.

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT NEXT WEEKEND: We look forward to the Churchwide Retreat at Eagle Eyrie August 21–23! Thanks to everyone who registered; we'll see you there! We will have our regular 10:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary and online on Sunday the 23rd. We are glad to welcome Nancy Gray, Parish Associate for Visitation, to the pulpit while our ministers are attending the retreat.

ATTENTION SINGERS! CHOIR BEGINS: Join the Chancel Choir for rehearsals as we start a new year. Learn some anthems and build your singing skills. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7:00–8:15, beginning August 27.

- Upcoming Dates: **AUG. 27, SEPT. 3, 10, & 17**
- Let Jeff know of your interest so that we can have music for you. And, if you'd like a voice lesson before or after we begin, just let Jeff know! Jeff Sandborg, Chancel Choir Director (sandborg@roanoke.edu).

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 THIS Friday, August 21.*



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, August 16
10:00am: Worship Service, with baptism of June Early, Sanctuary & Live Stream
11:15am: CWW Training, Session Room
5:30pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, August 17
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, August 18
9:30am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 19
4:30pm: Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, August 20
10:00am - 11:00am: Knitting Group, Library

Friday, August 21
Churchwide Retreat

Saturday, August 22
Churchwide Retreat

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).

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE (BEGINS SEPT. 13):

- Aug. 30: 10:00 a.m. Rally Day Picnic @ Braeloch
- Sept 6: 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- Sept. 13: 8:45 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary



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Sunday Morning Worship
August 16, 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

AUGUST 16, 2026
WORSHIP ON SITE & ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering Music *I Come With Joy* Gilbert M. Martin

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude	<i>Prelude in F</i>	Bach/Kraft
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*Call to Worship
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Hymn No. 17 *Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, for spending our limited time and energy in ways that do not honor your name. We know that busyness for the sake of busyness is not the work of your kingdom. Yet we also know there are duties of love we have neglected toward those who care for us, depend upon us, and labor beside us. We seek your understanding and forgiveness.

We submit now to the conversation of silence...

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

Concerns

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sacrament of Baptism - June Louise Erly
Presiding Elder: Dave Speno
*Hymn of Preparation No. 487 *These Treasured Children* (v. 1)
*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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30 New Testament p. 801
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Talent Show* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{1**}
Offertory *Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide* Raymond H.Hahn
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. 716² *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude	<i>Finale in F</i>	Widor/Paxton
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**Please rise.*

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BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for August will support *Highland Park Elementary* and *Morningside Elementary Schools*. The teachers at both schools use their own money to enhance their classrooms and buy supplies their children need that the school or parents cannot make available. Our monetary offering can help these schools meet the needs of students who sometimes lack personal necessities, books, and supplies. The teachers at both schools are very appreciative of all that Second Presbyterian does to support them. **As of Monday, August 3, \$975 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 August are canned beans (pinto, baked beans). Pull top cans preferred. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

² ***GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING*** reminds us that all we possess—time, abilities, resources, and life itself—ultimately comes from God’s generous hand. Written by theologian Robert L. Edwards and set to the familiar Welsh tune NETTLETON (*Come Thou Fount*), the hymn shifts the focus of stewardship away from obligation and toward gratitude. What we offer God becomes not a repayment, but a joyful response to grace already received. The final verse beautifully widens that vision, praying that our lives themselves might become offerings of love and service in the world.

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THIS SUNDAY

Baptism: During the service today, Kelly and Ryan Early will present their daughter, June Louise Early, for the Sacrament of Baptism. June Louise is also the granddaughter of Julie and Don Mugford. The presiding elder will be Dave Speno.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of William Franklin Stanley by John and Lisa Stanley. *Arranged by Amanda Copeland.*

Ushers: Beth Vaught Jenkins (Head), Christie-Joy, Jason and Elmer Hartman.

Greeter: Jean Sanders, Carole Mayberry.

AV Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.