

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy extends to Ruby Linkous on the death of her sister, Betty Garrett, on Friday, August 7.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Martha and Dan Wheeler on the arrival of their grandson, Ezekiel "Zeke" Lee Wheeler-Knight, born on Thursday, August 13 to parents Kelly Wheeler and Justin Knight. Proud great-grandparents are Mike and Pat Sisk.

**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).

**THEOLOGY ON TAP | SEPTEMBER 1 | BIG LICK BREWING:** Men of the church are invited to join us for another great night of Theology on Tap—a space where faith meets real life over good conversation and better company. Join us Tuesday, September, 1 at Big Lick Brewing from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

**A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HANDBELLS | SEPTEMBER 6:** Everyone is invited to come and try our recently serviced, 3-octave set of White Chapel Handbells Bells on Sunday, September 6 following worship from 11:00–11:45 a.m. The handbell room is located on the third floor near the Children's Music Suite. Our regular rehearsal date/ time will begin in September: Sundays, Sept. 13 & 27 from 9:45–10:45 a.m. Do you have questions about playing handbells? Contact director Beth Vaught Jenkins at beth.vaught.jenkins@gmail.com.

**PHOTO DAYS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY | SEPTEMBER 13 & 20:** Our congregation has been asking for an updated printed directory, and we hope to fulfill this ask before the end of 2026. On Sundays, September 13 and 20, photo stations will be set up in the passageway outside the sanctuary for those who wish to use a church image for their individual or family directory photo (you may also upload your own photo through your Realm profile or send in a photo for us to upload for you). This will be the last opportunity for pictures to be taken in the church before the directory is printed. If you have any questions about using your own photo or want to submit a recent family photo, please reach out to Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org, 540-343-3659). If you had a photo taken during a previous Photo Day or uploaded your own picture to Realm, we will use the photo we already have on file if you choose not to take a new one. Please sign in to Realm and verify your contact information is up to date.

**OPEN FLOWER DATES:** The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 18; Nov. 29; Dec. 27. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

**2PC CLUBS 2026–27:** Looking for a small group where you can build friendships and enjoy your favorite hobbies? 2PC Clubs are the perfect place to connect! Check out the clubs available and sign up by Sunday, September 13 by scanning the QR code or at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org). You may sign up for more than one club. If you are already involved in a club, please sign up again so we have an accurate count of participants. Club coordinators will contact members by phone or email; the first meetings will be in October. Clubs include: *Book, Coffee, Knitting, Lunch, Morning Walking, Movie, Pickleball, Restaurant, and Roots & Wings*. Descriptions of each club are available on the signup form. Questions about Second's clubs? Contact Beth Vaught Jenkins at [Clubs.second.2026.27@gmail.com](mailto:Clubs.second.2026.27@gmail.com).



THE WEEK AHEAD

**Today, August 23**  
Church Retreat  
10:00am: Worship Service, Sanctuary & Live Stream  
5:30pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

**Monday, August 24**  
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library  
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe  
6:45pm: Scouts

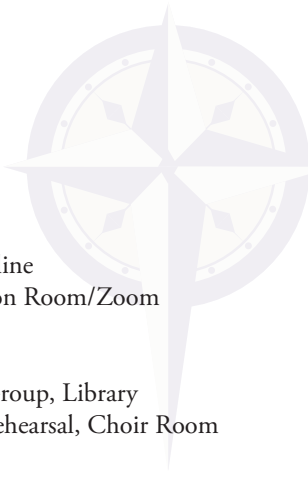
**Tuesday, August 25**  
9:30am: Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, August 26**  
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline  
5:15pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

**Thursday, August 27**  
10:00am - 11:00am: Knitting Group, Library  
7:00-8:15pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

**Friday, August 28**

**Saturday, August 29**



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

**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).



Staff

*Administrator*  
Nathan Anderson  
*Choir Director*  
Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg  
*Organist*  
Marianne Sandborg  
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Connie Polly  
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*Church Sexton*  
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Bill Broadhurst  
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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](http://www.sprespreschool.com)

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

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of sermons, office hours, and  
more, visit our website:

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Sunday Morning Worship  
August 23, 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  
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Barry Green  
Sally I'Anson  
Drew Kempley  
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Beth Vaught Jenkins  
John Jessee  
Patty Lemon  
Jim Pickens  
Dave Speno  
Maria Ward

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Amanda Copeland  
Suzanne Fischer  
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Carol Money maker  
C.J. Swanson  
Stephen Waskey  
Kevin Young

| AUGUST 23, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                           |                 |
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| WORSHIP ON SITE & ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                           |                 |
| THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                           |                 |
| Gathering Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>Jerusalem, My Happy Home</i>           | Raymond H. Haan |
| Welcome and Announcements <sup>1</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                           |                 |
| Prelude                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i> | Rex Koury       |
| <div>*Call to Worship (Psalm 136, verses 1-3, 26)<br/>O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;<br/><b>For his steadfast love endures forever.</b><br/>O give thanks to the God of gods,<br/><b>For his steadfast love endures forever.</b><br/>O give thanks to the Lord of lords,<br/><b>For his steadfast love endures forever.</b><br/>O give thanks to the God of heaven,<br/><b>For his steadfast love endures forever.</b></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                           |                 |
| *Hymn No. 39                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>          |                 |
| Call to Confession                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                           |                 |
| Prayer of Confession                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                           |                 |
| <b>Merciful God, forgive us when we fail to acknowledge your grace and faithfulness. Rather than turning to you and responding to your grace with gratitude, too often we are fearful, take everything into our own hands and distance ourselves from you. Rather than having hearts full of gratitude for the many gifts you have given us, we worry about what we don't have or cannot do. Rather than using your spiritual gifts in loving Christian service, we admit to being jealous of others and envying their gifts. We confess we fail to live with grateful hearts, place our own needs ahead of the common good and ignore the needs of others. In your mercy, Lord, forgive us.</b> |                                           |                 |
| <i>Accept now our honest confessions that silence inspires.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                           |                 |
| Assurance of Pardon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                           |                 |
| *Hymn of Response No. 581                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>Gloria Patri</i>                       |                 |

\*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.

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| Concerns                                                                                                |                                      |                        |
| Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer <i>Glory to God</i> , p. 35 (using debts, debtors)                |                                      |                        |
| Hymn No. 625                                                                                            | <i>O Lord My God</i> (vv. 1 & 4)     |                        |
| Prayer for Illumination                                                                                 |                                      |                        |
| Scripture Reading                                                                                       | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9                  | New Testament p. 923   |
| The Word of the Lord.<br><b>Thanks be to God!</b>                                                       |                                      |                        |
| Sermon                                                                                                  | <i>Begin With Thanks</i>             | Nancy O. Gray          |
| A Moment for Reflection                                                                                 |                                      |                        |
| Call to Discipleship                                                                                    |                                      |                        |
| Offering <sup>2**</sup>                                                                                 |                                      |                        |
| Offertory                                                                                               | <i>Shall We Gather at the River?</i> | Dale Wood              |
| Ritual of Friendship                                                                                    |                                      |                        |
| <i>(Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along to others in your pew, then return it to center.)</i> |                                      |                        |
| *Doxology (Hymn No. 606)                                                                                |                                      |                        |
| *Prayer of Dedication                                                                                   |                                      |                        |
| *Hymn No. 643                                                                                           | <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>      |                        |
| *Charge and Benediction                                                                                 |                                      |                        |
| Postlude                                                                                                | <i>Psalms 100</i>                    | Justin Heinrich Knecht |

\*Please rise.



**BULLETIN NOTES**

<sup>1</sup> **WE ARE GLAD TO WELCOME** Nancy O. Gray, Parish Associate for Visitation, to the pulpit today. We also thank church members Frances Buford and Jackie Luckett for volunteering to help lead worship this morning. Their presence is especially appreciated as our ministers are away attending this weekend’s Churchwide Retreat in Lynchburg, VA.

<sup>2</sup> **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 Wednesday, August 19, \$3,488 has been collected.**

Both schools need volunteers to work with students during school hours. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the following people. Your help is greatly appreciated!

- Highland Park: Michelle Dix, mdix@rcps.info
- Morningside: Danielle Coxon, dcoxon@rcps.info

*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).

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**THIS SUNDAY**

**Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God by Marc and CJ Swanson in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary. *Arranged by Martha Anderson.*

**Ushers:** Maria Ward (Head), Anne, Cayce, and Cayce Anne Myers.

**Greeters:** Rick and Pam Murray.

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



*Live Painting of the 2023 Church Picnic by Rosemary Ann St. Jacques Guzman*

## RALLY DAY PICNIC & FALL KICKOFF

**NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30  
10:00 AM @ BRAELOCH PAVILION**

Join us next Sunday 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 August 30! We will worship, enjoy a

meal, hear about opportunities for learning and fellowship, and celebrate being together. Following lunch, you are invited to stay and sign up for classes and 2PC Clubs. There will be a bounce house, balloon art, face painting, and other fun activities! Congregants are invited to bring outdoor games for entertainment, including fishing poles and bait for those who wish to fish from the dock. We want people to come and enjoy the day, linger into the afternoon, and get excited for a wonderful fall full of education and opportunity. While registration isn't necessary to attend, it does help us better prepare! Scan the QR code to register or visit [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org).



Many of you may wonder what happens to the picnic leftovers after everyone has had their fill. A local charity is chosen each year, and this year the donated food will go to the Ronald MacDonald House. Additionally, the Two Cents-a-Meal offering will be collected during picnic worship.

**COMMONWEALTH COACH AND TROLLEY** is pleased to provide transportation for those needing a ride to Braeloch from the church (please indicate on your registration form). A return trip back to church after the picnic will also be available. For those who wish to ride the bus, please meet at the church parking lot by 9:00 a.m. Ride times are as follows: 9:15 a.m. Church to Picnic | 12:15 p.m. Return to Church.

### DIRECTIONS TO THE PICNIC:

**2353 Hammond Dr., Vinton, VA 24179**

- Take Elm Ave. (Route 24) east towards Vinton (about 3.2 miles from Jefferson Street).
- Bear **RIGHT** on Hardy Road (Route 634) just past Lake Drive Plaza.
- Continue 1.6 miles to the stone parkway bridge.
- Pass under the bridge and make an immediate **RIGHT** turn onto Hammond Drive.
- Continue to the entrance gates to the property, where you will be directed to parking areas.

*\*\*A prerecorded worship service will be made available online Sunday morning for those who cannot attend Rally Day at Braeloch. The online service can be viewed on the church's website or YouTube channel.\*\**

*You're Invited!*  
Please join us for the  
**MOSS FAMILY**  
*Dedication*



**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12**  
**10:00 AM**  
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