

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, August 30

Two Cents-a-Meal
10:00 am: Worship Service and Church Picnic
at Braeloch

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
6:00 pm: Theology on Tap, Big Lick Brewing

Wednesday, September 2

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
4:00 pm: Christian Education Committee
Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom

Thursday, September 3

10:00-11:00 am: Knitting Group, Hospitality
Room
5:00 pm: Property Committee Meeting, Ses-
sion Room/Zoom
7:00-8:15 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir
Room

Friday, September 4

Preschool Closed

Saturday, September 5

THIS SUNDAY

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God in
loving memory of George and Pat Vaughan by
Lee, Laura, Sarah and Tricia.
Arranged by Denise Revercomb.

Ushers

Maria Ward (Head), Susan and Jim Bailey,
Margaret Salters, Katie Shropshire.

Greeter

Helen Burnett

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*Volunteers are needed to set up tables for lunch.
The tables are staged on each side of the venue and
we will use the chairs already in place. However, in
order to place the tables, we need every other row
of chairs to be turned around starting with the first
row closest to the pulpit.*

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RALLY DAY PICNIC & FALL KICKOFF
Sunday Morning Worship
August 30, 2026



PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. George C. Anderson, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link, Executive Pastor
The Rev. Ben Brannan, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults

Large-print copies of services may be requested from an usher.

RALLY DAY: A 1905 book, *How to Conduct a Sunday School*, had this to say about Rally Day: “This festival is rapidly growing in favor. It usually comes at the end of the summer break-up, and is used as a means of rallying the forces again for the work of fall and winter. When a general is preparing for a battle he is said to rally his forces. When a sick person begins to recover it is said of him that he is rallying. When a bookbinder brings together in one place the different sections of a book to be bound into one he is said to be rallying the book. All of these phrases may be applied to the Sunday-school work; we are rallying our forces for the great campaign of the fall and winter.”

PICNIC SUNDAY has a long history at Second Presbyterian Church. For many years, the picnic was held either on Highland Ave which was blocked off or at Highland Park near the church. Worship took place in the sanctuary or at the park. Thanks to the hospitality of Al and Nancy Hammond, Picnic Sunday was moved to Braeloch on Glenburn Farms in Vinton. Worship has been held in three different venues, beginning with the enclosed Boxtree Lodge and ending with the Braeloch open air pavilion. It has been a wonderful opportunity to dress casually, worship surrounded by nature’s beauty, and enjoy the intergenerational fellowship of the Second Presbyterian community.

The transition from worship to the picnic is a wonder of efficiency. Every other row of chairs is reversed, and tables are slid in between. If you are willing to help turn chairs or slide tables, simply await instructions.

AUGUST 30, 2026
WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M. AT BRAELOCH PAVILION
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude *He Touched Me* arr. Rouse

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Christian Education CE Committee Members & Friends

Introit *All His Benefits* (Psalm 103:2–5) Baloche Ensemble

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 97)
The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness. All the peoples behold his glory.
The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.
The Lord is most high over all the earth; the name of the Lord is exalted!

*Opening Hymn (see insert) *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE
Two Cents-a-Meal: Wells and Eliza Kreger (parents, Lee and Sarah)

A Time for Confession
Unison Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, we confess that we sometimes become so focused on doing the right things that we forget why we do them. We keep our routines, follow our rules, say our prayers, and practice our faith—but sometimes we become so concerned with the discipline that we fail to recognize your presence. Forgive us when our habits become more important than your grace, when our traditions become more important than your love, and when we fail to notice that you are already at work among us. Open our eyes to see you. Open our hearts to receive your grace. And when the bridegroom is near, teach us not only to be faithful, but also to rejoice.

Be present to us now in our shared silence.
Assurance of Pardon

Choral Response *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON
Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (using debts, debtors)

Musical Offering *Nothin’ Gonna Stumble My Feet* Gilpin
I been a-walkin’ with the Lord for many a day. (Nothin’ gonna stumble, stumble my feet.)
Tryin’ to abide in the straight and narrow way. (Nothin’ gonna stumble, stumble my feet.)
But when my time on earth is done and I hear my name,
These weary feet are gonna run!

Not gonna stammer, not gonna trip, not gonna stumble, not gonna slip,
No, nothin’ gonna stumble my feet when I go to walk that golden street!

Now the devil is a liar and a cheater, too,
And if he gets he’s way, he’ll make a slider out of you.
But if you listen for the Spirit’s voice in the moment of truth,
He’ll help you make the right choice.

Not gonna stammer, not gonna trip, not gonna stumble, not gonna slip.
No, nothin’ gonna stumble my feet, when I go to walk that golden street!
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*Affirmation of Faith Psalm 121
I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (2x)
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Scripture Reading Luke 5:33-39
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *A Picnic Sermon... ON FASTING!* Dr. George C. Anderson

Call to Discipleship
Offering**
Offertory *The Child in Each of Us Medley* arr. Ham
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn (see insert) *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

*Blessing of the Meal and Charge

*Choral Benediction *The Blessing* Carnes

Postlude *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. Hayes

*Please rise.



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 24, \$4,009 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 Cox-on, dcoxon@rcps.info

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).

Thank you to our Musicians:

Pianist
Cathy Blackwell Ryan

Ensemble
Jeremy Bartlet
Asherah Capellaro
Lilli Clevenger
Pattie Clevenger
Barry Green
Cathy Blackwell Ryan
Richard Ryan

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HYMNS / MUSIC DETAILS

*Opening Hymn (*Glory to God*, No. 839 vv. 1-3) *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
*Refrain: This is our story, this is our song, praising our Savior all the day long;
This is our story, this is our song, praising our Savior all the day long.*
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*Refrain*)
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love (*Refrain*)

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*Closing Hymn (*Glory to God*, No. 462 vv. 1 & 3) *I Love to Tell the Story*

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.
*Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*
3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (*Refrain*)

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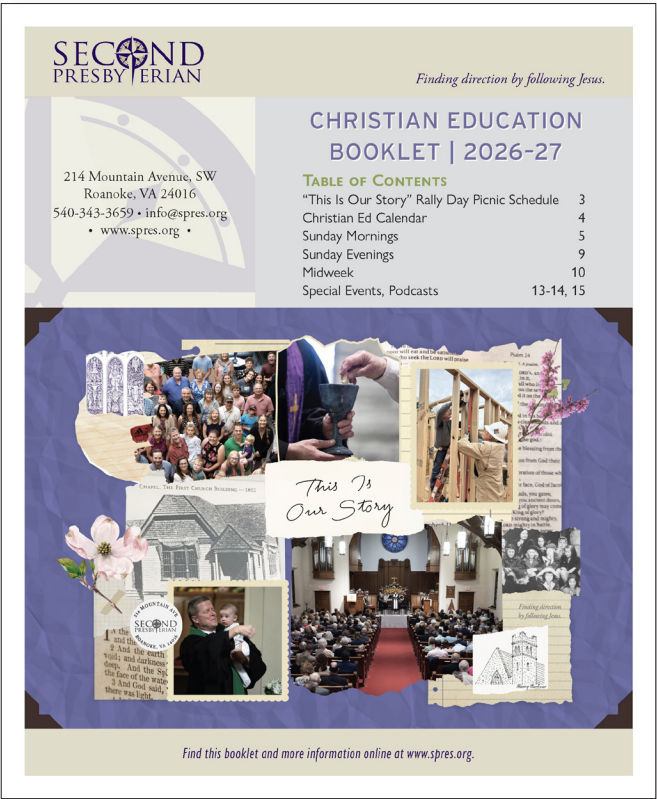
“THIS IS OUR STORY”
RALLY DAY PICNIC & FALL KICKOFF

We are so excited to celebrate Rally Day this year here at Braeloch! Today 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 fishing, a bounce house, face painting, and balloon art.

We look forward to a wonderful fall full of education and opportunity. Welcome to another year of learning, growing, and belonging!

This is our story. This is our song.

*See the Christian Education Booklet to learn about the ways you may grow in faith through education, fellowship, and discipleship throughout the 2026–27 church school year.



ON THE MENU:

From Three Li'l Pigs Barbeque:

(*Options available for dietary restrictions—
i.e. gluten free, vegan.)

- Vinegar pulled pork, chicken (sauces on the side)
- Potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, watermelon
- Green salad with dressings
- Ice cream bar (toppings on the side)
- Homemade desserts
- Lemonade and water

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- **10:00 a.m.** – Worship
After worship, we will need help to arrange the tables and chairs for our meal!
- **11:00 a.m.** – Lunch
- **11:30 a.m.** – Ice Cream Bar and Desserts opens, Bounce House, Fishing, Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Sign-ups for Fall Classes and 2PC Clubs
- **12:15 p.m.** – Bus departs Braeloch for Church

A Green Picnic! Thanks to all those who are responsible for introducing compostable place settings and the composting of food and beverages at this year’s picnic: Picnic Czars Carol and Bill Broadhurst, Congregational Life Committee, Property Committee, Worship & Music Committee, 2PC Green Team, and Star City Compost.

*Ask a Green Team member (identified by their aprons) if you have any questions! They will be stationed near the Star City Compost bins and are happy to help.



FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BEGINS SEPT 13

AUG 30

10:00 a.m. Rally Day Picnic @ Braeloch
2353 Hammond Dr., Vinton, VA 24179

SEPT 6

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Live Stream

SEPT 13

Fall Worship Schedule Begins
8:45 a.m. | Worship, Sanctuary/Live Stream
9:45 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. | Worship, Sanctuary/Live Stream

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: **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).

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.

COLLEGE OF ELDER DINNER RSVP BY SEPT 9.: Attention Elders of Second Presbyterian! Join us for the College of Elders Dinner on Thursday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.—a time of fellowship, sharing, and inspiration. We’ll hear about this year’s theme “We are Needed” within our congregation and enjoy hearing from George Anderson about his sabbatical experience. The dinner is free of cost to you as an elder of the church. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 9. Scan the QR code for more details and registration.**



HABITAT HOME DEDICATION SATURDAY, SEPT 12 @ 10:00 A.M.: Our Habitat for Humanity home build is nearly complete! Please join us for the Home Dedication on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the new homeowners, honor everyone who helped “Build It Together,” and give thanks for what we accomplished together.

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.*



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. 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 sign up form. Questions about Second’s clubs? Contact Beth Vaught Jenkins at Clubs.second.2026.27@gmail.com.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES: Off to college, new address? Please update your Realm profile or send us your or your family member’s college address so that we may keep in touch! Email Stacy Moore, Church Secretary, at stacy@spres.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Gary Glontz on the birth of his grandson, Elliott Alexander Glontz, born on Friday, July 17 to parents Alexander and Alexandra Glontz of Charlotte, NC.

Congratulations to Catherine and Matt Prescott on the arrival of their granddaughter, Imogen Odell Prescott, born on Wednesday, August 19 to parents Sam Prescott and Summer Jones of Richmond, VA. Proud great-grandmother is Nancy Barbour.

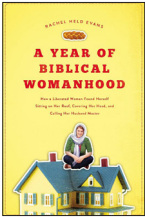
THEOLOGY ON TAP | SEPTEMBER 1 | BIG LICK BREWING: Men of the church are invited to join us for another great night of Theology on Tap—a space where faith meets real life over good conversation and better company. Join us Tuesday, September, 1 at Big Lick Brewing from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

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).

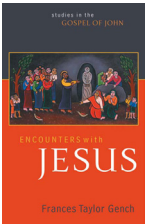
KIDS’ FELLOWSHIP BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 5:00–6:30 P.M.: Kids’ Fellowship (for Ages 4 (by Sept. 1)—5th grade) is an engaging program for children on Sunday evenings at the church. Families sign up to provide dinner, and children enjoy music and opportunities for art, recreation, and other fun activities. Parents are an important part of this program, and are invited to join us for dinner during our first meeting this month. **Kids’ Fellowship will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Parents are encouraged to join us for dinner.** After dinner, children will enjoy music and recreation (or nursery care for our youngest participants), while parents are invited to stay with Elizabeth for a special conversation about faith development in children and how we can nurture faith at home and at church.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF COOKOUT AND PARENT’S MEETING | SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 | 5:00–7:00 P.M.: Youth, parents, and families are invited to join us as we kick-off the new program year with a cookout at the Intersection! There will be food, games, and a brief informational meeting for parents (it may be helpful to bring your calendar as we will share important dates). Come join in on the fun!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY | BEGINS SEPT. 10 | THURSDAYS @ 10:30 A.M. | SESSION ROOM: Join Elizabeth Link this fall for an engaging Bible study and discussion based on Rachel Held Evans’ 2012 book, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. Over ten weeks, we’ll read the book alongside Scripture as we wrestle with challenging passages and explore what faithful biblical interpretation looks like today. Together, we’ll approach the Bible with both reverence and curiosity, honoring its historical and cultural context while seeking the liberating, life-giving heart of the gospel. Whether you’re a longtime Rachel Held Evans fan or reading her work for the first time, you’re invited to bring your questions, your experiences, and your whole self. *A limited number of copies are available for purchase in Elizabeth’s office. We hope most participants will be able to purchase books online. Contact Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org) to register.*



MEN’S BIBLE STUDY | BEGINS SEPT. 17 | THURSDAYS @ 7:15 A.M. | READING ROOM, HYBRID: The Men’s Bible Study at Second meets weekly to read, pray, and be guided by the Holy Spirit as we faithfully interpret Scripture together for our day and time—right here in Roanoke. This fall, we will begin a study of the Gospel of John using a study guide entitled *Encounters with Jesus* by Frances Taylor Gench. Come participate and enjoy what Christ is saying to us through Scripture today. If interested, please reach out to Dave Speno (davidspeno@gmail.com) for information and to be added to the group email list.



BELIEVING & BELONGING | SEPT. 20 & 27 | 9:45 A.M. | HOSPITALITY ROOM: Join our ministers George Anderson and Elizabeth Link for a seasonal two-week class on what it means to be a Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of Second Presbyterian Church. *This is a great class for visitors and new members!* The class will meet on Sunday mornings Sept. 20 & 27 at 9:45 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. Contact Engagement Coordinator Connie Polly with questions (connie@spres.org).

MEN’S RETREAT 2026 | OCT 23–24 | EAGLE EYRIE CONFERENCE CENTER: Today’s culture seems to be all about maxxng. Social influencers tell us to be all about “looksmaxxing.” Our politicians seem to be more and more interested in “vicemaxxing.” All the while, the rest of us just experience more and more “sadmaxxing” as loneliness increases and happiness decreases. This fall, the men of 2PC will gather to confront these challenges by “virtuesmaxxing” at Eagle Eyrie on October 23 and 24. Carter Brothers will lead the charge while looking at the Christian virtues highlighted in Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings* and how his story about wizards, hobbits, and elves (oh my!) can teach us how to be more fully human in the 21st Century. We will worship together, feast together, laugh together and, of course, fellowship together! **Register by Wednesday, October 14.**



GAL’S GATHERING 2026 | NOV 20–21 | ALTA MONS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER: Women of the church are invited to join us for this special overnight event to grow closer to one another and closer to God through study, conversation, crafts, and shared meals. The theme this year is “Advent Waiting.” Many of us feel like we are wandering through a kind of wilderness. Yet even in these challenging places, we can prepare the way for the Lord to come to us. Together, we can identify the obstacles that stand in our way and discern how to address them so that the themes of Advent may be more fully seen, experienced, and lived out in our community. Along the way, we will journey through each Gospel, exploring hope through Matthew’s perspective, peace through Mark’s, joy through Luke’s, and love through John’s. **Register by Wednesday, November 11.**

