

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service in celebration of the life and Christian witness of Ann Fichtenger “Tanky” Stephenson will be held on Wednesday, August 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and via live stream. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

COMMISSIONING OF PHILIP SMITH: This morning, we will commission church member Philip Smith as he sets out on a vocational mission internship with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Pristina, Kosovo. He will serve for nine months at Qendra Gërmia, a Christian community center in Pristina. The mission of Qendra Gërmia is that every child, teen, and adult who enters Qendra Gërmia will feel loved and know they matter to us and to God. Part of his role will be teaching English classes, leading events and a kids soccer program, cultivating relationships with the children and teens who enter the center, and teaching Christian values such as forgiveness and compassion, while being an active participant within the community as a whole. The primary language is Albanian, and Islam is the main religion in the country. There are still scars in the community from conflicts over the last several decades, and there is a deep need for the light of Christ in the brokenness. Philip shared: “*This internship will provide an unforgettable, life-changing experience that will help prepare me for serving in full-time ministry. It also will serve as an amazing growth opportunity for my faith, getting to serve in a Christian minority context. It is unlikely that my heart would have been drawn to this mission without the experiences I have had with Second Presbyterian Church. Second has served as a foundation for my faith. I particularly had a profound experience serving in the Dominican Republic on a mission trip right after I graduated; it radically transformed my faith. As the place where I was baptized, raised, confirmed, participated in youth group, served on youth council, and served as a Summer Pastoral Intern, it feels necessary to invite the church to join me on this next chapter of my faith.*” Please join us in praying for Philip as he serves and grows in faith alongside our siblings in Christ in Kosovo.

PASTORAL INTERN CAPSTONE SERMON TODAY AFTER WORSHIP | CHAPEL: Our summer Pastoral Intern Kylie Young will preach her Summer Internship Capstone Sermon immediately following worship today in the chapel. All are invited to join!

WELCOME BACK, DR. ANDERSON: We are delighted to welcome Dr. George Anderson back to our congregation this week following his 12-week study sabbatical. Since May 18, Dr. Anderson has focused on “The Longer Reach of Second Presbyterian Church,” studying, thinking, and praying about how our congregation might further leverage its wisdom, leadership, resources, and partnerships to extend our impact beyond what is typically expected of a church our size. His focus included our local community, the national church, and our global connections. Please join us in offering Dr. Anderson a warm welcome as he returns to the office this week and in worship next Sunday! We look forward to the ways his time apart will continue to bless our church and community.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, August 9
8:30am: Elder Elect Class of 2029 Orientation Meeting, Session Room
10:00am: Worship Service, Sanctuary & Live Stream
11:15am: Capstone Sermon with Kylie Young, Chapel

Monday, August 10
5:30pm: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, August 11
9:30am: Staff Meeting
11:00am-2:00pm: DFOC, Session Room/Zoom
5:00pm: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, August 12
11:00am: Memorial Service for Ann "Tanky" Stephenson, Sanctuary with Reception in Fellowship Hall
12:00pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
4:00pm: Christian Education Com. Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom
5:00pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
5:15pm: Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, August 13
10:00am - 11:00am: Knitting Group, Library

Friday, August 14
12:00pm: Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Reading Room

Saturday, August 15

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Nathan Anderson
Choir Director
Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg
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Marianne Sandborg
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Connie Polly
Children's Ministry Coordinator
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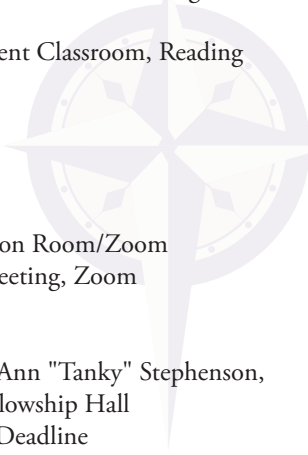
Missionaries
National:
Beth-El Farmworker Ministry; Wimauma, FL
Local:
Presbyterian Community Center, Roanoke, VA

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
August 9, 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
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Kevin Young



CHILDREN, WORSHIP & WONDER LUNCH & TRAINING | 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 on Sunday, August 16, immediately following worship** (lunch will be provided). 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. **RSVP to Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org) by Thursday, Aug 13.**

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).

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).

SUPPORT SECOND PRES WHILE YOU SHOP AT KROGER: Did you know that if you link your Kroger Plus Card to Second Presbyterian Church (NPO #JC314) through the Kroger Community Rewards program, Kroger will donate a portion of your purchases to our church? It's a small step that creates a big impact. Visit: kroger.com/communityrewards to enroll. Thank you to all participating!

RALLY DAY PICNIC @ BRAELOCH PAVILION | SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | 10:00 A.M. | REGISTER BY AUG. 21: 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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Rally Day

PICNIC & FALL KICKOFF

Sunday, Aug. 30, 2026
10:00AM @ Braeloch

Learn more and RSVP by
August 21 at www.spres.org.

