

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHOTO DAYS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY | TODAY, SEPT. 13 & NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 | 9:45–10:45 A.M., 12:00 P.M.: 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, or let us know if you have a new address, phone number, or email.*

2PC CLUBS 2026-27 | SIGN UP BY TODAY: 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 TODAY, 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 signup form. Questions about Second's clubs? Contact Beth Vaught Jenkins at Clubs.second.2026.27@gmail.com.

KIDS' FELLOWSHIP BEGINS TODAY 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 begins tonight 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 | TODAY
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!

OPEN FLOWER DATES: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Sept. 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).

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.

Today, September 13

Pictorial Directory Photos Taken
Program Year Begins
8:45am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45am: Sunday School
11:00am: Worship Service with child baptism of James
Revercomb, Sanctuary & Live Stream
5:00pm: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00pm: Nurturing Faith & Spirit, Fellowship Hall with
Dinner
5:00pm: Youth Group Kickoff Cookout & Parenting Meet-
ing, Intersection

Monday, September 14

5:30pm: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom
and Session Rom

6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading
Room, Library

6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe

6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, September 15

9:30am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

8:05am: Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
4:30pm: Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, September 17

7:15am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
9:30am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
10:30am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room
6:00pm: College of Elder Dinner, Fellowship Hall
7:00-8:15pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Administrator
Nathan Anderson

Choir Director
Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg

Organist
Marianne Sandborg

Engagement Coordinator
Connie Polly

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Ron Ayers
Lauren Ellerman
Stephen Lemon

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Bill Broadhurst
Ken Lyons (Asst. Clerk)

Treasurers

Joe Miller
Bob Martin (Vice Treasurer)

Missionaries

National:
Beth-El Farmworker
Ministry; Wimauma, FL
Local:
Presbyterian Community
Center, Roanoke, VA

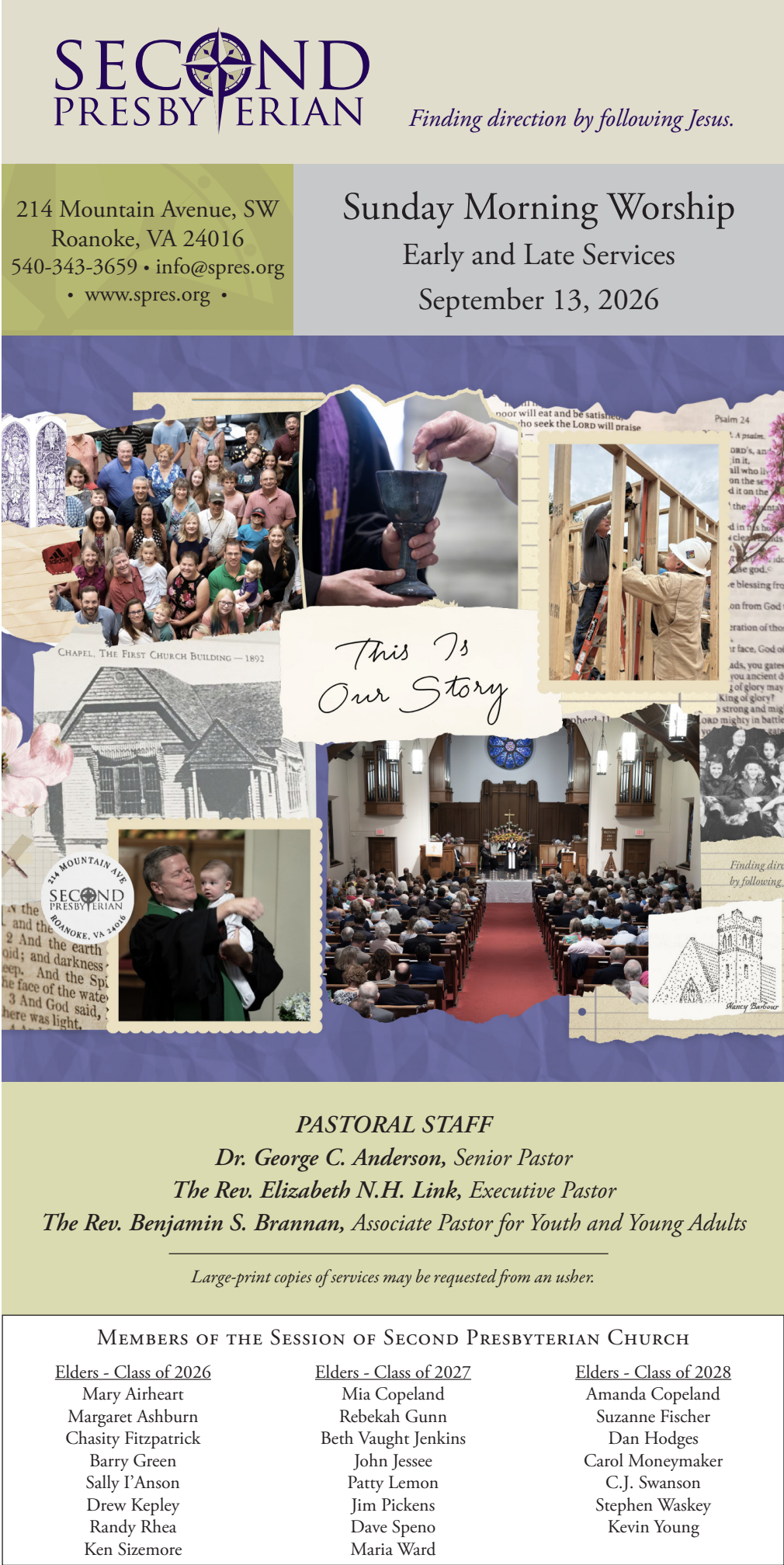
Preschool

Alice Light, *Director*
Lori Privott, *Asst. Director*
540.342.6405
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For a list of church Committee
Chairs, visit: [www.spres.org/
about/leadership/](http://www.spres.org/about/leadership/)

For upcoming events, a library of sermons, office hours, and more, visit our website:

www.spres.org



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

WORSHIP AT 8:45 & 11 A.M. | 11 A.M. IN PERSON & ONLINE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering Music

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Feeding Southwest Virginia

Jill Wharton, Dir. Foundation Relations; Amanda Goforth, Grant Writer

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

Dale Wood

(11:00 A.M.) Choral Introit

Lead Me, Lord

S.S. Wesley

*Call to Worship

We gather together to remember,

To once again tell the stories we know.

Come and celebrate the story of our God,

A story of compassion and mercy, of redemption and love;

A story passed down from generation to generation;

A story we are still writing.

Our story is God’s story!

Let us praise God together!

*Hymn No. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you have given us a story worth remembering and a faith worth passing on. Yet too often, we forget. We speak of your love but fail to embody it. We gather around your table but overlook our neighbors. We hear your Word but resist allowing it to shape our lives. We become so busy maintaining what we have built that we forget to ask what our lives are teaching those who come after us. By your Spirit, make us a people whose lives we build together become living stones of remembrance, so that when someone asks, “What does this mean?” we will have a story of your goodness to tell.

Center our hearts, O God, so we might hear your story of grace and forgiveness in the silence of your Spirit.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581

Gloria Patri

(8:45 A.M.) *Affirmation of Faith (adapted from 1 Corinthians 12:3-13)

The church, made of many parts, is one in Christ. There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit moves among us. There are varieties of services, but the same Lord calls us together. There are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who gives life to all. Each person is given the Spirit’s presence for the good of the whole community. No gift is too small, no calling insignificant. For the Spirit works through each of us as the Spirit wills. Together, we are the body of Christ, gifted, gathered, and sent in love.

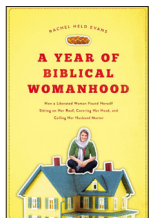
Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer <i>Glory to God</i> , p. 35 (using debts, debtors)		
(11:00 A.M.) Anthem <i>O, How I Love Jesus</i> arr. Lloyd Larson		
There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.		
Refrain: O how I love Jesus [3x], because he first loved me!		
It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]		
It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. [Refrain]		
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Prayer for Illumination		
(11:00 A.M.) Sacrament of Baptism - James Venable Revercomb IV		
Presiding Elder: Denise Revercomb		
*Hymn of Preparation No. 486 <i>Child of Blessing, Child of Promise</i> (v. 1)		
*Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed <i>Glory to God</i> , p.35		
<i>Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K–1st grade) excused after the baptism.</i>		
Scripture Reading Joshua 4:1-9, 19-24 Old Testament p. 175		
The Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God!		
Sermon <i>This Is Our Story</i> Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan		
A Moment for Reflection		
Call to Discipleship		
Offering ^{1**}		
Offertory <i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i> James Southbridge		
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. 54 <i>Make a Joyful Noise to God!</i>		
*Charge and Benediction		
Go into the world with the assurance that you belong to God.		
We go with hope, trusting in the promises of Christ.		
Go to love boldly, serve joyfully, and live as signs of God’s grace.		
And we go as a people finding direction by following Jesus, singing together:		
<i>This is our story, this is our song, praising our Savior all the day long [2x].</i>		
Postlude		
<i>Echo Alleluia</i>		
Henry Purcell/Smith		
<i>*Please rise.</i>		



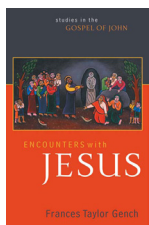
BULLETIN NOTES
¹ THE OUTREACH OFFERING for September will support <i>Feeding Southwest Virginia</i> . September is Hunger Action Month, a time for each of us to work together and serve our neighbors in Roanoke. Food insecurity is a situation that anyone can experience, and is often the result of a lost job, an unexpected medical expense, or the rising cost of everyday expenses like food and housing. More than 16,000 neighbors experience food insecurity in Roanoke City, leaving many families feeling stretched and uncertain as they work to ensure the people they care about have enough food to thrive and be healthy. FSWVA is grateful for our long-time support of their programs including the Community Solutions Center Neighborhood Pantry on Melrose Avenue, work with Agency Partner food pantries across Roanoke, work with Carilion Hospital on the Food Farmacy program, and children’s programs such as the Kid’s Farmer’s Market and Backpack programs for local schools. Almost one-quarter of children in Roanoke City experience food insecurity, but with our support during the past year, FSWVA distributed more than 42,600 meals to our neighbors in Roanoke. When neighbors care for neighbors by giving, volunteering, and speaking up on behalf of their community, we can move caring into action. As of Monday, September 8, \$644 has been collected.
<i>Undesignated cash gifts are given to the Outreaching Offering. If you would like your gift to benefit the church, please designate “Second Presbyterian.”</i>
During the month of August, the Outreach Offering supported <i>Highland Park Elementary</i> and <i>Morningside Elementary Schools</i> . The final monthly total came to \$5,766.
Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for the month of September are canned chili and beef stew. 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
Baptism: During the 11 o'clock service this morning, Ainsley and James Revercomb will present their son, James Venable Revercomb IV, for the Sacrament of Baptism. The presiding elder will be Denise Revercomb, James' grandmother.
Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Denise Revercomb in celebration of her grandson, James Venable Revercomb IV, on the occasion of his baptism. <i>Arranged by Amanda Copeland.</i>
Ushers: (8:45) Rebekah Gunn (Head), Daniel Gunn, Don and Julie Mugford. (11:00) Ken Sizemore (Head), Manly Aylor, BT and Chasity Fitzpatrick, Wayne Lewis.
Greeters: Nancy and Clint Hopkins.
AV Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.
Children, Worship & Wonder: "Orientation to the Worship Center: Talking to God." Greeter, Lisa Miller. Storyteller, Jacqueline Luckett. Program Coordinator, Lisa Miller.

BELIEVING & BELONGING | SUNDAYS, 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).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | BEGAN 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.



THE LONGER REACH OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | SABBATICAL REPORT | SEPT. 23, 30, OCT. 7: Having returned from sabbatical, Dr. George Anderson will share insights from his three months of study and reflection on emerging needs in our world and the church—and how Second Presbyterian Church is uniquely equipped to respond. Three guided conversations will be held this fall, featuring brief presentations and discussion. Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel and conclude by 8:00 p.m. No nursery will be provided. The conversations will focus on several areas of particular importance identified during the sabbatical, where Second Presbyterian Church can make a meaningful difference. **Schedule:** *September 23—The Changing Landscape, September 30—The Changing PC(USA), October 7—The Changing Ways to Witness.*

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,” and our guest speaker is the Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor of Buchanan Presbyterian Church. 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.**



PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND HIRING: The preschool has a few spots open in the Threes class for the 2026–27 school year. Additionally, the preschool is looking to hire after care staff for a couple of afternoons each week, 12:30–5:30 p.m. Please email Preschool Director Alice Light (alight@spres.org) to learn more or enroll.