

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Gloria Burleigh on the arrival of her great-grandson, Arthur Kovarik Purdy, born on Tuesday, August 25 to parents Ella and Chris Purdy. Congratulations to Shelby and Jason Bingham on the arrival of their grandson, Parker Barry Truman, born to parents Bailey and Jake Truman.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 7 and will reopen on Tuesday, September 8.

REMEMBRANCE

With the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on 9/11, we honor the lives lost, give thanks for those who served and saved, and seek justice and peace where it is within our ability.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HANDBELLS | TODAY, SEPT. 6: Everyone is invited to come and try our recently serviced, 3-octave set of White Chapel Handbells Bells following worship today 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.

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. 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).

COLLEGE OF ELDERS 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.

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.

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).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, September 6
10:00am: Worship Service, Sanctuary & Live Stream
11:00-11:45am: Handbell Opportunity, Handbell Room

Monday, September 7
Office and Preschool Closed for Holiday

Tuesday, September 8
9:30am: Staff Meeting
4:00pm: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom
5:15pm: Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Wednesday, September 9
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
5:00pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
5:15pm: Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, September 10
9:30am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
10:30am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room
7:00-8:15pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, September 11
12:00pm: Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Reading Room

Saturday, September 12

FALL WORSHIP & PROGRAM
SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13

8:45 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Live Stream;
Children, Worship, & Wonder
5–7 p.m. Youth Group, Intersection
5–6:30 p.m. Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
& Children’s Music Suite



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Sunday Morning Worship
September 6, 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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Sally I’Anson
Drew Kempley
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Elders - Class of 2027

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Jim Pickens
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Maria Ward

Elders - Class of 2028

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026¹
WORSHIP ON SITE & ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering Music	<i>Land of Rest</i> (American)	Dale Wood
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *In Christ There Is No East or West* Gilbert M. Martin
(American Spiritual)

*Call to Worship

We come before the God who calls us into the vineyard.

We come ready to receive what God gives.

We come not because we have earned our place,
but because God is generous.

We come trusting in the abundance of God's grace.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
We confess that we are often more concerned with what we deserve than with what you freely give. We compare our work with the work of others, our blessings with theirs, and our rewards with what we think is fair. Forgive us when gratitude gives way to resentment, and when your generosity toward others feels like something has been taken from us. Teach us to trust your goodness, rejoice in your grace, and receive the life you give with humility.

We have more to say in the silence.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*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.

Concerns

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-19 New Testament p. 795
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Labor Day in God's Kingdom* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{2**}
Offertory *Medley:* Cherwien/Wood
Let All Things Now Living/All Things Bright and Beautiful
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. 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude	<i>Plein Jeu a la Couperin</i> <i>(A Full Organ Homage to Couperin)</i>	Gordon Young
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**Please rise.*

BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **THE FIRST LABOR DAY** was celebrated in New York City on September 5, 1882, when thousands of workers marched in a parade and then gathered with their families for speeches, a picnic, and recreation. What began as a celebration organized by the labor movement became a national holiday in 1894. Labor Day reminds us not only to enjoy a day off, but to honor the dignity of work and the people whose labor sustains our communities.

2 THE OUTREACH OFFERING for September will support *Feeding Southwest Virginia*. 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.

Undesignated cash gifts are given to the Outreaching Offering. If you would like your gift to benefit the church, please designate "Second Presbyterian."

During the month of August, the Outreach Offering supported *Highland Park Elementary* and *Morningside Elementary Schools*. **As of Monday, August 28, \$4,039 has been collected.**

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

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bob Fishburn and Sally Crockett by the family. *Arranged by Emily McCahill.*

Ushers: Ken Sizemore (Head), Wayne Lewis, Kipper Nottingham, Nancy Sizemore.

Greeters: Monty Salyer.

AV Technicians: Darin Pearson.



PHOTO DAYS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY | SEPT. 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 | SIGN UP BY NEXT SUNDAY: 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 NEXT 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 signup form. Questions about Second’s clubs? Contact Beth Vaught Jenkins at Clubs.second.2026.27@gmail.com.



KIDS’ FELLOWSHIP BEGINS NEXT 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. *Scan the QR code to RSVP for the dinner/program.*



YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF COOKOUT AND PARENT’S MEETING | NEXT 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!

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).

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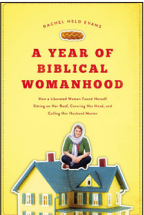
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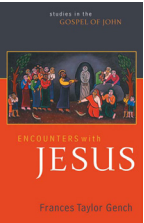
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WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY | BEGINS SEPT. 10 | THURSDAYS @ 10:30 A.M. | SESSION ROOM: Join Elizabeth Link this fall for an engaging Bible study and discussion based on Rachel Held Evans’ 2012 book, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. Over ten weeks, we’ll read 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 | 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).

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.**

