The Week Ahead

Today, November 1
All Saints' Day
8:45 am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
9:45 am: Sunday School
9:45 am: POP-UP Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
12:00 pm: Remembrance Service, Columbarium
5:00 pm: Kid's Fellowship
5:00 pm: Youth Group, Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 2
5:30 pm: Pre-Election Prayer Service, Sanctuary
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, November 3
Election Day, Preschool Closed
6 am-7 pm: Voting Polls, Kirk Hall

Wednesday, November 4
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
6:00 pm: Theology on Tap, Starr Hill

Thursday, November 5
7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
9:30 am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
10:30 am: Women's Bible Class, Session Room
4:00 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom
5:00 pm: Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

This Sunday

Flowers
The flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim and Ruth Robertson and John and Mary Robertson Delaney in loving memory of their parents, Jim and Nancy Robertson, and their brother, John Robertson.
Arranged by Amanda Copeland.

Ushers
8:45 A.M.: Randy Rhea (Head Usher) Manly Aylor, Kipper Nottingham, Mark Watts.
11:00 A.M.: Mary Airheart (Head Usher). Mia Copeland, Wayne Lewis, Margo M.

Greeters
8:45 A.M.: Monty Salyer.
11:00 A.M.: Elizabeth Vacher.

AV Technicians
8:45 A.M.: Kirk Treubert.
11:00 A.M.: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder
"Best Ways to Live." Greeter, Brandon Ashburn. Storyteller, Rhesa Bailey. Program Coordinator, Lisa Miller.

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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
November 1, 2026



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

The Artwork featured on today's bulletin cover is by Lee Penny Baker.

All Saints' Day is observed on the first Sunday of November. It is a day when we honor the faithful in our church community who have died during the past year, and we remember and rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints.

The Call to Worship is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

The Prayer of Confession comes from the *Book of Common Worship,* p. 386.

The Affirmation of Faith is an excerpt from the Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA.

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November 1, 2026
Worship at 8:45 & 11 a.m. | 11 a.m. In Person & Online
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music *Land of Rest* Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *All Men Are Mortal* J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,
"Let there be light!"
In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,
"I am the Light of the world."
In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,
The ones in whom God's light shines.
So let us give thanks for the saints this day,
And let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 326 *For All the Saints*

(11:00 A.M.) A Time for Children

Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K–1st grade) excused following the Children's Time.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

In this moment of silence, we open our hearts to you.

Sung Response No. 59 *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Concerns

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

(11:00 A.M.) Hymn/Anthem *The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune* Ralph Vaughan Williams

(Lyrics for congregation and choir are printed on insert.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Old Testament p. 147

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Hear, O Israel* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship**

Offering

Offertory *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Dennis Johnson

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

(8:45 A.M.) The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*** and Prayer for the Communion of Saints

*Hymn of Preparation No. 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!* (v. 1)

(Response: *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing* is printed on insert.)

(11:00 A.M.) Prayer for the Communion of Saints

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(11:00 A.M.) *Hymn No. 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

Refrain: This is <u>our</u> story, this is <u>our</u> song, praising <u>our</u> Savior all the day long;
This is <u>our</u> story, this is <u>our</u> song, praising <u>our</u> Savior all the day long.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* Gordon Young

*Please rise.
***All communion elements are gluten free.*

** Scan to Give

The Outreach Offering for November will benefit *Local Office on Aging* (LOA). "We are dedicated to our mission of helping older persons remain independent for as long as possible." LOA's mission statement is their passion and commitment. LOA serves seniors and their families in the Roanoke Valley and surrounding area with services including Meals on Wheels, Vital Services Transportation, Congregate Meal Program, Emergency Food Pantry, Insurance Counseling, Falls Prevention Programs, Caregiver Resource Referral, and many more! Donors and volunteers are the heart of their mission, ensuring that many of their services, especially the Meals on Wheels program, are available for every senior in need. Learn more about LOA and how you can get involved at www.loaa.org.

The Outreach Offering for the month of October supported the *PCC Food Pantry.* **As of Thursday, October 20, $8,060 has been collected.**

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: November's food collection will support the middle school youth Hunger Busters event. See announcement for more details.

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All Saints' Sunday 2026

beloved church family who have passed away this year

Frank Alger Boxley, Sr. . . . . . *January 25, 2026*
Margaret Whitesell Chaney (Patsy) . . . . . *April 26, 2026*
Richard Lewis Hodges (Dick) . . . . . *October 8, 2026*
Dr. John Hayden Hollingsworth . . . . . *April 13, 2026*
Richard Greene Lawson, Sr. (Dick) . . . . . *February 12, 2026*
Dr. Edmund Michael Lesko . . . . . *October 12, 2026*
Ann I. Miller . . . . . *June 19, 2026*
Robert Wilson Miller (Bob) . . . . . *March 23, 2026*
Daisy Williams Moore (Dee) . . . . . *December 11, 2025*
William Lovell Neal (Bill) . . . . . *May 11, 2026*
John Finley Nelson . . . . . *November 22, 2025*
Lewis Mann Nelson, Jr. . . . . . *January 7, 2026*
Lawrence Ashby Owens . . . . . *May 8, 2026*
Garnett Jo Rider (Jo) . . . . . *November 5, 2025*
Ann Fichtenger Stephenson (Tanky) . . . . . *June 14, 2026*
Dr. Kenneth Douglas Tuck . . . . . *March 31, 2026*
Louis Stephens Waldrop, Jr. (Steve) . . . . . *December 31, 2025*
Elizabeth Claiborne Robinson Whitney (Betsy) . . . . . *May 5, 2026*
Patricia Elaine Ponder Wilson . . . . . *March 21, 2026*

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Translator: John Mason Neale, 1818-1866 Attributed to Jean Tisserand (d. 1494)



A Prayer for the Communion of Saints

Eternal Father, You hold all souls in life, shed forth, we beseech You, on Your whole Church, in heaven and on earth, the bright shining of Your light and heavenly comfort. Receive our thanksgiving for those who have loved and served You and are now at rest with You. Give to us, O blessed Father, grace to follow their good example, that we may at last enter with them into the fullness of Your unending joy; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All Saints' Day Columbarium Service

Immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship hour today, there will be a special service held in the William R. Klein Columbarium. At this time, the congregation will gather in remembrance of those who have joined the Church Triumphant since this time last year. Everyone is invited to attend. The flowers in the Columbarium are given to the glory of God.

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

Ralph Vaughan Williams

CONGREGATION & CHOIR:
1. All people that on Earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

CONGREGATION & CHOIR:
2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

CHOIR:
3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

CHOIR:
4. For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

CONGREGATION & CHOIR:
5. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
The God whom heaven and earth adore.
From men and from the angel host'
Be praise and glory evermore.

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Designated Funds of Second Presbyterian Church

The Designated Funds of the Church have grown primarily through the gifts of memorials and bequests. The Legacy Workgroup gives thanks for all those who have entrusted resources to Second Presbyterian Church. May we honor their trust with ongoing ministry that bears witness to God. The current designated funds are listed below.

Benevolences, Mission and Outreach

- **Mountain Avenue Fund** – provides annual support for local ministries dealing with homelessness, poverty, hunger, and at-risk children.
  - **Anne and Granger Macfarlane Grant** – supports vulnerable individuals and families in the spirit of the Mountain Avenue Fund.
- **Lil Brown Benevolent Fund** (within Second Fund) – responds to needs related to mental health.
- **Help Fund** – for meeting immediate needs, at the pastors' discretion.
- **Gene and Treva Richter Fund for Outreach & Education** – supports outreach and education purposes within and outside church programing, as well as vocational guidance.

Christian Education

- **H. Spencer Edmunds Fund** – supports the Edmunds Lecture Series; brings persons of national or international reputation to challenge and inspire us with Biblical messages.
- **Kittye Susan Trent Fund** – supports a broad range of educational programs and scholarships at Second Presbyterian and the larger church.
- **Trustees: Johnson Memorial Fund** – provides in whole or in part for the college or postgraduate education of a student preparing for ministerial or other religious works.
- **Trustees: Payne Scholarship Fund** – for general scholarships for members of Second Presbyterian to Union Presbyterian Seminary and for the charitable purpose of the Presbyterian Homes.
- **William R. Klein Continuing Education Fund** – provides opportunities for continuing education, educational experiences and sabbaticals for our professional preaching staff.
- **George and Millie Anderson Cornerstone Fund for Pastoral Excellence** – supports pastoral excellence.

Congregational Ministry

- **Music Fund** – for special music programs and featured musicians which enhance our worship services.
- **Music Maintenance Fund** – for maintenance, repair, and preservation of musical instruments owned and used by the church.
- **Preschool Fund** – supports capital and program needs of Second Presbyterian Preschool.
- **Frank and Martha Clay Martin Fund for Youth** – supports the youth and young adult ministries.
- **Youth Mission Fund** (within Second Fund) – supports youth mission trips; helps those who may need funding or for projects for the youth.

Facilities and Operational Expenses

- **Columbarium Fund** – for long-term care and maintenance of the Columbarium.
- **Donald and Elizabeth Parsons Maintenance Fund** – supports ongoing maintenance and operational expenses of the church.
- **Alexa House Fund** – for maintenance of Alexa House.

Long-term Viability

- **Second Fund** – for the use of the church as it engages in promoting or carrying out religious, charitable, benevolent or literary purposes. Separately incorporated fund for the preservation of Second and for special mission projects.

Learn more about how annual giving, church funds, legacy generosity, and other forms of participation work together to support and extend Second Presbyterian's ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathy

Our sympathies extend to April and Greg Zachmann on the death of April's mother, Earline Franklin Gosney of Danville, VA, on Saturday, October 24. Our prayers are also with their children, Evan and Andrew Zachmann.

POP-UP Sunday School | TODAY @ 9:45 a.m. | "This Is Our Story: Service & Outreach at Second" with Ben Brannan: How does our faith move beyond the walls of the church? We'll hear about the ways Second Pres. serves our neighbors and community, explore the stories behind some of our outreach ministries, and consider where God might be calling us to serve.

Election Eve Prayer Service | TOMORROW, Nov. 2 | 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary: On the eve of Election Day, Second Presbyterian will host an Election Eve Prayer Service inviting people throughout the Roanoke Valley to pause from the noise of the campaign and pray together for their community, their neighbors, and their country. The service will offer prayers for the Roanoke community, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the nation, as well as prayers for wisdom, humility, courage, and the grace to love one's neighbor across differences. The service is intentionally nonpartisan. It will include prayers, Scripture, music, and reflection focused not on candidates or political parties, but on the responsibilities Christians share as neighbors and citizens. The service is open to the public, and people of all political perspectives and Christian traditions are welcome.

Theology on Tap | Wednesday, Nov. 4 | 6:00 p.m. | Starr Hill Brewery: 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 on Wednesday, November 4 at Starr Hill Brewery from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Hunger Busters Collection thru Nov. 15: Middle school youth are collecting all canned goods through Sunday, November 15 for the Presbyterian Community Center's Hunger Buster Initiative as they stock their shelves to share with neighbors in Southeast Roanoke and beyond. You may pick up your donation bag (take as many as you can fill) from the sanctuary on Sundays or from the front desk on weekdays. Return your filled bag(s) to the stage in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, Nov. 15. Thank you for helping to feed those in need in Roanoke!

Gals' 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, Nov. 11.***

We Are NEEDED

Remember Your Commitment: Commitment cards have been mailed and are available in the sanctuary and at the front office. You can communicate your financial commitment via mail, by phone or email to Church Administrator Nathan Anderson (540-343-3659; admin@spres.org), or online via your Realm account (Log in --> Giving --> + Pledge --> 2027 General Fund).

Open Flower Date: Sunday, November 29 is available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary. Contact Denise Revercomb to see if the date is still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@ cox.net).

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.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

— See the Reverse Side for Holiday Season Opportunities —

HOLIDAY SEASON OPPORTUNITIES

Grief Seminar | Thursday, Nov. 12 | 5:30–7:00 p.m. | Session Room: The holiday season can stir up tender memories and emotions, especially after the loss of a loved one. Join us for a supportive workshop that offers space to honor those we remember, while also exploring ways to discover light and joy during the holidays. Together, we will share stories, learn about the impact of grief in this season, and receive practical coping strategies. Our time will include candle-lighting, guided reflection, conversation, and teaching led by Frances Gaeta, LCSW, Clinical Program Manager at the Center for Grief and Healing. ***Scan the QR code to register by Monday, Nov. 8.***

Advent Workshop & Potluck Dinner | Sunday, Nov. 22 | 4:45–7:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall: All ages are warmly invited to join us for our annual Advent Workshop and Potluck Dinner! Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, food, and creativity as we prepare our hearts and homes for the Advent season. We'll be making Advent wreaths again this year, and we would love your help in collecting some of our supplies. We'll provide the candles, base, and oasis, but would appreciate volunteers bringing clippers and evergreen branches from your home or neighborhood (with permission!). Kids' Fellowship children will be dismissed from the workshop around 6:00 p.m. for Christmas pageant rehearsal. Bring a dish to share and celebrate the season with your church family! ***Scan the QR code to register by Monday, November 16.***

Drumstick Dash: It's time to sign up for the Drumstick Dash event to benefit the Rescue Mission! Taking place Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 a.m., run, walk, and virtual run/walk events are available. If you have plans to attend, consider joining the Second Presbyterian Team! When registering online, click to join an existing Team Challenge and select Second Presbyterian under Churches from the list. There will be special recognition given to the largest church group participating. So head to www.drumstickdash.net and sign up for the Second Presbyterian team!

Poinsettia Orders: If you would like to give memorial or celebration poinsettias for the Christmas season services, please complete the online registration form by scanning the QR code or at www.spres.org; hard copies are available at the front desk. We encourage you to fill out the form online to ensure spelling accuracy. ***Orders are due by Friday, Dec. 4.***

Christmas Dinner & Pageant | Sunday, Dec. 6 | 5:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall: Mark your calendar for our church family Christmas Dinner & Pageant on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 6! Dinner by Lib & Amy Catering begins at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. After dinner, we recess to the Sanctuary for the traditional Christmas Pageant with music by the children and youth. Come join the festivities! ***Register by Wednesday, November 25 by scanning the QR code or at www.spres.org.***

Jail Ministry Christmas Card Collection: Have leftover Christmas cards taking up space? The Service and Outreach Committee has a solution! Drop your unused cards in the Jail Ministry Christmas Card Collection Box in the coat closet off Kirk Hall, available through the holidays. Your cards will help inmates at Western Virginia Regional Jail send Christmas greetings to loved ones, and the committee will provide stamps to help cover postage. Clear out your stash and share the love of Christ this Christmas!

