Announcements

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Martha Bersch on the death of her brother, John Ratledge of Tuscaloosa, AL, on Friday, October 16.

Daylight Saving Reminder

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. next Sunday, November 1. Don't forget to "fall back" and set your clocks back an hour on the evening of October 31.

Trunk or Treat | TODAY! | 4:00–6:00 p.m. | Mountain Ave Parking Lot: The 6th Annual 2PC Youth Trunk or Treat will be today, October 25th in the Mountain Avenue Parking Lot from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. This event brings our neighbors, our preschool, our mission partners, and local schools together for a SPOOKtacular night of fun and fellowship! The youth create games for all the kids to play, while members of our church volunteer to decorate their trunks and pass out candy! The Second Pres Preschool even sponsors the Bounce House! The Trunk or Treat is a church-wide, neighborhood, and community event that highlights our focus on mission and outreach. Additionally, we will be collecting canned food donations at the event to begin our Middle School Hunger Busters Initiative to benefit the Presbyterian Community Center until November 15th!

The Bible in Black & White | Wednesdays in October | 12:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall: This October, the Bible in Black & White community will consider Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail," dated April 16, 1963. We will look at the historical context of the letter, its content, its biblical basis, and the impact it made on the nation during the tumultuous Civil Rights era. Together, we will ask what we modern readers need to gain from its reading to continue the pursuit of justice and understanding today. Dates: October 7, 14, 21 & 28.

POP-UP Sunday School | NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 1 | 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.

Senior Outing to the Swinging Bridge on Oct. 30: Join us for a senior outing to the Swinging Bridge Restaurant on Friday, October 30! Enjoy an afternoon surrounded by beautiful views, great company, and a delicious meal in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, share stories, and rejoice in the holiday season together. We will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. and ride in the church van to Paint Bank, Virginia. We plan to eat lunch and enjoy exploring the area together. If you would like to join, please RSVP by scanning the QR code, emailing meredith@spres.org, or calling the church office. ***The deadline to RSVP is TOMORROW, Monday, Oct. 26.***



The Week Ahead

Today, October 25
Two Cents a Meal
8:45am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45am: Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
9:45am: Sunday School
11:00am: Worship Service with Baptism of Hayes Kreger, Sanctuary & Live Stream
4:00pm: Trunk or Treat, Parking Lots
5:30pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, October 26
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, October 27
9:30am: Staff Meeting
4:00pm: Legacy Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom

Wednesday, October 28
12:00pm: Bible in Black & White Class, Fellowship Hall
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Thursday, October 29
7:15am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
10:00-11:00am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room

Friday, October 30
10:00am: Senior Outing to the Swinging Bridge

Saturday, October 31

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).

We Are NEEDED

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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
October 25, 2026



PASTORAL STAFF
Dr. George C. Anderson, *Senior Pastor*
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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	Elders - Class of 2027	Elders - Class of 2028
Mary Airheart	Mia Copeland	Amanda Copeland
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Randy Rhea	Dave Speno	Kevin Young
Ken Sizemore	Maria Ward	

October 25, 2026
Worship at 8:45 & 11 a.m. | 11 a.m. In Person & Online
Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering Music *In His Love* Scott A. Ressman

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Murray C. Bradshaw

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 1)

Blessed are those who walk not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
that yield their fruit in their season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
Let us find delight in God's Word.

*Hymn No. 267[1] *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Two-Cents-a-Meal

(8:45 A.M.) Natalie Early (grandparents, Julie and Don Mugford)
(11:00 A.M.) Whit Ashburn (parents, Margaret and Brandon),
Wells and Eliza Kreger (parents, Sarah and Lee)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession[2]

Gracious God, remember us in your mercy and keep us by your grace. Forgive the scanty use we have made of the talents entrusted to our keeping. Cover up the poverty of our service by the fullness of your own divine resource. Yet grant also that, as day succeeds day, we may be so strengthened by your help that our service may grow less unworthy and our sins less grievous. May Christ more and more reign in our hearts and purify our deeds.

Speak to us in the silence.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

(8:45 A.M.) *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)

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *For Everyone Born* arr. Tom Trenney

Text: Shirley Erena Murray

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and
peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old,
the right to belong, *(Refrain)*

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born,
the right to be free, *(Refrain)*

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Prayer for Illumination

(11:00 A.M.) Sacrament of Baptism - Hayes Wallace Kreger

Presiding Elders: Pam and Trip Kreger

*Hymn of Preparation No. 487 *These Treasured Children* (v.1)

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God*, p. 35

Children, Worship & Wonder participants (Pre-K–1st grade) excused after the baptism.

Scripture Reading Luke 13:6-9 New Testament p. 843

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon[3] *What's It Doing Outside?* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering[4]**

Offertory *Aria Da Chiesa* Georg Muffat

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. 357[5] *The Days Are Surely Coming*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress* James Pethel

**Please rise.*

** SCAN TO GIVE

Bulletin Notes

[1] **Originally titled, *Come, Children, Join to Sing,*** this hymn was written by Christian Henry Bateman, a Scottish pastor in Edinburgh who was passionate about helping children learn and sing the Christian faith. He wrote the hymn for use in Sunday School, where its joyful words invited young voices to join in praising God. Over time, the hymn's invitation broadened from children to Christians of every age.

[2] **Today's Prayer of Confession** was written by Eade Anderson.

[3] **Inclement Weather Policy:** In the event of inclement weather, cancellation of worship services or events will be communicated through the following channels: 1) The homepage of our website. 2) Our official church social media accounts. 3) The list of local closings on WDBJ-7 and WSLS-10. We encourage all members to monitor these sources for updates to ensure safety during adverse weather conditions.

[4] **The Outreach Offering** for October will support the *PCC Food Pantry*. This year, we celebrate 59 years of partnership between Presbyterian Community Center (PCC) and Second Presbyterian Church! As PCC approaches its 60th anniversary, their new building is bringing a long-held vision to life. Pathways enrollment has grown by more than 20%, while the food pantry is experiencing unprecedented need from families across our community. Thank you, members of Second Presbyterian, for 59 years of volunteers, financial support, leadership, and prayers. This October, PCC is grateful for our continued partnership and commitment to helping meet the growing needs of our neighbors through this month's Outreach Offering. **As of Thursday, October 22, $5,097 has been collected.**

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

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: Food items for the month of October are holiday foods (stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, cranberry sauce). Pull top cans preferred. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

[5] ***The Days Are Surely Coming*** was written by Presbyterian pastor and hymn writer David Gambrell and set to a Welsh folk melody. It draws on the biblical promise that God's future will bring justice, peace, and restoration.

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This Sunday

Baptism: During the 11 o'clock service this morning, Sarah and Lee Kreger will present their son, Hayes Wallace Kreger, for the Sacrament of Baptism. The presiding elders will be his grandparents, Pam and Trip Kreger. The baptismal font wreath is given in honor of Hayes Kreger by Pam and Trip Kreger.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marian Kirk Dille, John Adams Dille, Drucilla Dille McNiel, Jane Dille Klise, John Adams Dille, Jr., J. Kirk Dille and Jennie Evans Dille by Mrs. J. Kirk Dille and Dr. and Mrs. John F. Schmedtje. *Arranged by Cindy Smith.*

Ushers: (8:45) David Speno (Head), Suzanne Fischer, Lynn Speno, Ron Witt. (11:00) Sally I'Anson (Head), Lawrence I'Anson, Shelley Lyons, Ken Lyons.

Greeters: (8:45) Bill Blaylock. (11:00) Pam and Rick Murray.

AV Technicians: (11:00) Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship & Wonder: "Noah." Greeter, Lisa Miller. Storyteller, Amanda Copeland. Program Coordinator, Lisa Miller.

Election Eve Prayer Service | Monday, 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 a Starr Hill Brewery from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

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.***

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.***

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!

Open Flower Date: Sunday, November 22 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.

Organ Recital: Andrew Phillips, organist, will present a recital at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Roanoke. Some of you may remember that Andrew was our substitute organist back in May. Featured composers will be Bach, Buxtehude, Manz, and others. Date: TODAY, Sunday, October 25. Time: 3:00 p.m. Admission: Free. Location: 2101 Jefferson Street, SW; office@fepcroanoke.org.