

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL | “THIS IS OUR STORY: REFORMED SACRAMENTS” | TODAY | 9:45 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: Join Elizabeth Link this morning to learn what makes Second Presbyterian unique. What makes our understanding of Baptism and Communion distinctly Reformed? We'll explore the meaning of the sacraments in our tradition and consider how these practices tell the story of who we are as God's people.

THEOLOGY ON TAP | TUESDAY, OCT. 6 | 6:00 P.M. | A FEW OLD GOATS: 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 Tuesday, October 6 at a Few Old Goats Brewery from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

THE LONGER REACH OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | SABBATICAL REPORT | 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. *Remaining schedule: October 7—The Changing Ways to Witness.*

BLOOD DRIVE @ ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7 | 12:00–6:00 P.M.: Second Presbyterian is joining forces with St. John's Episcopal for a joint venture blood drive. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "St Johns" to schedule an appointment. Get a \$15 e-gift card when you give blood at a Red Cross Blood Drive Sept. 21–Oct. 18. Give the gift of life by donating blood!

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.



TRUNK OR TREAT | SUNDAY, OCT. 25 | 4:00–6:00 P.M. | MOUNTAIN AVE PARKING LOT: Join our neighbors, preschool families, mission partners, and local schools for a SPOOKtacular evening full of fun, sweet treats, and wonderful fellowship! Our youth will create games for kids of all ages, while church members deck out their trunks and hand out candy. The Second Pres Preschool even sponsors the Bounce House! This church-wide, neighborhood, and community celebration is a fun way to connect with one another while sharing our commitment to mission, outreach, and building meaningful relationships. *Want to join the fun? We'd love your help! You can donate candy or use the QR Code to sign up & decorate your trunk.*



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, October 4
All-Youth Retreat
World Communion Sunday
8:45am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
9:45am: Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
9:45am: Sunday School
9:45am: POP-UP Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
11:00am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary & Live Stream
12:00pm: Confirmand Mentor Lunch, Fellowship Hall
5:00pm: Kids' Fellowship
5:30pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, October 5
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, October 6
9:30am: Staff Meeting
6:00pm: Theology on Tap, A Few Old Goats

Wednesday, October 7
12:00pm: Bible in Black & White Class, Fellowship Hall
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15pm: Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm: The Longer Reach of 2PC with George Anderson, Chapel

Thursday, October 8
7:15am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
9:30am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
10:30am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room

Friday, October 9
12:30pm: Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Reading Room

Saturday, October 10

 **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.



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Marianne Sandborg
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Connie Polly
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Missionaries

National:
Beth-El Farmworker
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Local:
Presbyterian Community
Center, Roanoke, VA

Preschool

Alice Light, *Director*
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For a list of church Committee
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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
October 4, 2026



World Communion Sunday

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
Chasity Fitzpatrick
Barry Green
Sally I'Anson
Drew Kempley
Randy Rhea
Ken Sizemore

Elders - Class of 2027

Mia Copeland
Rebekah Gunn
Beth Vaught Jenkins
John Jessee
Patty Lemon
Jim Pickens
Dave Speno
Maria Ward

Elders - Class of 2028

Amanda Copeland
Suzanne Fischer
Dan Hodges
Carol Money maker
C.J. Swanson
Stephen Waskey
Kevin Young

OCTOBER 4, 2026
WORSHIP AT 8:45 & 11 A.M. | 11 A.M. IN PERSON & ONLINE
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY¹

Gathering Music *All Through the Night* James Mansfield

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission *Presbyterian Community Center*
 (See insert for infographic.)
Nicole Jennings, Executive Director
April Lewis, Volunteer Coordinator

Prelude *Prelude on "Old 100th"* James Pethel

*Call to Worship²
Here in this place, God offers us food,
so we take and eat.
Here in this place, our neighbors are hungry,
so we share the bread and the cup.
Here in this place, the table extends
beyond our friends
beyond those who agree with us
beyond these walls
beyond the borders
around the world.
Let us taste and see that our God is good.
Let us worship God with joy.

*Hymn No. 401 *Here in This Place*
(11:00 A.M.) Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K–1st grade)
excused during the last verse of the opening hymn.

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession³
Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ.

*In the silence of this moment, we humble ourselves
as we remember your grace.*

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)

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-11 New Testament p. 952
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *The Song of Christ's Love* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{4**}
Offertory *Come, Thou Fount* Eugene Englert
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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper***
*Hymn of Preparation No. 529 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* (vv. 1-2)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *A Joyous Air* Henry Purcell

*Please rise.

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

BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER** we join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity.

² **THIS MORNING'S CALL TO WORSHIP** is written by Joanna Harader on her blog, “Spacious Faith.”

³ **THIS MORNING'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION** is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good’. Used with permission.

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.

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

September's Outreach Offering benefitted *Feeding Southwest Virginia*. **The monthly total came to \$5,005.**

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).

THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ruth Ellen Kuhnel by the family. *Arranged by Alison Conte.*

Ushers: (8:45) David Speno (Head), Margaret Ashburn, Al McLean, Monty Salyer. (11:00) Sally l'Anson (Head), Lawrence l'Anson, John Jessee, Christal Pearson.

Greeters: (8:45) Sandra Friedlander, Monty Salyer. (11:00) Monty Salyer.

AV Technicians: (8:45) Kirk Treubert. (11:00) Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship & Wonder: "The Good Shepherd." Greeter, Brandon Ashburn. Storyteller, Jacqueline Luckett. Program Coordinator, Lisa Miller.



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! **LESS THAN 2 WEEKS TO REGISTER! Register by Wednesday, Oct. 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, Nov. 11.**



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).

JAIL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CARD

COLLECTION: It's almost that time of year when you start wondering what to do with those unused Christmas cards you had left over from the last couple of years. The Service and Outreach Committee has a solution for you! Bring them to the coat closet off Kirk Hall and drop them in the Jail Ministry Christmas Card Collection Box, which will be there through the holidays. Not only will you get rid of those pesky cards that are taking up space, but you will be making it possible for inmates in the Western Virginia Regional Jail to have cards to send to their loved ones this Christmas. In addition, the Service and Outreach Committee will donate stamps to help defray the cost of postage.

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: Sunday, October 25. Time: 3:00 p.m. Admission: Free. Location: 2101 Jefferson Street, SW; office@fepcroanoke.org,

