Announcements

New Arrival

Congratulations to Preston and Anne Martin on the birth of their son, Walker Willis Martin, on Friday, November 6. Proud grandparents are Bob and Cheryl Martin.

Hunger Busters | Sorting Today in Fellowship Hall: Throughout the month of November, middle school youth have been collecting canned goods for the Presbyterian Community Center's food pantry. Canned goods may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall until noon today. The PCC's food pantry is an important resource for our city. Thanks to all those who have contributed food for this event and for helping to feed those in need in Roanoke!

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).

✨ Holiday Season Opportunities ✨

Angel Tree for LOA Seniors | Return Gifts by Nov. 29: As we approach the Christmas holiday, our congregation will support seniors in our community through the Local Office on Aging (LOA)'s Angel Tree program. Last year, our congregation responded with incredible generosity. This year, we're glad to once again sponsor 100 angels. Tags are now available on the tree located in the stone passageway outside the sanctuary. Each tag represents a senior in need. To participate:



1. Select a tag from the tree on Sundays, or pick one up during the week from Meredith Koliba's office (Pastoral Ministries Coordinator).
2. Purchase the requested gifts and place them unwrapped in a single decorative Christmas bag (large enough to hold all items).
3. Attach your tag securely to the bag.
4. ***Return gift bags under the Angel Tree by Sunday, Nov. 29.***

If you're unable to take a tag but would still like to help, consider donating small items to supplement gift bags, such as: Boxes of chocolate-covered cherries, Tissue boxes, Small packs of toilet paper, Bars of soap, Small bottles of dish detergent, etc. Donation items may be placed in the labeled bin under the Angel Tree. Questions? Contact Julie Mugford (email preferred, jmugford01@gmail.com / 804.514.8521).

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 TOMORROW Monday, Nov. 16.***

The Week Ahead

Today, November 15
8:45am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45am: Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
9:45am: Sunday School
11:00am: Worship Service, Sanctuary & Live Stream
5:00pm: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00pm: Youth Group, Intersection

Monday, November 16
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, November 17
9:30am: Staff Meeting
5:15pm: Executive Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Wednesday, November 18
8:05am: Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00pm: Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Reading Room
5:15pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Thursday, November 19
7:15am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
9:30am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
10:30am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room

Friday, November 20
Gals' Gathering

Saturday, November 21
Gals' Gathering

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
November 15, 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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November 15, 2026
Worship at 8:45 & 11 a.m. | 11 a.m. In Person & Online
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering Music *Close to Thee* arr. Donald Moore

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Paul Manz

*Call to Worship

We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Knowing our creator calls us to this time of worship.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Trusting our redeemer meets us with forgiveness and renewal.
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
Relying on our sustainer who builds us up
for lives of love and service.
Let us worship God together!

*Hymn No. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

(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

Generous God, you have given us so much: time to live and work, gifts to share, people to care for, and a world filled with your goodness. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than gratitude and trust. We hold tightly to what we have, worried about what we might lose, and forget that all we possess is entrusted to our care. We fill our days with busyness, forgetting that our time is precious and our days are not without limit. We try to do everything, forgetting that we cannot do it all. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to trust your abundance, to count our days in hope, and to use the time and gifts we have been given with generosity and love.

Have mercy on us, O God, as your spirit speaks to our hearts.

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.) Hymn/Anthem *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. by Dan Forrest
(Martin Luther) EIN' FESTE BURG

CHOIR

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

CONGREGATION & CHOIR

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading[1] Psalm 90 Old Testament p. 480

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Wise Heart & Working Hands* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering[2]**

Offertory *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* Paul Karvonen

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. 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (vv. 1, 3, 4, 6)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Allegro* (Trumpet Concerto in C Major) John Stanley

*Please rise.

** SCAN TO GIVE

Bulletin Notes

[1] **In ancient Israel** times of crisis often brought the community together in worship, seeking God's help through prayer and lament. Psalm 90 is one such communal prayer, likely reflecting the struggles of Israel after the Babylonian exile. It also occupies an important place in the book of Psalms. As the opening psalm of Book IV (Psalms 90–106), it follows Psalm 89, which mourns the loss of Jerusalem and the apparent collapse of God's promises to David. Uniquely attributed to Moses, Psalm 90 draws the people back to a time before kings, temples, or even a homeland, reminding them that God was their dwelling place long before any of these existed. In a season of uncertainty and loss, the psalm offers a timeless confession: though human life is fleeting and circumstances change, God's faithfulness endures from generation to generation. *(Summarized from W. H. Bellinger, Jr.'s commentary on Psalm 90 written for Working Preacher, 11/16/14.)*

[2] **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. **As of Thursday, November 12, $3,294 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: November's food collection will support the middle school youth Hunger Busters event. See announcement for more details.

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This Sunday

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Cayce Myers in memory of Margaret Webb and Anne Fahey Counihan. *Arranged by Cindy Smith.*

Ushers: (8:45) Randy Rhea (Head), Kandy Elliott, Drew Kepley, Jim Pickens. (11:00) Mary Airheart (Head), Bonnie and Pegram Johnson, Carol Moneymaker.

Greeters: Angie and Jim Pittendrigh.

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

Children, Worship & Wonder: "The Temple, a House for God." Greeter, Rhesa Bailey. Storyteller, Lori Privott. Program Coordinator, Lisa Miller.

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, Nov. 25 by scanning the QR code or at www.spres.org.***

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.***

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!

Walmart Gift Card Collection for West End Center for Youth | Through Sunday, December 13: The Service and Outreach Committee is collecting Walmart gift cards for the West End Center's 3rd-12th grade students' Christmas presents. Cards are gifted in increments of $25.00 and sometimes this is the child's only Christmas present. Any amount will help, but they are requesting Walmart store cards, not the Walmart Visas. Every year their children receive coats and clothes from various community partners, but only the youngest students receive presents. Please help put a smile on their students' faces during this festive time of year. Gift cards can be left in the box provided at the front desk on Sundays or in Meredith Koliba's office during the week. Thank you for your generous giving.

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!



ADVENT SERMON SERIES | NOVEMBER 29–JANUARY 3

"Faith is the journey, not the destination." We don't know who first said this, but whoever did was onto something. Faith is not a place we arrive at and then settle into. It keeps moving us—sometimes toward something we long for, sometimes into territory we would rather avoid, and sometimes in directions we never expected to go.



Perhaps that is why the Bible contains so many stories of God sending people on journeys, meeting them along the way, and promising to be with them at journey's end.

We hope you'll join us on these journeys this Advent and Christmas, and for a couple of Sundays beyond. We anticipate that, as we follow their journeys to Jesus, God will meet us along the way, too.