Announcements

Sympathy

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Marianne Moorman McDowell, who died on Wednesday, November 18.

Memorial Service

A memorial service in celebration of the life and Christian witness of Dr. Edmund Michael Lesko will be held on Monday, November 23 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and via live stream. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closing

We would like to wish you a happy and joyous Thanksgiving! In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27. We will reopen on Monday, Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m. On Sunday, Nov. 29, church services will be held at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.

Church Photo Shoot TODAY: The 6th and 7th grade Sunday school class members are reviving their annual service project during the Sunday school hour today. Middle schoolers will be briefly visiting all classes and morning events to take photos so they can later craft beautiful, handmade Christmas greeting cards for church members who are unable to attend services in person.

Advent Workshop & Potluck Dinner | Sunday, Nov. 22 | 4:45–7:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall: Thanks to all those who registered for the return of our annual Advent Workshop. We look forward to seeing and crafting with you this afternoon!

Angel Tree for LOA Seniors | Due Nov. 29: Thank you to everyone in our congregation who has taken a gift tag for seniors in our community through the Local Office on Aging (LOA)'s Angel Tree program. Each tag represents a senior in need this holiday season. Just **12** tags remain out of 100. To participate:



1. Select a tag from the tree on Sundays, or pick one up during the week at from Meredith Koliba's office (Pastors' Assistant). ***Be sure to sign your name on the spreadsheet next to your angel tag number.***
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.***

*Small, supplemental items still needed—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, Sugar free candy, Tissue boxes, Small packs of toilet paper, Bars of soap, Small bottles of dish detergent, Body lotion, Large-print puzzle books (i.e. word search), etc. Donation items may be placed in the labeled bin under the Angel Tree through Nov. 29. Questions? Contact Julie Mugford (email preferred, jmugford01@gmail.com / 804.514.8521).

Drumstick Dash: The Drumstick Dash to benefit the Rescue Mission takes place Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 a.m. with run, walk, and virtual run/walk events available. If you have plans to attend, consider joining the Second Presbyterian Team! Head to www.drumstickdash.net to sign up.

The Week Ahead

Today, November 22
8:45am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45am: Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
9:45am: Sunday School
11:00am: Worship Service, Sanctuary & Live Stream
4:45pm: Advent Workshop with Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00pm: Children's Pageant Practice

Monday, November 23
11:00am: Memorial Service for Ed Lesko, Sanctuary with Reception in Fellowship Hall
12:00pm: Bulletin Deadline for Nov 29
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, November 24
9:30am: Staff Meeting
4:30pm: Finance Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Wednesday, November 25
Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 26
Office Closed and Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 27
Office Closed and Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 28

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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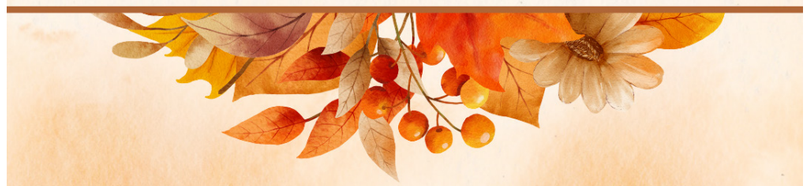
Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
November 22, 2026



HAPPY *Thanksgiving*

REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,
GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES,
FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD
IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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	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	

November 22, 2026
Worship at 8:45 & 11 a.m. | 11 a.m. In Person & Online
Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Gathering Music *Meditation on "St. Catherine"* James F. Konkel

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Dennis R. Johnson

*Call to Worship

Be still, and know that I am God.
We come before God and become still.
Be still, and listen.
We quiet our hearts and wait for God.
There is a vision for the appointed time. If it seems to tarry, wait for it.
We trust that God is at work, even when we cannot yet see it.
Be still, and know that God is moving.
We are here. We are listening. We are waiting.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

(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

Holy God, we confess that we are not always good at being still. We act before we have listened. We move before we know where we are going. We speak your Word before we have taken the time to hear it. Sometimes our impatience leads us where your wisdom has not called us to go. And sometimes, when nothing seems to be happening, we lose heart and give up too soon. Forgive us. Teach us to wait without giving up, to listen without rushing, and to trust your work even when we cannot yet see it. Give us the wisdom to know when to move and the faith to remain still.

We grow still now, listening for what we need to take time to hear.

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 *We Gather Together* arr. Stephen Paulus

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
the Lord was at our side—the glory be Thine!

3 We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Habakkuk 2:2-3 Old Testament p. 755
Mark 4:26-29 New Testament p. 810

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *What Is Moving When Life Seems Still* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering[1]**

Offertory *Prayer of Thanksgiving* Dale Wood

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. 714[2] *God of the Fertile Fields*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *God Bless Our Native Land* Wilbur Held

*Please rise.

** SCAN TO GIVE

Bulletin Notes

[1] **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 Monday, November 16, $4,220 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.

[2] **You may recognize this tune** before you recognize the words. *God of the Fertile Fields* is sung to the familiar tune of *Come, Thou Almighty King*. The words, however, give us a new way to hear that familiar melody: as a hymn of thanksgiving, stewardship, and trust in God's work. Its image of the hidden seed is especially fitting for today's Gospel, reminding us that God's work often grows in ways we cannot see. As we give thanks and await the completion of our pledging season, may we trust God's work and faithfully offer what we have been given.

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This Sunday

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Edmund Michael Lesko by the family. *Arranged by Karen Davidson.*

Ushers: (8:45) Randy Rhea (Head), Kandy Elliott, Jim Pickens, Nancy Pickens. (11:00) Mary Airheart (Head), Margaret Ashburn, Becky Battle, Monty Salyer.

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

AV Technicians: (8:45) Kirk Treubert. (11:00) Miranda Moore, Darin Pearson.

Children, Worship & Wonder: "Exile and Return." Greeter, Amanda Copeland. Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. 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 THIS WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25 by scanning the QR code or at www.spres.org***.

Theology on Tap | Tuesday, Dec. 1 | 6:00 p.m. @ Twisted Track: Men of the church, grab your favorite brew (craft, root, non-alcoholic, or otherwise) and join us for Theology on Tap—a space where faith meets real life over good conversation and better company. No homework or seminary degree required—just bring your questions, stories, and appetite for deep truth. We'll wrestle with big ideas, laugh, and explore how theology shapes the way we live.

Blood Drive at St. John's Episcopal Church | Wednesday, Dec. 2 | 12:00–6:00 p.m.: Second Presbyterian is partnering with St. John's Episcopal for another joint venture blood drive. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "St Johns" to schedule an appointment. Give the gift of life by donating blood!

Poinsettia Orders | Due Friday, Dec. 4: 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.***

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ADVENT SERMON SERIES | "JOURNEY TO JESUS" | NOVEMBER 29–JANUARY 3



"Faith is the journey, not the destination." We don't know who first said it, but they were onto something. Faith keeps moving us—sometimes toward what we long for, sometimes into what we'd rather avoid, and sometimes in directions we never expected. Perhaps that's why the Bible is filled with stories of God sending people on journeys, meeting them along the way, and promising to be with them at the end.

Advent and Christmas are stories of such journeys. Beginning Sunday, November 29, we'll follow Joseph and Mary, the shepherds and magi, and even the angels as they make their way to Jesus. We hope you'll join us on these journeys, trusting that as we follow them, God will meet us along the way, too.

ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays, Nov. 29–Dec. 20
8:45am: Early Service
9:45am: Sunday School
11:00am: Late Service/Sanctuary/Live Stream

Christmas Eve | Wednesday, Dec. 24
12:00pm: Noon Service with Communion, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:00pm: Family Service, Sanctuary
10:00pm: Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 27*
11:00am: Late Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream

Sunday, Jan. 3*
9:45am: Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
11:00am: Late Service/Live Stream

**No Early Service or Sunday school.*

POP-UP Sunday School | Dec. 6 @ 9:45 a.m. | Chapel | "This Is Our Story: Stewardship of Finances" with George Anderson: What does our faith have to say about money? We'll explore a Christian understanding of generosity, stewardship, and the resources entrusted to us, while considering how our financial choices help tell the story of our life and mission together as a church.

Walmart Gift Card Collection for West End Center for Youth | Through Sunday, Dec. 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!

