Announcements

Concerns

Samantha Hypes (Karen and Jesse Davidson's granddaughter)

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Carolyn Krisha on the passing of her sister, Rose Overington of Roanoke, VA, on Monday, November 2.

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Charlotte Sandy, who died on Tuesday, November 3.

Hunger Busters Collection thru NEXT SUNDAY, 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 THIS 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).

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.

✨ HOLIDAY SEASON OPPORTUNITIES ✨

Look Out for the LOA Angel Tree | Starts NEXT Sunday, Nov 15: 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. Each tag represents a senior in need this holiday season. Last year, our congregation responded with incredible generosity. This year, we're glad to once again sponsor 100 angels. 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. Donations will be due Sunday, November 29—items may be placed in the labeled bin under the Angel Tree. Questions? Contact Julie Mugford (email preferred, jmugford01@gmail.com / 804.514.8521).

The Week Ahead

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

Monday, November 9
5:30pm: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room
6:30pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45pm: Scouts

Tuesday, November 10
9:30am: Staff Meeting
4:00pm: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, November 11
12:00pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
5:00pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
5:15pm: Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, November 12
7:15am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
9:30am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room
10:30am: Women's Bible Study, Session Room
5:30-7:00pm: Grief Seminar, Session Room

Friday, November 13
12:00pm: Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Reading Room

Saturday, November 14

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).

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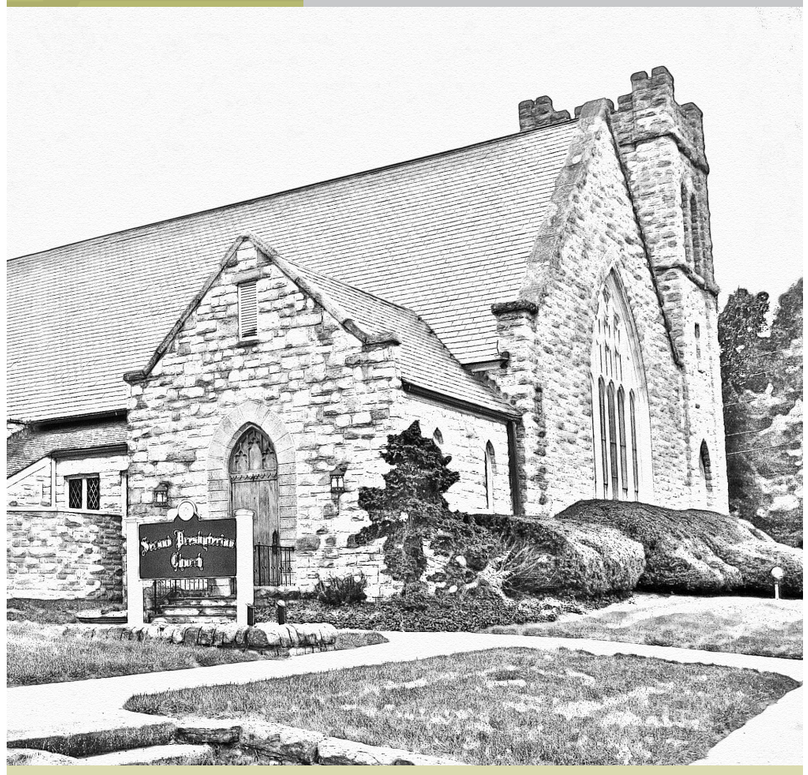
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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
November 8, 2026



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

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

Gathering Music *A Song on Sunday* Michael Shea

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission *Local Office on Aging* Ron Boyd, President & CEO

Prelude *In Christ There Is No East or West* Dale Wood

(8:45 A.M.) Introit *Abbot's Leigh* Taylor/Childers
Handbell Choir

*Call to Worship
Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.
Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.
Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.
For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.

*Hymn No. 79[1] *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

(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[2]
Holy God, there are hurts we have caused our families and friends that we would rather forget. There are people we have decided are impossible to love, and so we have stopped trying. There are those living on the margins whose cries we have chosen not to hear. Forgive us. When we have lost our way, show us yours. When our hearts have grown hard, soften them. Teach our hearts how to pray. Teach our hearts how to love.

In the silence, we listen for you.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Affirmation of Faith
What is the greatest command?
That we shall love the Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind, and with all of our strength.
What else?
We shall love our neighbor as ourselves.
Why is this command the greatest of all?
All the Law and the Prophets hang on this command.
What is the Law?
The living Word of God.
Who is the Law?
The Word made flesh, Jesus of Nazareth, our Savior and Lord.

Concerns

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

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *All Creatures of our God and King* Arr. Benjamin Harlan
(Francis of Assisi, paraphrase by William Draper)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!
Refrain: O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!
And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care!
Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Romans 13:8-10 New Testament p. 919
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *The Debt We Live* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship
Offering[3]**
Offertory
(8:45 A.M.) *Trust and Obey* Towner/Glasgow
Handbell Choir
(11:00 A.M.) *Amazing Grace* arr. Dennis R. 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

*Hymn No. 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Air for the Trumpet* Telemann/Smith

**Please rise.*

** SCAN TO GIVE

Bulletin Notes

[1] ***Light Dawns on a Weary World,*** is traditionally an Advent hymn but speaks to any season of weariness. There is plenty in our world to make us weary. Yet the Christian faith insists that weariness does not have the last word. Light still dawns. Hope still takes root. God's love still finds its way into the darkest corners of our lives and our world. In Christ, we are reminded that the darkness is real, but it is not ultimate.

[2] **Today's Prayer of Confession** is adapted from re:Worship; Advent 1C.

[3] **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 Wednesday, November 4, $2,092 has been collected.**

The Outreach Offering for the month of October supported the *PCC Food Pantry.* **The total collection came to $8,060.**

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

Music: Thank you to the Handbell Choir for their participation in today's early service. Ringers today include Marilyn Arbogast, Helen Burnett, Alison Conte, Anne Culley, John Frank, Glo Howell, Martha Wheeler, and Beth Vaught Jenkins, director.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom and Carol Worley in celebration of their 17th year of marriage. They share this special day with dear friends Andy and Juanita Shumate, who have been married for 68 years. *Arranged by Stacy Potter.*

Ushers: (8:45) Randy Rhea (Head), Mia Copeland, Kandy Elliott, Alice Holman. (11:00) Mary Airheart (Head), BT Fitzpatrick, Chasity Fitzpatrick, Dan Hodges.

Greeters: Nancy and Clint Hopkins.

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

Children, Worship & Wonder: "The Ark and a Tent for God." Greeter, Margaret Salters. Storyteller, Carol Moneymaker. Program Coordinator, Lisa Miller.

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 TODAY.***

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.***

Walmart Gift Card Collection for West End Center for Youth: During the month of November, the Service and Outreach Committee will be 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.

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!

