

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Chris and Cindy Appel on the death of Chris' stepfather, **Renny Lynch**, on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Our prayers are also with their children Tyler, Riley, and Gage.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Jerry Lusk on the birth of his great-grandson, **Michael Liam Miller**, on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 to parents Megan and Scott Miller.

WELCOME PRESCHOOL FAMILIES

We are delighted to have you with us for our 14th annual Preschool Sunday! We love the joy your children bring to our church each weekday, and are grateful for what their presence and music will offer in our time of worship today. Following the Children's Time, children will be dismissed to either the nursery (3s and younger) or to Children, Worship, & Wonder (4s through first graders). We hope that each Sunday provides welcoming and engaging worship for all ages. Feel free to ask any ushers or greeters for directions, and worship bags are available for children's use in both the front and back of the sanctuary.

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 by completing a form online (<https://www.spres.org/give/make-a-pledge/>)

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA SEMINAR | TONIGHT @ 5:00 P.M.
| SESSION ROOM: Brooke Gill, the Program Manager for the Central and Western Virginia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will present a program tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Session Room. Designed for awareness for caregivers and others, the topic "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" will cover basic information on the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages, risk factors, research, and FDA-approved treatments.

TRUNK OR TREAT | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.: The 4th Annual 2PC Youth Trunk or Treat will be on October 27 in the Mountain Avenue Parking Lot from 4 to 6 p.m. This event brings our neighbors, preschool, 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! This 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 go towards our Middle School Hunger Busters Initiative which takes place during the month of November! Want to help? You can donate candy or sign up to decorate your car. Contact Ben Brannan and sign up today (benb@spres.org)!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, October 20

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY
 8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
 9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 9:45 am: Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 am: Meet and Greet provided by Preschool, Fellowship Hall
 9:45 am: Sunday School
 11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
 5:00 pm: Alzheimer's Awareness Seminar, Session Room
 5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
 5:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
 1:00 pm: Stewardship Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Wednesday, October 23

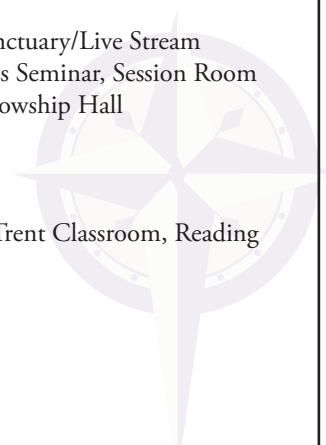
12:00 pm: Bible in Black and White, Fellowship Hall
 12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
 5:15 pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Thursday, October 24

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom

Friday, October 25

Saturday, October 26



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Preschool

Alice Light, *Director*
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For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: www.spres.org/about/leadership/

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Sunday Morning Worship
 Early and Late Services
 October 20, 2024



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 2024

Maria Blackshaw
 Pattie Clevenger
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 Robin Hobbs
 Alice Holman
 Kenneth Laughon
 Betsy Prillaman
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Elders - Class of 2026

Mary Airheart
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 Sally I'Anson
 Drew Kepley
 Randy Rhea
 Ken Sizemore

OCTOBER 20, 2024

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY^{1,2}

Gathering Music *The Church's One Foundation* Randolph Currie

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission *Trunk or Treat & Hunger Busters* 2PC Youth

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

*Call to Worship
Peace be with you.
And also with you.
Come and see what love God has for us.
Come and see what it means to be children of God.
Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.
With joy, we come to praise the Lord!

*Hymn No. 174 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

(11:00 A.M.) Minute for Education *Second Presbyterian Preschool*
Alice Light, Director

(11:00 A.M.) Preschool Music *God Made Me Perfectly*
Words: Amanda Wilson, Music: arr. Norman Johnson
Preschool Children

(11:00 A.M.) A Time for Children
Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K-1st grade)
excused after Children's Time.

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Loving God, we are stunned by your miracles of new life and the forgiveness you offer. When our awe turns to disbelief, renew us with your joy. When our fear turns to rejection, lead us into your presence. When our stumbling leads to sin, forgive us by your grace. Direct our hearts and our steps onto your path of righteousness.

God, speak to our hearts, your children are listening.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 188 *Jesus Loves Me!* (v. 1)

*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; *(Continued on next panel...)*

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) Anthem *It Is Well with My Soul* arr., Rene Clausen
When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!— My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live: If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait, The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord! Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Old Testament p. 429
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Who Rules the World?* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{3**}
Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr., Anna Laura Page
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. 30 *O God, in a Mysterious Way*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in A Minor* J. S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



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BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **PRESCHOOL SUNDAY:** Second Presbyterian Church's preschool has been an important part of the church's ministry since 1953. The philosophy being the preschool has evolved over the years. Today, the philosophy is articulated in this way: Our preschool is based on the philosophy that each child is a unique individual created by God. Our programs are grounded in a developmental approach to learning. Our classrooms and activities reflect that approach. We incorporate lots of play time to provide children the time and space they need to grow. We place emphasis on the joy of learning. This philosophy provides each child with the opportunity to reach their God-given potential through thoughtful instruction.

² **PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE 2024-2025:** Megan Moore (Chair), Margaret Ashburn, Laura Delgado, Rebekah Gunn, James Money maker, Emily Roseman. **On-going members:** George Anderson (Senior Pastor), Alice Light (Preschool Director), Lori Privott (Preschool Asst. Director), Michele Aimonetti (Teacher Liaison).

³ **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for the month of October will go to *Restoration Housing* to help replace the porch on the Patterson Avenue project. The house will be a treatment facility for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorder and their infants. The project is part of a partnership involving Carilion Clinic, Anderson Treatment, and the Twelve Foundation. Once this rehab work is complete in early 2025, the Grove on Patterson will serve up to 16 women and 16 infants at any given time and will be a critical resource for families in Roanoke. After rehab work began in early August of this year, Restoration Housing's contractor uncovered significant deterioration of the front porch roof that was not originally evident when the project was first budgeted. There is now a budget shortfall of \$15,000 to cover the expenses to replace this roof, which wraps around three quarters of the perimeter of the first floor of the house. Any contributions made will go directly toward this budget shortfall to help replace the historic front porch roof. **As of Thursday, October 17, \$1,437.00 has been collected.**

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for the month of October are **rice and dried beans.** A donation bin is in the coat closet; please check the expiration date before donating.

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of **Robert H. Bennett** by the family.
Arranged by Martha Anderson.

Ushers: (8:45) Robin Hobbs (Head Usher), Jeff Hobbs, Cindy Young, Kevin Young. (11:00) Betsy Prillaman (Head Usher), Margaret Ashburn, Rebekah Gunn, Megan Moore, Emily Roseman.

Greeters: (8:45 & 11:00) Jim and Angie Pittendrigh.

AV Technicians: Darin Pearson.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Creation." Greeter, Anne Myers. Story-teller, Lori Privott. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.

THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE | CLOSING SESSION IS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23 | 12:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: Join Drs. Bill Lee and George Anderson as they lead this growing study in a discussion of Walter Brueggemann's book, *Delivered into Covenant: Pivotal Moments in the Book of Exodus*. All are welcome to attend. No registration necessary. Lunch will not be served, however you are welcome to bring your own.

SEMINAR ON GRIEF AND HEALING | NOVEMBER 7 @ 5:30 P.M. | SESSION ROOM: For those who have experienced loss the holidays can be a painful time, stirring up grief in acute ways. Again this year, the Congregational Life Committee invites members of our church and community who have experienced the loss of a loved one to come together for a special seminar on the topic of grief and healing during the holidays. On Thursday, November 7, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Session Room, presenters Frannie Gaeta, LCSW, and Stephanie Pratola, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, will share about coping with grief during the holidays, about Carilion's various grief support groups, and lead the attendees in creating a Soul Collage of their loved one. **Please RSVP by Monday, November 4 at www.spres.org or by scanning the QR code.**



MEN'S RETREAT 2024 | NOVEMBER 8 & 9 (REGISTER BY OCT. 25) | EAGLE EYRIE: This year's Men's Retreat is November 8-9 (Friday-Saturday) at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA, an 80-minute drive from the church. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Chris Vogado, Pastor of Salem Presbyterian Church. It is a great way to relax and unplug for the weekend, engage in discussion about work-life balance, what it is to be a Christian in 2024, and to meet other men of the church. This year's theme is "Rock of Ages: Evolving Sound, Evolving Faith." We will explore together the evolution of Rock N' Roll music starting with the Big Band era, to iconic groups and singers of the 1960s, and on to the present day. As we consider the past, present, and future of popular music, we might just find some very interesting parallels that inform the past, present, and perhaps the future direction of the mainline church in our country. In the words of Sonny and Cher, . . . "The beat goes on," and so, too, does our faith and new expressions of church. The cost for the retreat is \$75 per person. **Registration and payment are due by THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25. Scan the QR code or visit www.spres.org to learn more and register!**



GALS' GATHERING 2024 | NOVEMBER 15 & 16 (REGISTER BY NOV. 1) | ALTA MON'S: Register soon for our women's overnight retreat this fall, November 15-16 (Friday-Saturday) at Alta Mon's Camp and Retreat Center in Shawsville, VA, just 40 minutes from the church. Our guest speaker will be renowned author and speaker, Hannah Anderson. We hope you'll join us for this special, overnight event for women in our church to grow closer to one another and closer to God through study, conversation, crafts, and shared meals. Throughout our weekend together we'll explore our theme and reflect on Jesus' words from Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Come learn humility from the lilies of the field and from the One who is humility Himself. Remember who you are and who you are not, and rediscover the rest that comes from belonging to Him. The cost for the retreat is \$100 per person. **Registration and payment are due by Friday, November 1. Learn more and register today by scanning the QR code or visiting www.spres.org**



ADVENT WORKSHOP | NOVEMBER 24 | 4:45-6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL | RSVP BY MONDAY, NOV. 18: The annual Advent Workshop is a wonderful opportunity for households of every size and generation to join together for a special project that will help get your home ready for the season. This year, the CE Committee plans to help you make a nativity scene! A potluck dinner is on the menu, so we hope you will come, bring a favorite dish to share, enjoy the good food and fellowship, and craft with family and friends! Participants will rotate among tables to work on each figure or group of figures. The nativity is made from wooden blocks (1.5" deep, figure heights range from 5.25-6.5"). There is also a wooden star and a peg doll Jesus. Blocks will be pre-cut, and participants will sand, paint, hot and glue accessories, such as twine belts, gifts, etc. **One nativity scene per family. Schedule:** 4:45-5:30 p.m. Dinner (beverages and hot chocolate bar will be provided); 5:30-6:30 p.m. Craft time; 6:00 p.m. Kids' Fellowship participants dismissed for pageant rehearsal (until 6:30). **Please RSVP online at www.spres.org by Monday, November 18 so that we have enough craft supplies prepared.**

KNITTED HATS FOR HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: The knitting season is upon us! Please help us keep the children of Highland Park Elementary School warm this winter. For those wishing to knit, yarn and knitting instructions are located in the closet in the Hospitality Room (there is PLENTY of yarn to choose from!). This program was started by our beloved Margaret Foss. Finished hats and scarfs should be returned to the same Hospitality Room closet by early December. Contact Emily Mallory with questions (540-344-1780). Thank you to our faithful knitters!

OPEN FLOWER DATE: The following date is available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Dec. 8. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the date is still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net). **A Note on Flowers:** Reformed theologians have said that God's goodness and grace is generally revealed in creation and specifically revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is highly fitting that the backdrop for worship on Sunday mornings is both a flower arrangement, symbolizing God's providential care, and the cross, symbolizing God's grace in Christ. The beauty of the arrangement lifts our hearts as we prepare to worship. The Flower arrangements are normally provided by a donor, and often to honor or remember someone. Please contact Denise Revercomb (see contact info above) if you would like to help call your church family to worship.

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF: As news reports began surfacing about the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, staff and many church members immediately began searching for ways to help. We have made calls and spoken to people, churches, and organizations on-ground to see where our resources are best used right now. Second Presbyterian's designated Hurricane Helene Relief will go to support Black Mountain Presbyterian Church of NC, who has set up a local food distribution site, portable bathrooms, and gathering space for those in need and needed supplies for the area. They are in coordination with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Montreat Conference Center, Presbytery of Western NC, and Cajun Navy 2016. **Please note "Helene Relief" on any contribution made through the church.**

— OCTOBER COLLECTIONS | SERVICE & OUTREACH —

OCTOBER LINEN COLLECTION FOR FAMILY PROMISE: We are collecting new pillows, hand towels and washcloths for Family Promise during the month of October. Items can be placed in the labeled container in the Coat Closet at church. Thank you for your care of our partner in ministry and the families they serve!

OCTOBER WALMART GIFT CARD COLLECTION FOR WEST END CENTER YOUTH: During the month of October, the Service and Outreach Committee will be collecting Walmart gift cards to give to the West End Center to be included in the Christmas bags given to each child who is a part of their program. The cards should be from Walmart in \$10, \$15, or \$20 amounts. You can leave them in the box provided at the front desk on Sundays or in Meredith's office during the week. Thank you, Second congregation, for your generous giving.



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