

THE SECOND SHEET

Monthly Newsletter of Second Presbyterian Church



Church family enjoyed the traditional children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

Finding direction by following Jesus.

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PASTOR'S NOTES - DR. GEORGE C. ANDERSON

WHEN SECOND PRESBYTERIAN GREW UP

I write this Pastor's Note at the close of 2024 for a *Second Sheet* to be published at the beginning of 2025 and it has put me in a reflective mood. I want to look back past 2024 to a minister none of us know, but whose impact on the church's identity and ministry endures.

Dr. Arthur Rowbotham served as Second Presbyterian's minister from 1901 to 1921. When I arrived at Second, all I heard about him was that he spoke with a Scottish brogue. Yet he deserves to be remembered for much more. In fact, I believe that he brought our congregation into maturity, particularly in shaping our identity as a congregation that prioritizes both worship and outreach.

Form influences function, and church architecture shapes worship. Our present-day sanctuary, constructed during his tenure, shapes worship to this day. Rowbotham was deeply involved in the details of its construction—even personally selecting stones from the quarry for its walls. Designed as a lecture-hall-style space with an elevated pulpit, the sanctuary evokes awe and prayer while emphasizing the centrality of preaching. Later ministers would add an equal emphasis on music and liturgy, but the foundation of our worship identity was laid during Rowbotham's time.

While worship is as important as outreach, I want to spend more time on outreach because it is a fascinating story. Rowbotham brought outreach into the heart of the session's work, beginning with his example as the church's informal mis-



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sionary. He conducted Sunday evening services for jail inmates and for blue-collar workers of the Norfolk and Western shops who were unable to attend morning worship. During World War I, he even took a two-year leave of absence to serve as a chaplain in Army YMCA camps.

Then, in his formal role as moderator of the session, Rowbotham further made outreach a session priority. Today, we take for granted that outreach ministries are included in the church budget, but this was not the case before 1911. After all, Second Presbyterian had only recently transitioned from being a mission project of First Presbyterian Church.

Benevolences were brought into the church budget in this way: Rowbotham established a separate fund to support Annie R. V. Wilson, a missionary to China. While visionary, this initiative brought administrative challenges. Tracking the finances of this fund became a huge headache for the session because the fiscal year of the fund and the fiscal year of the church did not match up. Friction developed between the session and Rowbotham over when to send money and how much money was to be sent. The session came close to discontinuing support for Ms. Wilson and reminding the pastor to focus on preaching, teaching and pastoral care while leaving the financial work of the church to others.

However, a more positive outcome came from the tension, and a new direction for the church was set. The session incorporated missionary support and other benevolent causes into the church budget, with the expressed hope of doubling outreach contributions. They were wrong. Benevolences tripled.

If time travel were possible, it would be fun to bring Dr. Rowbotham to our present day so he could see how outreach ministry has grown. The “builder” in him would surely smile at how our church has helped construct Habitat homes, a Dominican hospital, and Alexa House; and is helping to build a new facility for the Presbyterian Community Center and a study center at Union Presbyterian Seminary. The “missionary” in him would rejoice at seeing so many members giving their time to helping others. And the “moderator” in him would be driven to his knees in gratitude for the hundreds of thousands of dollars flowing annually from our budget and restricted funds to support outreach.



Dr. Arthur Rowbotham, Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church from 1901-1921.

There is one more aspect of Dr. Rowbotham’s legacy that might warm his heart. The spirit of collaboration between himself and the session—working through tensions to achieve a greater good—continues to define Second Presbyterian. Our spiritual gift as a politically diverse congregation lies in transcending societal debates and disagreements to find the common ground needed to pursue justice, grace, and transformation in Christ’s name.

Dr. Rowbotham would undoubtedly thank God for what has developed, and we should, too. At the same time, we can appreciate what this Scots pastor did as God’s agent in helping a congregation mature into a church known for its worship and outreach. We will

honor his legacy by continuing to be a church that offers heartfelt worship of God and heartfelt ministry to others.

REALM ACTION PLAN – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Thank you to everyone who has logged in to your Realm Connect account with our church. If you haven't logged in and would like information on how to get started, please contact the church office or email meredith@spres.org. If you are unfamiliar with Realm Connect, it is our church family's digital community and has already allowed us to integrate information and systems behind the scenes. We look forward to introducing our congregation to all its capabilities in the new year.

We will be using Realm Connect for various church communications including registration events, group communications, scheduling for teams, volunteer opportunities, and an online directory. Realm functions as our church's database while also providing a place to communicate about and organize events taking place in the life of our church.

Things we are asking the congregation to do:

- *Log in to your account.*
- *Upload a picture to your profile or send us a picture to upload for you (these will be used for our online and printed directory).*
- *Update any contact information that has changed in your profile.*
- *If your birthday is missing from your profile, please add it to your account under personal information, or send it to Meredith to add (meredith@spres.org). Your birth year will not be shared with the congregation, but it is helpful information for the staff to have.*

Things to look forward to in the new year:

- *Group Communications (think clubs, committees, classes)*
- *Event Registrations*
- *Volunteer Opportunities*
- *Pledged Commitments*
- *Directory*

Thank you for your patience as we continue to develop groups, registration events, and serving teams and enable more features which will allow us to use this amazing tool to its full potential. Learn more at <https://www.spres.org/connect/realm/>.

– Your Church Staff



Sign up or sign in

at onrealm.org/spres

Let's get connected.

Download our Connect app today.

- 👤 Update your personal information
- 👥 Communicate with groups & teams
- 📄 Follow church announcements
- 🔍 Look up members
- 💰 Manage giving
- 📅 Create and join events

Let's be the church... together.





INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, cancellation of worship services or events will be communicated through the following channels:

1. The homepage of our website
2. Our official church social media accounts
3. The list of local closings on WDBJ-7 and WSLS-10

We encourage all members to monitor these sources for updates to ensure safety during adverse weather conditions.

PCC MONTHLY FOOD DONATIONS

The Presbyterian Community Center shared that Second Presbyterian donated food valued at \$5,124.65 (as of December 11) in 2024. This amount of donations indicates the success of the monthly food item collection that was instituted in 2023. This monthly collection will continue in 2025 with specific food items being collected each month for the PCC. Be sure to check the bulletin and Pastor's email each week to learn the food item for that month. Donations may be dropped off in the coat closet. *Pull top cans are especially needed for the housing insecure.* For your reference the 2025 schedule is below.

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| 1. January: Beef Stews, "Chunky" Soups | 8. August: Canned Beans (Pinto, Baked Beans) |
| 2. February: Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Canned Meat | 9. September: Canned Chili, Beef Stew |
| 3. March: Pasta, Spaghetti, Macaroni, Sauces | 10. October: Holiday Foods (Stuffing, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Yams, Cranberry Sauce) |
| 4. April: Rice, Beans | 11. November: Youth Hunger Buster |
| 5. May: Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup | 12. December: Crackers, Vienna Sausages, Condiments, Syrup, Jelly |
| 6. June: Canned Fruit, Tuna, Chicken | |
| 7. July: Canned Vegetables (Other than Corn or Green Beans) | |
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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2025-26

Second Presbyterian Preschool is a play based, faith based, early childhood program for infants (3 months) through Pre-K (4 years old). The Preschool offers semi year-round learning and care, with a variety of options for families. The program follows a school year calendar, with weeks of summer camp available.

Enrollment for Fall '25 through Spring '26 begins this month! Go to www.sprespreschool.com for application details or contact alight@spres.org or pscoord@spres.org with interest or questions.

Here are the application windows:

- 1/8–1/17: Currently enrolled children register.
- 1/21–1/24: Church members and siblings of currently enrolled children apply. This is not a guarantee of enrollment.
- 1/27: Applications accepted for new families where space allows.

WELCOME THE BRONDYKS

We welcome David and Judy Brondyk, who joined the church by letter of transfer on October 13, 2024.

David was born and raised in Muskegon, MI, where he attended a Christian Reformed Church and later went on to graduate from a Christian high school. His academic journey led him to Muskegon Community College and eventually to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where he earned a degree in business finance with a minor in accounting. David's professional life began in the IRS Criminal Division, and he later joined the DEA where he served for 30 years in various roles. His assignments took him to Detroit, MI; Southern Florida; Arlington, VA; and New Jersey, ultimately retiring as a Senior Inspector. Following his time at the DEA, David transitioned to a second career in Network Security. Throughout his life, David's faith has been a cornerstone, with a commitment to following Christ that was instilled in him from an early age. Outside of work, David enjoys technology, traveling, and listening to both Christian and country music.

Judy hails from St. Clair Shores, MI, and has always been passionate about education. After completing both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Primary Education from George Mason University, she spent 18 years teaching second grade in Prince William County, VA. Beyond her career, Judy enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and family, traveling, reading as part of a book club, cooking, and exploring museums and theaters. She and David have a second home in South Florida, where they enjoy the winters before returning to Roanoke to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Together, David and Judy have built a life centered around faith, family, and service. We are glad to welcome them into our congregation!

Submitted by *Connie Polly*,
Engagement Coordinator.



– NEWS & NOTES –

Flowers | **Nov. 17** - Given by Nancy Henry in loving memory of the Rev. David L. Henry.....
Nov. 24 - Given by Cayce Myers in memory of Margaret Webb.....
Dec. 1 - Given in loving memory of Judge Beverly T. and Helen Fitzpatrick by Beverly and Shirley Fitzpatrick, Eric Fitzpatrick, and Broaddus and Luann Fitzpatrick.....
Dec. 8 - Given by Marc and CJ Swanson in honor of their children, Tessa and Jamie.

Open Flower Dates: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Feb. 9; April 6, 27; May 4, 18; June 1. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

Sympathy | Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Joseph Glenwood "Pete" Lawson, who died on Monday, November 11, 2024. Our prayers are with his daughters Victoria, Whitney, and Anne Taylor..... Sympathy is extended to Mike and Sharon Stewart on the death of Mike's father, John Barry Stewart of Winchester, TN, on Thursday, November 14, 2024..... Our sympathies extend to Russell and Rhessa Bailey on the death of Russell's mother, Barbara "Bobbie" Jean Reid Bailey, on Thursday, November 28, 2024. Our prayers are also with their children, Ann Foust and McLure Bailey.

Concerns | Anne Macfarlane, Vernelle Walker and her family.

New Arrivals | Congratulations to Olivia and Brian Harris on the birth of their daughter, Annabelle Lane Harris, on Monday, December 2, 2024. Proud big brother is Ford..... Congratulations to Tabby and Ben Blaylock on the birth of their son, Shepherd Graham Blaylock, on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Proud grandparents are Susan and Tom Blaylock.

SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON THE SPOTLIGHT

The **Sustainability Spotlight** debuted in the *Second Sheet* three years ago in January 2022. It is the Green Team's primary way of communicating with the congregation about how it is assisting the Property Committee in implementing energy-saving and creation-care measures identified in the church's Sustainability Plan.

Over the past 36 months, the **Spotlight** has reported on many issues regarding the church's progress and ways that, as a faith community, the congregation can participate in realizing a better future. The quote below from a 2022 Presbytery of the Peaks Earth Care Workshop, attended by several Green Team members, captures the essence of what the Green Team and **Sustainability Spotlight** have been attempting to encourage at Second.

“As a faith community, we can be a model to the larger community and a witness to the faith we profess by taking visible concrete actions that express what we believe about creation and our role in caring for it.”

Specifically, the Green Team's mission is:

- making church buildings as energy efficient, sustainable, and carbon-free as possible;
- embracing creation care as central to the life and mission of Second; and
- encouraging similar practices in members' homes, workplaces, and communities.

Looking Ahead:

Sustainability Spotlight: Beginning with this issue, the **Spotlight** will be published in the *Second Sheet* every other month to better serve the congregation and fulfill its mission. Spotlights will be identified as January-February, March-April, etc. The Green Team is grateful for this opportunity to continue its practice of serving and sharing.

POP-UP Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Sun., March 2, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall: The Green Team welcomes Davey Stewards, Co-founder and Co-owner of **Star City Compost**. Join us as we learn the importance of 1) replenishing soil, 2) diverting waste from the landfill, and 3) reducing methane emissions. Composting with Star City achieves all three of these benefits for little more than the price of a Netflix subscription and includes the convenience of curbside pickup. Caring for God's creation doesn't get any easier than this simple act of stewardship. Friendly reminders of the event will be included in upcoming bulletins and the weekly Pastor's Letter & Announcements emails.

Annual Report: For the first time in church history, a summary of the church's efforts to become more sustainable will be included in the church's Annual Report for 2024.

Happy New Year!



GREEN TEAM

Grounded by Scripture, Informed by Science.

YOUTH

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS JANUARY 12TH

The Confirmation Class of 2025 has been hard at work throughout the Fall Semester. They have learned about the history of the church and of Second Presbyterian; they have explored the various religions of the world, even joining our Jewish siblings for their Kristallnacht service; they have made their own religions, complete with rules and regulations for membership; they engaged in deep conversation and began discerning how they might serve the greater church, inside and outside of these walls; and they presented their "Creative Faith Projects" before the Session for examination. It has been a wonderful year! We are pleased to present the Confirmation Class of 2025 as we welcome them into full adult membership at the 11:00 worship service on January 12th. Your Confirmation Class of 2025: *Ethan Connelly, Katherine Ellett, Charlie Fowler, Molly Greear, Grayson Harrington, Shannon Howell, Cole Kepley, Foster Lyons, Clayton Thomas, Ansley Tompkins, Ellie Underwood*. We are also grateful for our Confirmation teachers—Ken Lyons and Lauren Ellerman—and we are thankful for our confirmation mentors as well. Please join us in welcoming the Confirmation Class of 2025 on January 12th! God is at work!

MIDWEEK MANNA & MIDDLE SCHOOL MINI MANNA

We are so grateful to the fall hosts for Manna for High School girls and Mini Manna for Middle School girls. These gatherings provide a space for connection and conversation, fun and fellowship, and each night is so important and meaningful for our youth. If you would like to host a Manna or Mini Manna (second Wednesday of the month) or sponsor a night out for either group, please reach out to Ben (benb@spres.org) for the schedule and sign up.

OUR WHOLE LIVES YOUTH RETREAT

Parents/guardians, educators and religious communities all face the challenge of creating environments that support and nurture sexual health. Young people need human sexuality education programs that model and teach caring, compassion, respect, and justice. Such programs should be holistic, moving beyond the intellect to address attitudes, values, and feelings that young people have about themselves and the world. With this in mind, we are excited to partner with Raleigh Court PC and other churches in Roanoke and in the presbytery to offer a retreat for 9th and 10th grade students. Led by a trained facilitator, this retreat has the proactive goal of equipping youth to become healthy people who feel good about themselves and their bodies, remain healthy, and build positive, equitable loving relationships, as image bearers in the world.

The retreat will be February 21-23 at Camp Bethel. Registration is open and the cost is free. This link will take you to the registration page—[2025 - Our Whole Lives Retreat](#)—you will also find additional links with more information: a letter from our facilitator, a recording of the Youth Leader Meeting, Overview of Curriculum, waiver and more.

We cannot encourage participation for this retreat enough! Please reach to Ben (benb@spres.org) with any questions.

YOUTH SUNDAY PREPARATIONS

Youth Sunday is February 2nd, so that means January is a month of planning and preparation! We will have four Youth Sunday Prep Nights. If you plan to participate in Youth Sunday, you **must** be present at two of these prep nights: Jan. 5, Jan. 12, Jan. 19, Jan. 26 (full Rehearsal).

YOUTH SUMMER 2025

If you ask anyone who has gone on a

mission trip or to Montreat if the trip was worth it, perhaps even having to move or miss a beach vacation, you will hear a resounding ABSOLUTELY!!!! And we are cutting \$100 off the cost of the trip for anyone who registers by January 20th!

High School Mission Trip w. Appalachian Service Project: June 22-28 (current 9th-12th grade) – cost \$500 \$400 if registered by 1/20

- *This mission trip is meaningful in the ways we experience community and relationships. This year will be most meaningful as the need is great due to Hurricane Helene.*

Montreat Youth Conference: July 27-Aug 2 (rising 9th-current 12th) – cost \$500 \$400 if registered by 1/20

- *Following the devastation in Montreat, this summer's conferences may look a little different and will have added meaning. This is a highlight and formative experience for all youth to share with other youth from around the country.*

At-Home Mini Mission: August 4-8 (Rising 6th-current 12th) – No Cost

- *This year we are teaming up with Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church (and hopefully additional Roanoke churches) to serve our city!*

Check out some blog posts here:

<https://www.spres.org/connect/blog/>

UPCOMING YOUTH DATES

- Jan. 5 – Youth Sunday Prep Night (Fellowship Hall)
- Jan. 12 – Confirmation Sunday
- Jan. 12 – Youth Sunday Prep Night (Fellowship Hall)
- Jan. 19 – Youth Sunday Prep Night (Fellowship Hall)
- Jan. 26 – Youth Sunday Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

YOUNG ADULTS

Second Pres Young Adults are working to reengage and revamp this wonderful ministry! If you are interested in joining this group, please reach out to Ben (benb@spres.org). If you are interested in hosting our Young Adult group at your home, please contact Ben.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST | JANUARY 5

Say “Thanks!” to a Sunday School Teacher and “Welcome!” to 2024’s New Members

On Sunday, January 5, members and visitors of all ages are invited to attend a special pancake breakfast during the Sunday school hour in Fellowship Hall. This breakfast is sponsored in partnership by the Christian Education Committee and the Congregational Life Committee. Let us take time to share a meal together, get to know recent members and confirmands from the 2024 year, and give thanks to those Sunday school teachers who work tirelessly all year long. Regularly scheduled Sunday school classes will not meet on Jan 5. Sunday school will resume on January 12.

There will be plenty of hot pancakes, bacon, and other breakfast goodies. Make this Sunday an opportunity to join in fellowship and to recommit to the 2024-2025 Sunday school year!

SAVE-THE-DATE: TRENT GETAWAY RETREAT

Join us August 8-10 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg for our annual church-wide retreat! Registration begins early this spring – you won’t want to miss this opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal.

KAIROS: LENT 2025

There is an ancient Greek word for finding or making space in our lives. It is a word that means “the right or opportune moment.” This word, *kairos*, has been used over the centuries to describe time for spiritual reflection, and even, to put it simply, “God’s time.” We will offer several Kairos opportunities for prayer and worship this Lenten season. We hope this time may be a space for you to pause and connect to something deeper.

We will hold Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services in person at the church, and midweek Kairos video reflections via our church YouTube channel and Facebook page in the weeks between:

- **Mar 5 7:30-9:30 a.m.:** “Ashes and Prayer To-Go” in the parking lot
- **Mar 5 6:00 p.m.:** Ash Wednesday Worship, Kirk Hall
- Weekly Kairos Reflections via YouTube and Facebook
- **Apr 17 6:00 p.m.:** Maundy Thursday Worship, Kirk Hall

SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS’ FELLOWSHIP

(4-year-olds through 5th grade) Kids’ Fellowship will begin again on January 26 @ 5pm in Fellowship Hall with a fun and kid-friendly meal. After dinner, the children will divide by age and progress through an engaging evening of music and art or recreation. Throughout the spring semester, the music experience will focus on FUN using voices, instruments and movement.

There will be opportunities for the children to share their gifts in worship, singing on Palm Sunday (Apr 13) on a Sunday this May.

Volunteers are needed to help chaperone recreation and provide dinner. Contact Maria Blackshaw (maria@spres.org) or Alison Conte (contefam@cox.net) if you are interested in helping one Sunday soon.

SUNDAY MORNING DETAILS

- Jan 5** The nursery will be available during its regular Sunday morning hours (8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.), and CWW will meet during the 11:00 a.m. service.
- Jan 12** Sunday school for all ages will resume at 9:45 a.m.

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL ↗

UPCOMING POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

Mark your calendars for these engaging upcoming Pop-Up Sunday School classes:

- **February 2 – Church member Dr. Richard (“Dick”) L. Guerrant will be our pre-Pop-Up Class entitled “The Evolution of Faith.”**

In discussing Evolution & Faith, Dick will discuss how science and religious philosophy are so profoundly important to the other, and how survival traits and evolution itself are what we need to think about: ‘who am I/we?’ and ‘where are we going?’ from both our scientific and religious perspectives.

For anyone wanting to see more, Dick will follow parts of his book, *Evolution of Caring*, published in 2018 and available on Kindle.



Richard L. Guerrant, M.D. is the Thomas H. Hunter Professor Emeritus of International Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases and International Medicine at University of Virginia and is Founding Director of its Center for Global Health Equity, one of the first Trans-University Centers for Global Health. He was elected to the IOM/ National Academy of Medicine and formerly chaired its Board on Global Health.

Guerrant has worked in the Congo, Bangladesh, and Brazil and has his B.S. from Davidson College, his M.D. from the University of Virginia, and his residency in medicine at the Harvard Medical Service/Boston City Hospital. He has held fellowships in Infectious Diseases at NIH, Johns Hopkins, and UVA. Dr. Guerrant edits the major textbook on Tropical Infectious Diseases, among 10 other books, and is author of over 730 scientific articles (18 with UVA’s 3 Nobel Laureates) and reviews. His work focuses on enteric infections and their long-term consequences for child growth and cognitive development. He and his colleagues in Brazil also discovered the potential benefits of the major recognized Alzheimer’s Disease risk gene, APOE4 that likely contributed to its evolution. He is past president of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and recipient of its Walter Reed Medal. He founded one of the nation’s first Trans-University Centers for Global Health at UVA and is recipient the Mentor Award of IDSA (2009), of the University’s Distinguished Scientist Award (2009) and of its highest honor, the Thomas Jefferson Award in 2010, and was Outstanding Scientist of Virginia in 2012. Elected to the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, Guerrant chaired its Board on Global Health. Among his latest books are *Evolution of Evolution: The Survival Value of Caring* and *Why Care?and How?*

Dick loves kayaking with his high school sweetheart and wife of 59 years and boating with kids and grandkids.

- **March 2 – Second Presbyterian’s Green Team**

Join Bob Groth and members of our church’s Green Team as we consider the ways we are called to care for creation. More details to come.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – NOVEMBER 2024

Property Maintenance and Repair Fund

In memory of **Pete Lawson** by

George and Millie Anderson

In memory of **Sara McGhee** by

Ginny Barnett

In memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Rosebro** by

William C. Garrett, Jr.

In memory of **Frances R. Garrett** by

William C. Garrett, Jr.

In memory of **Mary Neely Huddle** by

William C. Garrett, Jr.

In memory of **Henry R. Rosebro, Jr.** by

William C. Garrett, Jr.

Music Fund

In memory of **Bob Bersch** by

Ginny Barnett



Other funds are available for your contributions. Please contact Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator, at 540-343-3659 or admin@spres.org. This list includes donations received between Nov. 1-30, 2024.

**We sincerely regret any errors or omissions in this list. Please contact the Church Administrator to help us get it corrected.*

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

– An easy way to give to the church –

Second Presbyterian Church is pleased to be a part of the Kroger Community Rewards program, which aims to provide hope and help to local communities, schools, churches, and other nonprofit organizations. By participating in this program, you can earn money for our church each time you swipe your Plus card.

Rewards Statement: August 28, 2024 – November 30, 2024:

79
HOUSEHOLDS

\$529.73
TOTAL DONATIONS

If you would like to make Second Presbyterian Church the organization to which you link your Kroger account, please follow these steps:

1. Visit the Kroger Community Rewards page at <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.
2. Scroll down and click “Link Your Shoppers Card: Get Started.”
3. Sign-in to your Kroger account (you’ll need your Kroger Plus card handy. If you are a Kroger shopper and do not have one, you may ask for one at Customer Service).
4. Search for “Second Presbyterian Church” or use our NPO account number: JC314.
5. Click “Enroll.”

Thank you for participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program!

CALENDAR - JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office and Preschool Closed for Holiday	2 Preschool Closed: Christmas Holiday	3 Preschool Closed: Christmas Holiday 11:00am PCC, Reading Room	4
5 8:45am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary 9:45am Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 11:00am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary/Live Stream 4:00pm Elder Training Class of 2027, Session Room 5:00pm Youth Group	6 Preschool Resumes 6:30pm AI Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	7 9:30am Staff Meeting 3:00pm Financial Governance Task Force Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom	8 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 5:15pm Personnel Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom	9 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom	10 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Session Room	11
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MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: The food items for the month of January are **beef stews** and **“chunky” soups**. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
9:45 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Enjoy this time of fellowship and food
as we celebrate our recent members and
confirmands and give thanks for our
amazing church school volunteers!*

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