

We would like to recognize the following Confirmands of 2025:

Ethan Connelly	Grayson Harrington	Clayton Thomas
Katherine Ellett	Shannon Howell	Ansley Tompkins
Charlie Fowler	Cole Kepley	Ellie Underwood
Molly Greear	Foster Lyons	

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Bob and Carol Cole on the birth of their grandson, Lincoln Robert Cole, on Monday, December 30, 2024 to parents Taylor and Catherine Cole.

**THANKS TO THE CONFIRMATION TEACHERS AND MENTORS:** We are deeply grateful for our confirmation teachers, Lauren Ellerman and Ken Lyons, as well as our confirmation mentors who have supported the confirmands this year.

#### OPEN DOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS NEW BOOK STUDY | JANUARY 12:

On Sunday, January 12, the Open Door Sunday School Class will begin a new book called *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans. All are welcome to join! *Wholehearted Faith* is a posthumously published book written by Rachel Held Evans with the help of her close friend Jeff Chu. This book is a rich collection of essays that ask candid questions about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and our world.

**FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS FOR 2025:** Thank you! You have risen to the occasion once again and demonstrated your love of Christ and your support of Second. As of this writing, you have generously pledged \$1,303,300 to the 2025 budget. Within a couple of weeks, we will wrap up the Stewardship season and begin to finalize the budget. If you have not made a financial commitment for this year and plan on doing so, please communicate with Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator (admin@spres.org), as soon as possible. If you haven't pledged in the past, please prayerfully consider what you can do to support the mission of Second. We look forward to a great year of opportunities to serve those in our neighborhood and beyond.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026:** 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](http://www.sprespreschool.com) for application details or contact [alight@spres.org](mailto:alight@spres.org) or [pscoord@spres.org](mailto: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.

**FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING SCHEDULE:** Family Promise guests have enjoyed staying in the beautifully renovated Alexa House, and we would like to thank all those who volunteered to host, cook, serve, shop for or visit with guests last year. Please save the following dates for our congregation's Family Promise service and hosting opportunities in 2025: Jan. 19-26 | April 6-13 | June 15-22 | Oct. 26-Nov. 2 | Dec. 21-24. Should you wish to learn more about this wonderful opportunity to serve, or if you would like to assist with our upcoming January dates, please notify Lucinda Hancock or Lauren Ellerman (luhhancock@gmail.com or lelleman@frithlawfirm.com).

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Today, January 12

Confirmation Sunday  
 8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
 9:45 am: Sunday School  
 11:00am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream  
 5:00pm: Youth Group, Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, January 13

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

#### Tuesday, January 14

9:30 am: Staff Meeting  
 4:00 pm: Legacy Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom  
 5:00 pm: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom  
 5:15 pm: Trent Fund Subcommittee, Zoom

#### Wednesday, January 15

8:05 am: Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid  
 12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline  
 5:15 pm: Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room

#### Thursday, January 16

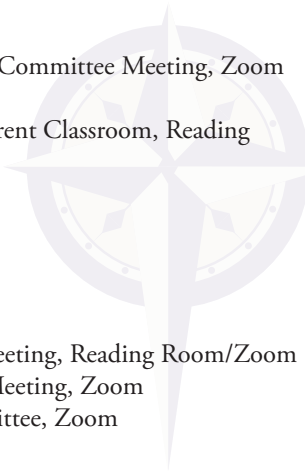
7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom

#### Friday, January 17

11:00 am: PCC, Reading Room

#### Saturday, January 18

**OPEN FLOWER DATES:** The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: 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).



### Staff

*Administrator*  
Nathan Anderson  
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*Organist*  
Marianne Sandborg  
*Engagement Coordinator*  
Connie Polly  
*Children's Ministry Coordinator*  
Maria Blackshaw  
*Parish Associate for Visitation*  
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Meredith Koliba  
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Andrea Boone  
*Media Assistant*  
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*Church Sexton*  
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### Trustees

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 Lauren Ellerman  
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### Clerk of Session

Bill Durham  
 Ken Lyons (Asst. Clerk)

### Treasurers

Joe Miller  
 Bob Martin (Vice Treasurer)

### Missionaries

*National:*  
Beth-El Farmworker Ministry; Wimauma, FL  
*Local:*  
Presbyterian Community Center, Roanoke, VA

### Preschool

Alice Light, *Director*  
 Lori Privott, *Asst. Director*  
 540.342.6405  
[www.sprespreschool.com](http://www.sprespreschool.com)

For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: [www.spres.org/about/leadership/](http://www.spres.org/about/leadership/)

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Sunday Morning Worship  
 Early and Late Services  
 January 12, 2025



### 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  
 Nancy Gray  
 Robin Hobbs  
 Alice Holman  
 Kenneth Laughon  
 Betsy Prillaman  
 Chrissy Underwood

#### Elders - Class of 2025

Ginger Avis  
 Susan Carter  
 John Caudill  
 Kandy Elliott  
 Lucinda Hancock  
 Mark Lawrence  
 Megan Moore  
 Darin Pearson

#### Elders - Class of 2026

Mary Airheart  
 Margaret Ashburn  
 Chasity Fitzpatrick  
 Barry Green  
 Sally I'Anson  
 Drew Kepley  
 Randy Rhea  
 Ken Sizemore

JANUARY 12, 2025

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Gathering Music *Trumpet Tune* Arcangelo Corelli

Welcome and Announcements  
Minute for Mission *RAM House* Melissa Woodson, Executive Director

Prelude *Lift High the Cross* setting, Charles W. Ore

\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>  
This place, this time is holy, for we are gathered to worship God.  
**We are here to worship God our Father;  
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.**  
We will not see God's face,  
**But we will listen for God's name.**  
Let us worship God now!<sup>1</sup>

\*Hymn No. 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*  
(11:00 A.M.) Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K-1st grade)  
*excused during the final verse of the hymn.*

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession  
Holy God of burning bush, your voice sometimes calls our names.  
Knowing you might ask us to return to difficult people and places to be  
agents of your grace, we sometimes pretend not to hear, or offer excuses  
and ask that you call someone else. Forgive us for those times when we  
forget how needed are the sacrifices that must be made for communities  
to be healed. Remind us of what you endured in the life of Jesus so that  
we might know your healing grace.  
*We grow silent to hear the voice we too often ignore.*

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

(8:45 A.M.) \*Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed *Glory to God*, p. 35  
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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr., Mack Wilberg  
from Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; sing now in glad adoration!  
  
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been granted in what He ordaineth?  
  
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly for aye we adore Him.

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:7-17 Old Testament p. 44  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *God's Nickname* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship  
Offering<sup>2\*\*</sup>  
Offertory *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling* 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

(11:00 A.M.) Service of Confirmation<sup>3</sup>  
\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God*, p. 35  
Presentation of Gifts

\*Hymn No. 69 *Here I Am, Lord*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Allegro Giojoso* arr., Jon Spong

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

<sup>1</sup> **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** today is based on Exodus 3:5-6.

<sup>2</sup> **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for January will support *Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM House)*. With the Rescue Mission faithfully transporting around 40 people a day to the RAM House, the RAM House is experiencing great costs in service delivery. Increased expenses include additional staff to case manage as well as increased costs in kitchen supplies, plumbing bills and general maintenance costs. Despite the increases, the RAM House is overjoyed to take people, often who are disabled and elderly, into a warm, safe environment. Our Outreach Offering will assist this vital ministry as they continue caring for our neighbors in need. **As of Thursday, January 9, \$869.60 has been collected.**

The Outreach Offering for the month of December supported the *Bradley Free Clinic*. **The final (updated) monthly total was \$6,747.78.**

**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).

<sup>3</sup> **CONFIRMATION:** In the early church, joining a church community was a weighty decision. It involved not only a theological affirmation of faith but was also a powerful and sometimes dangerous decision to be publicly identified with an alternative community. Often, in order to ensure the decision was well considered and firm, confirmation required three years of catechesis. The importance of confirmation gained the status of a sacrament, but ironically lost transformative power in becoming in many parishes a rite of entry and less an educational pilgrimage. The Church of the Reformation did not see Confirmation as a sacrament, but reemphasized education as a means for an emerging adult to make an informed profession of faith and commitment. Those being confirmed at Second Presbyterian Church today have been in a class that has explored content as well as the aesthetic and personal dimensions of faith.

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**THIS SUNDAY**

**Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Leigh Hamilton Stockstill by the Stockstill family.  
*Arranged by Ann Lawson and Susan Lancaster.*

**Ushers:** (8:45) Lucinda Hancock (Head Usher), Megan Moore, David Speno, Lynn Speno. (11:00) Margaret Ashburn (Head Usher), Alice Light, Rich Light, Emily Roseman.

**Greeters:** Carole Mayberry and Elizabeth Vacher.

**AV Technicians:** Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

**Children, Worship, & Wonder:** "Follow Me." Greeter, Anne Myers. Storyteller, Lori Privott. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.