

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFICE CLOSURE:** The church offices will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 21.

**THANK YOU FROM THE SERVICE & OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** On behalf of the Service & Outreach committee, I want to thank you. Because of your support, we had a very busy December serving our at-risk population in Roanoke. Five families at Morningside Elementary had a good Thanksgiving dinner because Second filled 5 Thanksgiving bags for them. 5 children had a special Christmas because Second participated in Morningside's Giving Tree project. A group of volunteers from Second served roughly 300 cups of hot chocolate at Morningside's Winter Concert and provided hot chocolate for 290 children during their winter break celebration.

As a part of Congregations in Action, Second sponsored 2 Angels for Highland Park Elementary and furnished refreshments for 45 3rd graders at their winter party. Second donated 53 gift cards totaling \$815.00 to the West End Center, which were included in Christmas bags the center prepared for the children who participate in their programs.

The committee donated \$400 of gift cards to Family Promise to help the families that participate in their program. The congregation also donated linens to the Family Promise families. The congregation filled 100 Angel Tree gift bags for the elderly through the Local Office on Aging. Kids Soar appreciated the paper products that Second furnished for their annual Christmas dinner for the families who attend Kids Soar's after school program. We are able to do this good and meaningful work in our community thanks to you. – Alice Holman, Service & Outreach Chair

**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.

**POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL | FEBRUARY 2 | 9:45 A.M. | "THE EVOLUTION OF FAITH" WITH DICK GUERRANT:** In discussing Evolution & Faith, Dick will discuss how science and religious philosophy are different, yet each is profoundly important to the other, and how survival traits and evolution itself are changing! He will challenge us to think about: 'who am I/we?' and 'where are we going?' from both our scientific and our faith perspectives. **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.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Today, January 19**

8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
 9:45 am: Sunday School  
 11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream  
 5:00 pm: Youth Group, Fellowship Hall  
 5:30 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

**Monday, January 20**

Church Office and Preschool Closed: MLK Holiday

**Tuesday, January 21**

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, January 22**

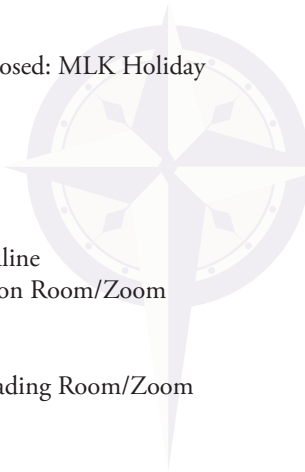
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline  
 5:15 pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

**Thursday, January 23**

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

**Friday, January 24**

**Saturday, January 25**



**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).

**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 (luhancock@gmail.com or lellerman@frithlawfirm.com).



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*Organist*  
 Marianne Sandborg  
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 Connie Polly  
*Children's Ministry Coordinator*  
 Maria Blackshaw  
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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*  
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 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 19, 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**

<u>Elders - Class of 2024</u>	<u>Elders - Class of 2025</u>	<u>Elders - Class of 2026</u>
Maria Blackshaw	Ginger Avis	Mary Airheart
Pattie Clevenger	Susan Carter	Margaret Ashburn
Nancy Gray	John Caudill	Chasity Fitzpatrick
Robin Hobbs	Kandy Elliott	Barry Green
Alice Holman	Lucinda Hancock	Sally I'Anson
Kenneth Laughon	Mark Lawrence	Drew Kepley
Betsy Prillaman	Megan Moore	Randy Rhea
Chrissy Underwood	Darin Pearson	Ken Sizemore

JANUARY 19, 2025

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Gathering Music *Aria da Chiesa* Georg Muffat

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Paul Manz

\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>  
Come and worship all you who love and serve our God —  
**who surrounds us with unfailing love,  
and answers us when we call;**  
who cares for the humble and lowly,  
and never abandons those in need.  
**This is our God,  
worthy of our worship and praise!**

\*Hymn No. 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

(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<sup>2</sup>  
God of Grace, we bring to you our ingratitude for all that you have done  
for us, our impatience when prayers seem to be ignored, our selfishness  
when prompted to give or share, our unfaithfulness when wandering  
from your way. We ask for your forgiveness through Jesus Christ with  
the desire that we, in turn, forgive others.

*Hear us say what we hesitate to admit to ourselves, much less say aloud.*

Assurance of Pardon

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

\*Affirmation of Faith<sup>3</sup>  
Great indeed, we confess,  
is the mystery of our religion:  
Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
preached among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world,  
taken up in glory.

Concerns

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

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua* Ola Gjeilo  
(*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.* Derived from the Mass)  
Cara Hubbard, Pianist

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give us peace.

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 20:7-12 New Testament p. 901  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Preacher Paul* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship  
Offering<sup>4\*\*</sup>  
Offertory *The Lord's My Shepherd* Jessie Seymour Irvine  
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. 543<sup>5</sup> *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* arr., Piet Post

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*



**BULLETIN NOTES**

<sup>1</sup>THE CALL TO WORSHIP is based on Psalm 138.

<sup>2</sup>THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION is adapted from a prayer by John Birch and posted on Faith and Worship (www.faithandworship.com).

<sup>3</sup>THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH is from the scripture passage 1 Timothy 3:16 (Revised Standard Version).

<sup>4</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 16, \$1,379.60 has been collected.**

**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>5</sup>**GOD BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME** was written by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan in 1967 while working on a theology and arts degree at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. The text is meant to evoke the beautiful Breastplate Prayer of St. Patrick. Bruxvoort was "attracted to the imagery and inherent mysticism in the language and appreciated the earth-based Celtic sensibilities in the poetry." Though originally written in the first-person singular, Bruxvoort uses the first-person plural to symbolize different voices coming together to sing the prayer together (source: *Glory to God: A Companion*).

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**THIS SUNDAY**

**Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Laura Pickard Richards, David Edwin Pickard, Richard Carey Pickard, and Dick Richards by Patti and Charlie Palmer. *Arranged by Martha Anderson.*

**Ushers:** (8:45) Lucinda Hancock (Head Usher), Lauren Ellerman, Chrissy Underwood. (11:00) Margaret Ashburn (Head Usher), Brandon Ashburn, Lee Kreger, Sarah Kreger.

**Greeters:** Jim and Angie Pittendrigh.

**AV Technicians:** Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

**Children, Worship, & Wonder:** "A New Teaching." Greeter, Maria Blackshaw. Storyteller, Carol MoneyMaker. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.