

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extend to Bill and Susan Lancaster on the death of Bill's brother, **Leitch Lancaster** of Richmond, VA, on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Our prayers are also with the extended families of Connor Fralin, Pierce Lancaster, and Al McLean.

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL | "SCIENCE, EVOLUTION & FAITH" WITH DICK GUERRANT | FEBRUARY 2 @ 9:45 A.M. | CHAPEL: In discussing Science, 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.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: April 6; May 11 (Mother's Day), 18; June 1. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

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 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.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, January 26

Two Cents-a-Meal
8:45 am: Worship Service with Roanoke Valley Children's Choir, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service with Roanoke Valley Children's Choir, Sanctuary/Live Stream
4:00 pm: Elder Training Class of 2027, Session Room
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship
5:00 pm: Youth Group, Intersection & Sanctuary

Monday, January 27

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

Tuesday, January 28

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
3:00 pm: Financial Governance Task Force Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom

Wednesday, January 29

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:30 pm: Preschool: STEAM Night, Fellowship Hall

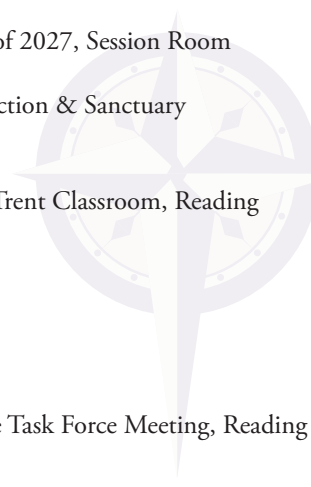
Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

11:00 am: PCC, Reading Room

Saturday, February 1



Staff

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Nathan Anderson
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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

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

For upcoming events, a library of sermons (audio & text), and more, visit our website:

www.spres.org



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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
January 26, 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 26, 2025

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY¹

Gathering Music *Simple Gifts* Russell Schulz-Widmar

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit *For the Beauty of the Earth* Philip Stopford
Roanoke Valley Children's Choir

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress* Wilbur Held

*Call to Worship

Thank you, God, for gathering us.
Remind us again of your love.

**The good news of the gospel is this:
the God of all creation came to dwell among us,
but we crucified this revelation of sacrificial love.**

God went to the depths of hell to gather us all.
In Christ's resurrection we are drawn again to the presence of God.
This is good news for all who hear.

*Hymn No. 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
Two Cents-a-Meal² (8:45 A.M.) Anna and Lydia Bryan
(11:00 A.M.) Olympia Greenawalt and Eleanor Link

(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 Confession³

**Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that
we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of
Christ.**

**We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier
to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't
look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We con-
fess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and
unconditional love.**

**We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more
inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give
us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelli-
gence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do.**

In the silence, we open our hearts to you.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's 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; 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 *Give Me Jesus* Laura Swartzendruber
Roanoke Valley Children's Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 4:21-30 New Testament p. 830
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *A Prophet in His Hometown* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{4**}

Offertory *It Is Well* Kirsti Davidson
Roanoke Valley Children's Choir

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. 693 *Though I May Speak*

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response *Sing Me Up to Heaven* Appalachian hymns arr. by
Roanoke Valley Children's Choir Keith Christopher

Postlude *O Worship the King* Raymond H. Haan

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **TODAY MARKS THE THIRD SUNDAY** in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany begins with the celebration of the visit of the Magi to young Jesus and typically ends with Ash Wednesday. These weeks are often used by the church to preach and teach about the teachings and miracles of Jesus. The liturgical colors associated with this season are white (on Epiphany Sunday) and green.

² **TODAY'S TWO CENTS-A-MEAL FAMILIES:** (8:45 A.M.) Dana and Paul are the parents of Anna and Lydia Bryan. (11:00 A.M.) Jamie is the parent of Olympia Greenawalt. Chris and Elizabeth are the parents of Eleanor Link.

³ **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** is written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. It is used today with permission.

⁴ **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 Wednesday, January 22, \$1,824.60 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).

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THIS SUNDAY

Music: We are glad to welcome the Roanoke Valley Children's Choir to Second! Founded in 1987 by Director, Kimberly Ruse Davidson, the Roanoke Valley Children's Choir has grown to be a highly respected arts organization in the Roanoke Valley, in the state of Virginia, and beyond. We thank them for their presence and look forward to their offering of music this morning.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Chip and Lee Lazarus by their daughter, Susan Bailey. *Arranged by Karen Davidson.*

Ushers: (8:45) Lucinda Hancock (Head Usher), Susan Leivy, Moe Millar, Kathy Stockburger. (11:00) Margaret Ashburn (Head Usher), Pam Kreger, Trip Kreger, Lori Privott.

Greeters: (8:45) Bill Blaylock. (11:00) Rick and Pam Murray.

AV Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Jesus and the Tax Collectors." Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.

The Roanoke Valley Children's Choir



Celebrating 38 years of excellence under the direction of Kimberly Ruse Davidson, the Roanoke Valley Children's Choir is a highly respected local arts organization with recent solo honor performances at Carnegie Hall, the National Cathedral, Canterbury Cathedral and American Choral Director Association divisional and national conventions. We teach school age singers how to work together and pursue excellence – in singing, in music, and in everyday life.

The RVCC choir program includes four choirs. An Early Elementary Choir for grades 1-2, an Upper Elementary Choir for grades 3-5, a Youth Choir for grades 5-9, and an advanced Concert Choir for grades 8-12. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from late August through April at Bethel Baptist Church in Salem.

All RVCC choristers perform in the annual RVCC Holiday and Spring Concerts, and enjoy the Fall Retreat weekend at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center every October. The Elementary and Middle School choirs also perform for local schools and attend the Music in the Parks festival in Williamsburg each Spring.

The High School Choir, singing for you today, performs annually with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra at Holiday Pops and other RSO performances. Additionally, the High School Concert Choir performs at community events, and travels for honor and festival performances each year. This summer, the Concert Choir will be traveling to England to participate in the International Children's Choir Festival in London, Canterbury and Rochester, where we have been selected to sing as the solo Liturgical Choir.

We always love welcoming new singers into the choir! Introductory newcomer classes are held in May, August, and January each year. No audition is required to join the Elementary or Youth Choir Programs. High School singers audition with Ms. Davidson to join the advanced Concert Choir. The next newcomer classes for all ages of singers (1st-12th grade) will be on May 16th and 20th, 2025.

Along with our full choir program, the RVCC offers a beginner "Little Singers" Choir. This is a 6-week class each semester for children ages 4-6 to participate along with a parent, grandparent, or caregiver. Each semester has a new theme as we learn the beginnings of good choral technique, basic musicianship, and mostly have fun! The next Little Singers class will begin on March 10th, 2025 from 4:00-4:30 PM where we will have fun singing songs about animals and imagination!

For more information about the RVCC Choir Program please visit our website, www.childrenschoir.com