

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Don and Julie Mugford on the death of Don's brother, Douglas Mugford of Maine.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Kate and Dan Miller on the birth of their granddaughter, Nell Katherine Lancaster, on Friday, December 27, 2024 to parents Alynn Hughes and Matt Lancaster. Proud great-grandmother is Ann Miller.

SUNDAY MORNING DETAILS: Sunday school will not meet today, though Children, Worship, & Wonder (for children in Pre-K through first grade) will meet today during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Sunday school will resume for all ages on January 12, 2025.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST | TODAY | 9:45 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: This morning, members and visitors of all ages are invited to attend a 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 for all ages will resume next Sunday, January 12 at 9:45 a.m. *See a list of all our wonderful CE volunteers and new members of 2024 printed on today's bulletin insert.*

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).

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. At the time of Rachel Held Evans' tragic death in 2019, she was working on a new book about wholeheartedness. That work-in-progress has been woven together with some of her other unpublished writings into a rich collection of essays that ask candid questions about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, January 5

8:45 am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
11:00 am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary/
Live Stream
4:00 pm: Elder Training Class of 2027, Session Room
5:00 pm: Youth Group Welcome Back Party, Intersection/
Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
12:00 pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
5:00 pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
5:15 pm: Personnel Committee, Zoom and Reading Room

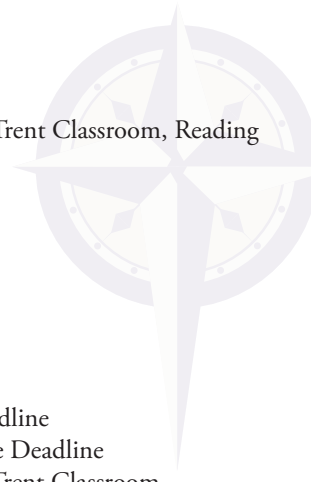
Thursday, January 9

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
5:15 pm: Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session
Room

Friday, January 10

12:00 pm: Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Session Room

Saturday, January 11



Staff

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Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg
Organist
Marianne Sandborg
Engagement Coordinator
Connie Polly
Children's Ministry Coordinator
Maria Blackshaw
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Church Accountant
Libby Smith
Media and Communications Specialist
Andrea Boone
Media Assistant
Erin Mucha
Church Sexton
John Brady Anderson

Trustees

Ron Ayers
Lauren Ellerman
George A. McLean, Jr.

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

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Chairs, visit: [www.spres.org/
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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
January 5, 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 5, 2025

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS¹

Gathering Music *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Raymond H. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* Robert Elmore

*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, O you people.

We joyfully proclaim Christ is here!

The God of all creation awakens our bodies with the breath of the Spirit.

The Lord, the giver of life, has come to dwell with us!

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn No. 143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*
(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 Confession² Hymn No. 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (v. 4)

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Emmanuel, in our silence, speak your presence to you us.

Sung Response No. 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (v. 3)

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,

where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Assurance of Pardon

*Affirmation of Faith³

Who are you in Christ Jesus?

I am blessed with every spiritual blessing.

I have been a child of God before the foundation of the world.

I am holy and blameless through love.

I have been adopted in love.

I have redemption through Christ's blood.

I am forgiven according to his grace.

I have obtained an inheritance in heaven.

I have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

Concerns

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14 Old Testament p. 633

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *What's Next* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan

Call to Discipleship

Offering^{4**}

Offertory *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Fred Bock

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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper^{5***}

*Hymn of Preparation No. 321 *The Church's One Foundation* (vv. 1-2)

*Hymn No. 321 *The Church's One Foundation* (vv. 3-5)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Wonder Tidings* Norberto Guinaldo

BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP:** Today marks the second Sunday in the season of Christmas, which begins on Christmas Eve. The colors of our paraments are white, to symbolize purity, joy, and light associated with the birth of Jesus Christ.

² **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** today is from the hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* and we will sing verses 3 and 4 as our response.

³ **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** is adapted from Ephesians 1:3-14.

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.

The Outreach Offering for the month of December supported the *Bradley Free Clinic*. **The final monthly total was \$6,055.63.**

On Tuesday, December 24, the 16th annual **Manger Offering** to benefit Family Promise of Greater Roanoke was collected at all three Christmas Eve services. **The total collected was \$3,918.50.**

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).

⁵ **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:** Traditional understandings of the Eucharist (Lord's Supper) emphasize the transformation of earthly elements—bread and wine—into sacred body and blood. Contemporary understandings point to the presence of Christ not only in the bread and cup but especially as the Risen One in the midst of the community. John Calvin saw that in the Lord's Supper we are transported to heaven. Furthermore, contemporary interpretations view sacraments not as interruptions from a foreign sacred world but as clear moments that focus the sacred in this world in which the Word becomes flesh (Ruth Duck, *Worship for the Whole People of God*, 2013, p.185).

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Lauren Ellerman in memory of her mother, Patricia Morgan. *Arranged by Kathryn Barrows.*

Ushers: (8:45) Kandy Elliott (Head Usher), Ginger Poole Avis, Jack Avis, Joyce Harris. (11:00) Margaret Ashburn (Head Usher), Brandon Ashburn, Pam Kreger, Trip Kreger.

Greeters: (8:45) Monty Salyer. (11:00) Patsy Chaney, Martha Mikkelson.

AV Technicians: Miranda Moore, Darin Pearson.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Baby Jesus is Presented to God." Greeter, Jacquie Luckett. Storyteller, Carolyn Krisha. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

***All communion elements are gluten free.



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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.



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).

CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION: Just before Thanksgiving, the last of the Bankers Boxes filled with Christmas cards and envelopes, as well as several rolls of stamps, were delivered to the chaplains of the Roanoke Area correctional institutions. Thanks to your generosity with your leftover unused Christmas cards and envelopes left in the Jail Ministry Box after Christmas last year, together with the addition of new boxes of cards provided by the Service and Outreach Committee's Jail Ministry funds, each chaplain received approximately 400 cards and envelopes as well as two rolls of stamps that will be distributed to the inmates of each institution. As Rev. Dan Netting, pastor of the First Christian Church in Salem and Roanoke County Jail and the Western Virginia Regional Jail chaplain, said: "...these cards mean a lot to the men and women who are isolated from their families. Not just having a card to send to someone, but also the images on the cards help them to remember better days and to imagine the hope that God is still with them now." We will begin collecting cards for next year's Jail Ministry donation beginning the week of December 9th. If you have leftover unused cards sitting around from this year's Christmas mailing, look out for the Jail Ministry box in the coat closet. Thank you again for helping to make this gift possible. Service and Outreach Committee

2024-2025 Christian Education Volunteers

We give thanks for our wonderful Christian Education volunteers!

Children, Worship, & Wonder

Coordinator: Rhesa Bailey
Storytellers: Rhesa Bailey, Amanda Copeland, Carolyn Krishna, Carol Moneymaker, Lori Privott, Martha Wheeler, Sarah Wilson
Greeters: Maria Blackshaw, Susan Creekmore, Jacquie Luckett, Anne Myers
Subs: Susan Carter, Beth Higgins

2 Year Old Sunday School

Nursery Coordinator: Aubrey Beeson

3 & 4 Year Old Sunday School

Linda Jernigan, Susan Lancaster, Ann Lawson, Nancy Pickens

The River Sunday School (K-3rd Grade)

Coordinator: Maria Blackshaw
Gathering Leaders: Maria Blackshaw, Barry & Ann Green, Maria Hammond, Elizabeth Link, Betsy Prillaman
Workshop Leaders: (God's Table) Maria Blackshaw, Maria Ward (Holy Explosion) Mary Emily Thomas, Sally I'Anson (MArts) John & Claudia Moore (Holy Word, Holy Motion) Brooke Rosen
K & 1st Shepherds: Alice Holman, Mary Evelyn Russell
2nd & 3rd Shepherds: Whitney Horn, Margaret Salters
Sub: Virginia Anderson

4th & 5th Grade Sunday School

Dana Bryan, Christal Pearson, Degra Nofsinger, Connie Vaughan
Sub: Sarah Stakor

Sunday Night Kids' Fellowship & Choir

Alison Conte, Maria Blackshaw, Diane Turner

Middle School Sunday School

Jim Baynton, Dana Bryan, Amanda Copeland, April Lewis
Sub: Sarah Stakor

Confirmation Sunday School

Ben Brannan, Lauren Ellerman, Ken Lyons

High School Sunday School

Sarah Bishop, Aaron Copeland, Chasity Fitzpatrick
Sub: Kevin Young

Midweek Manna - High School Girls

Rebekah Gunn, Julie Mugford

Middle School Mini-Manna

April Lewis

Youth Advisors

Jim Baynton, Sarah Bishop, Dana Bryan, Chasity Fitzpatrick, April Lewis, Chris Lewis

Pop-Up Sunday School

George Anderson, Carter Brother, Dick Guerrant

Covenant Conversation

Jeff Hobbs, Robin Hobbs, Cindy Young

Open Door

Nancy Gray, David Howell, Chris Link, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Bruce Stockburger

Reformed and Always Reforming

George Anderson, Suzanne Fischer, Dan Hodges, Al McLean

Words on the Word

Bill Blaylock, Rich Raymond, Dave Speno

Confirm, Not Conform for Adults

Chris Lewis, Shelley Lyons, Donna Wardell

Midweek Men's Study

Carter Brothers, Aaron Copeland, David Speno

Midweek Women's Study

Elizabeth Link

The Bible in Black and White

George Anderson, Bill Lee

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church New Members of 2024

We welcome into the life of our community of faith those who joined in the year 2024.

(Confirmands noted by asterisk.)

Ellen Booth	Luke Cocowitch*	Nancy Guerrant	Lisa Miller	Monty Salyer
Paul Booton	Evin Finch*	Courtney Herron	Shevaun O'Connell	Mike Stewart
Trish Booton	Rosemary Francis	Audrey Kelley*	Kemper Prillaman*	Sharon Stewart
David Brondyk	Lindy Franzen	Jamie Lewis*	Abbey Revercomb	Garrett Waters*
Judy Brondyk	Sandra Friedlander	Jacqueline Lockett	George Revercomb	Ellen Webster
Betsy Bumgarner	Andrew Gerhards	Jeff Lockett	Robin Roberts	Wynn Yardley*
Connie Burnett	Louise Gerhards	Bruce Marquis	Shelby Ruley	
Leah Butler	Dick Guerrant	Dave Miller	Charlie Salters*	