

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Nancy and Jim Bishop on the death of Nancy's sister, Elizabeth "Betsy" Joyner of Winston-Salem, NC, on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH AND HUMAN SEXUALITY RETREAT: Young people need human sexuality education programs that model and teach caring, compassion, respect, and justice, but there seems to be a challenge of creating environments that support and nurture sexual health. And, in creating such programs, there must be a holistic approach, moving beyond the intellect to address attitudes, values, and feelings that youth have about themselves and the world. It's with this in mind that on Feb 21-23 we're offering again a retreat called Our Whole Lives for all 9th and 10th graders, in partnership with Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church and the other churches in the presbytery. Inspired by *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education* curriculum. The retreat is free! For more information on this overnight retreat, please contact Ben Brannan (benb@spres.org).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | THURSDAYS | 10:30-11:30 A.M. | SESSION ROOM: Think, pray, and reflect through the stories of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The church has always known, intuitively even, that the best way for us to be shaped into the people God wants us to be—the people whose difference from the world around is vital to our witness—is to think and pray slowly and carefully through the stories of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In *From Wilderness to Glory*, beloved author N. T. Wright encourages readers to do just that throughout the seasons of Lent and Easter. Books are available for purchase in Elizabeth Link's office (\$15). To register for the class, contact Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org) by Feb 21. **Schedule:** Thursdays, Feb 27–April 17* (*March 6—NO MEETING).

THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE "WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?" | WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH | NOON | FELLOWSHIP HALL: Some books in the Bible are about a specific person. What makes these stories so compelling is that they often center on individuals who live on the margins—people whose lives seem insignificant in the eyes of the powerful, yet matter deeply to God. These are the stories of God's powerful work among the powerless. During the noon hour on March Wednesdays, *The Bible in Black & White* class will explore four of these narratives, seeking to understand what God sees in these individuals—and in all of us. Drs. Bill Lee and George Anderson, along with ministers from other sponsoring churches, will guide the discussion. **Schedule:** Mar. 5: Ruth, Mar. 12: Esther, Mar. 19: Daniel, Mar. 26: Philemon. Learn more at www.spres.org.

WISDOM | LENTEN SERMON SERIES: Wisdom is something to strive for. Yet, biblically, true wisdom is a gift best received with humility. Why? First, the wise are wary of certainty and know they do not have final answers. Second, deep wisdom that protects and builds a life worth living comes from the search and struggle of generations. For the Sundays of Lent, your pastors will offer a sermon series exploring what scripture and tradition can teach us about seeking and receiving wisdom—wisdom that both keeps us grounded and helps us adapt to life's changing circumstances.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, February 16

8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 am: Cancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service with Baptism of Annabelle Harris, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Youth Group, Offsite
5:30 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, February 17

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

Tuesday, February 18

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 19

8:05 am: Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
4:30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, February 20

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
12:00 pm: MMT Board Meeting, Session Room

Friday, February 21

Youth: Our Whole Lives Retreat

Saturday, February 22

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LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025:

Ash Wednesday, March 5

- 7:30-9:30 a.m. "Ashes and Prayer To-Go," Mountain Ave Parking Lot
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Evening Worship, Kirk Hall

Kairos Weekly Reflections

- Mar 12-Apr 16 (Wednesdays): Weekly Kairos Video Reflections via YouTube and Facebook, featuring Second Presbyterian members sharing the important and spiritual gift of wisdom

Maundy Thursday, April 17

- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Evening Worship, Kirk Hall



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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
February 16, 2025



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Dr. George C. Anderson, Senior Pastor

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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

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FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

Gathering Music *Amazing Grace* (Virginia Harmony) Peter Pindar Stearns

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *In Christ There Is No East or West* Dale Wood

*Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You who are here in this sanctuary
and you who are worshipping with us online
are welcome in this service of worship.

We are glad and we are grateful.

Praise be to God!

*Hymn No. 336 *We Gather Together*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of love and grace, we confess that too often our faith is centered on ourselves—our desires, our comfort, our blessings—while neglecting the needs of others. We have sought Your grace for our own lives but failed to extend that same grace to those we are ready to dismiss and condemn. Forgive us for the times we have been blind to suffering, slow to act in love, and reluctant to serve. Help us share what we receive so that we are not fooled into thinking that our salvation stands alone.

In silence, join us in reflecting on what it is we just confessed.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

(8:45 A.M.) *Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' 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 *Verleih Uns Frieden* Martin Luther
Grant Us Thy Peace Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord,
Thou Source of every blessing!
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word,
All things in Thee possessing.
In Thee is our hope and safety.

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Prayer for Illumination

(11:00 A.M.) Sacrament of Infant Baptism - Annabelle Lane Harris

Presiding Elder: Aaron Copeland

*Hymn of Preparation No. 487 *These Treasured Children*

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed *Glory to God*, p. 35

(11:00 A.M.) Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K-1st grade) excused after the baptism.

Scripture Reading John 8:12 New Testament p. 866

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *One* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering^{1**}

Offertory *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* 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

*Hymn No. 295 *Go to the World!*

*Charge and Benediction

(11:00 A.M.) Choral Response *Go Now in Peace* Don Besig

Postlude *Voluntary on "Ein' Feste Burg"* Gordon Young

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹**THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for February will support two projects for children: *Blessing Bags*—age appropriate bags made by church member Cole Hoff for children of Family Promise guests at Alexa House—and *Turn the Page*, a Roanoke-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of providing every child in the Roanoke Valley with a personal library in an effort to improve literacy and promote awareness to parents and caregivers of the benefits of reading at home. Founded in 2014, Turn the Page provides new hand-selected, age-appropriate books to local children, including newborns at Roanoke Carilion Hospital, at pediatric offices, and at several local elementary schools through their Books and Breakfast program in partnership with Roanoke City Public Schools.

Correction: As of Thursday, February 6, \$1,870.00 was collected.

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for the month of February are canned meats, tuna, chicken, and spam. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating). As the PCC prepares to move into their new building this summer, they also appreciate donations of packing materials, boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, etc. to assist with the move.

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THIS SUNDAY

Baptism: During the 11 o'clock worship service this morning, Brian and Olivia Harris will present their daughter, Annabelle Lane Harris, for the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. Aaron Copeland will serve as the presiding elder.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lucy Neal by her husband, Bill, and children, Bryan, Lewis and Patricia. *Arranged by Amanda Copeland.*

Ushers: (8:45) Randy Rhea (Head Usher), Kandy Elliott, Brownie Polly, Mark Watts. (11:00) Drew Kepley (Head Usher), Bob Groth, Cole Kepley, Darin Pearson.

Greeters: Jim and Angie Pittendrigh.

AV Technicians: Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Jesus Feeds 5,000 People." Storyteller, Carol MoneyMaker. Greeter, Anne Myers. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.