

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Ellen Stanley Booth on the death of her uncle, Richard Cocke, on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Vernelle Walker, who died on Saturday January 25, 2025.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Drew and Anne Tyler Howell who welcomed their daughter, Elizabeth James "Lettie" Howell, in the midst of a Charleston, SC snowstorm on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Proud grandparents are David and Glo Howell.

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL | "SCIENCE, EVOLUTION & FAITH" WITH DICK GUERRANT | TODAY @ 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. For anyone wanting to see more, Dick will follow parts of his book, *Evolution of Evolution: The Survival Value of Caring*, published in 2018 and available on Kindle.

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: May 18; June 1. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS CARD DONATIONS: Many thanks to everyone who dropped off their surplus Christmas cards in the Jail Ministry Christmas Card Box. Because of your generosity, we have a little over two bankers' boxes full of cards. These will be added to more cards and several rolls of stamps which will be given to the Roanoke Area Jail Chaplains for distribution to inmates in area jails so that they can send cards to their loved ones during the 2025 Christmas holiday. Thanks again for your support. – The Service & Outreach Committee

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, February 2

Youth Sunday
8:45 am: Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary/Live Stream
9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:45 am: POP-UP, Chapel
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Parenting Group, Hospitality Room

Monday, February 3

12:00 pm: Annual Report Deadline for 2024
6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, February 4

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 5

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15 pm: Personnel Committee, Session Room/Zoom
5:15 pm: Worship & Music Committee, Trent Room/Zoom

Thursday, February 6

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
4:00 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom
5:00 pm: Property Committee Meeting, Trent Room/Zoom

Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8

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 2, 2025



Photo from the 2024 All Youth Retreat "Deep Dive."

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.

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FEBRUARY 2, 2025

WORSHIP ON SITE & ONLINE AT 8:45 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
YOUTH SUNDAY¹ | FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Gathering Music *Fill My Cup, Lord*
Brass Ensemble: Sebastien Croteau, Vincent Croteau,
Eli Richardson, Drew Underwood

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission *Blessing Bags* Cole Hoff
Turn the Page Elizabeth Martin
Prelude *Vocalise No.3* Marco Bordogni
Cara Wardell, Baritone Horn

*Call to Worship
Come, let us dive deep into God's love, a love that knows no bounds.
We come to be filled and share God's love with others.
This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it!
Come, let us worship God!

Hymn No. 8 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*
(vv. 1-2 seated; vv. 3-4 please stand*)

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Dear God, we have not fully lived into to the deep experiences of life you have gifted us. Instead, we tread on the surface, bobbing up and down in the current and tide of the world. We have ignored your love and doubted your presence. We barely stay afloat. Call to us from the depths again, so we might experience the fullness of your love.
*From the depths we cry to you, O Lord.
Speak to us in the silence of the deep.*

Sung Response No. 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (v. 1)
There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Sharing Signs of Peace
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(11:00 A.M.) A Time for Children
Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K–1st grade)
excused after Children's Time.

(11:00 A.M.) Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *Glory to God*, p. 35
(using debts, debtors)

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *Sinking Deep* Hillsong Young & Free
Standing here in your presence in a grace so relentless
I am won by perfect love wrapped within the arms of heaven
In a peace that lasts forever sinking deep in mercy's sea

(Chorus) I'm wide awake, drawing close, stirred by grace, and all my heart is yours
All fear removed, I breathe you in, I lean into your love, oh, your love

When I'm lost you pursue me, lift my head to see your glory
Lord of all, so beautiful, here in you I find shelter
Captivated by the splendor of your face, my secret place *(chorus)*

Your love so deep is washing over me
Your face is all I seek, you are my everything
Jesus Christ, you are my one desire
Lord, hear my only cry, to know you all my life *(chorus)*

Oh, your love

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:14-21 New Testament p. 949
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon (8:45 A.M.) McLure Bailey, Kit Polly
(11:00 A.M.) Sebastien Croteau, Kylie Young, Kit Polly, Cara Wardell

*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from Isaiah 43:2)
When we pass through waters, God will be with us, and through rivers
they shall not overwhelm us. When we dive deep into faith, God will
guide us through the treacherous waters.

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{2**}
Offertory *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* arr., Kevin Norbury
Eli Richardson, Trumpet; Michele Richardson, Piano
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

(8:45 A.M.) Sacrament of the Lord's Supper^{***}
*Hymn of Preparation No. 519 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*
Great Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
Sharing the Bread of Life & the Cup of Salvation³
Prayer After Communion

*Hymn No. 542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter
Cara Wardell & Garrett Waters

Postlude *Psalm XX* Marcello/Gordon Young

*Please stand in body or spirit.

***All communion elements are gluten free.

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BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **MANY THANKS TO ALL THE YOUTH** who helped plan and prepare for Youth Sunday and shared their gifts of creativity, music, and love. Thanks to Sebastien Croteau, Drew Underwood, Vincent Croteau, Eli Richardson, Anna Bryan, Cara Wardell, Henry Smith, Brownie Polly, Max Mizuba, Maggie Young, Eli Young, Ryan I'Anson, Madelyn Lyons, Kit Polly, Hannah Mizuba, Campbell Tims, McLure Bailey, Kylie Young, Garrett Waters, Rebecca Stakor, Ellie Underwood, Carson Waters, Lincoln Harrington, Grayson Harrington, Jamie Lewis, Foster Lyons, Cole Hoff, Lilly Bishop, Maggie Ellerman, Bruce Rosen, Graham Copeland, Shannon Howell, Elmer Hartman, and Anne Tillison Avis. Special thanks to Barry Green and Michele Richardson for their help with music, and for all the youth advisors, mentors, leaders, and Sunday school teachers who guide and support the youth.

² **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.

The Outreach Offering for January benefitted *Roanoke Area Ministries* (RAM House). **The total collected in January (as of Wednesday, Jan. 29) was \$4,210.24.**

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).

³ **WE WILL SERVE BY INTINCTION.** When ushers release your pew, come forward down the middle aisle to a station on your side. Servers will give you a piece of bread for you to dip in the cup. You may return to your pew using the outer aisle.

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jean Glontz by her son, Michael Glontz. *Arranged by Denise Revercomb.*

Ushers: (8:45) Randy Rhea (Head Usher), Grayson Harrington, Foster Lyons, Bruce Rosen, Ellie Underwood. (11:00) Drew Kepley (Head Usher), Lilly Bishop, Maggie Ellerman, Lincoln Harrington, Carson Waters.

Greeters: (8:45) Bill Blaylock. (11:00) Patsy Chaney and Martha Mikkelson.

AV Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Jesus Calls the Twelve Disciples." Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.