

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service in celebration of the life and Christian witness of Vernelle Walker will be held on Thursday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and via live stream.

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 purpose of this retreat has the proactive goal of helping youth become sexually healthy people who feel good about themselves and their bodies, remain healthy, and build positive, equitable, loving relationships. This retreat recognizes and respects the diversity of participants in regard to sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and disability status. Our hope is that this time will build healthy expressions of love for ourselves and others as image-bearers in the world. 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.

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).

SEE OUR LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE ON THE BACK PANEL OF THE BULLETIN.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, February 9

8:45 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary
 9:45 am: Sunday School
 11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
 4:00 pm: Elder Training Class of 2027, Session Room
 5:00 pm: Youth Group, Offsite
 5:30 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

Monday, February 10

5:30 pm: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room
 6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
 6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, February 11

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
 5:00 pm: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom
 5:15 pm: Trent Fund Subcommittee, Zoom

Wednesday, February 12

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
 12:00 pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
 5:00 pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom

Thursday, February 13

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
 11:00 am: Trent Get Away Meeting, Session Room
 12:00 pm: Capital Campaign PCC, Reading Room
 5:15 pm: Executive Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Friday, February 14

Saturday, February 15

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025:

Ash Wednesday, March 5

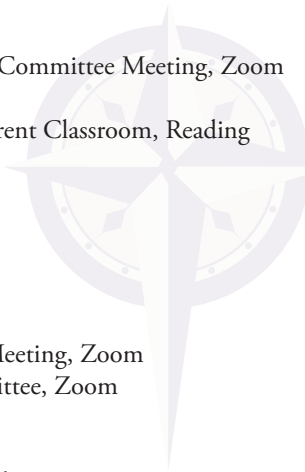
- 7:30-9:30 a.m. "Ashes and Prayer To-Go," Mountain Ave Parking Lot
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Evening Worship, Kirk Hall

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 9, 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.

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FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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

Gathering Music *Be Thou My Vision* Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* Bach

*Call to Worship
God asks, "Whom shall I send?"
Here I am.
Jesus says, "Follow me and share in my work."
Here I am.
The Holy Spirit gathers each one of us for worship.
**Here we are to worship God,
The One who created us, who calls us, who counsels us.**

*Hymn No. 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

(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
**Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways we
have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the
lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more.
You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions.
The world is full of violence, blame, and persecution. Forgive us.
Help us. Call to us. May we hear your voice and follow.**

In the conversation of silence, speak your love to our lost souls.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*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)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 5:1-11 New Testament p. 831
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Deep Dive: Part 2* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan

(11:00 A.M.) *Response to God's Word No. 170 *You Walk along Our Shoreline*

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{1**}
Offertory *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Willan
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. 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Prelude in F* Bach

**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. **As of Thursday, February 6, \$7,870.00 has been collected.**

January's Outreach Offering benefitted Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM House). **The final monthly total came to \$4,801.62.**

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

Music: Our sincere thanks to Pat Howard for providing the gift of music today while the Sandborgs are away.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by Nick, Alison, Laura and Nicholas in memory of Elena Conte. *Arranged by Alison Conte.*

Ushers: (8:45) Randy Rhea (Head Usher), Alice Holman, Kipper Nottingham, Mark Watts. (11:00) Drew Kepley (Head Usher), Cole Kepley, Robert Kulp, Matt Prescott.

Greeters: (8:45) Elizabeth Vacher. (11:00) Therry Nielsen-Steinhardt.

AV Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "The Parable of the Farmer and the Growing Seed." Storyteller, Sarah Wilson. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.

