

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Rev. Rachel and Noah Thompson Orfield on the birth of their son, Simon Curtis Thompson Orfield, on Saturday, February 22, 2025 in Nashville, TN.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS AT 2:00 A.M. NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9: Remember to “spring forward” and set your clocks forward by one hour on the evening of March 8.

ANNUAL MEETING | MARCH 16: Please plan to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting that will be held immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 16. The 2024 Annual Report will be published, made available online, and mailed to members prior to this meeting. Thank you.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | THURSDAYS | 10:30-11:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: 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. The books the church had in stock have been purchased. You can order your own copy from the [PC\(USA\) Store](#). **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.

PARENTING SEMINAR MARCH 30: Parents/grandparents/guardians are invited to join us on Sunday, March 30 for an educational seminar, "ScreenStrong: Kids' Brains & Screens," with guest speaker Emily Harrison. See a flyer with more info and RSVP details on today's bulletin insert.

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL | APRIL 6 | CHAPEL: The March 2 Pop-Up Sunday School class has been postponed until April 6. There will not be a Pop-Up class for March. Join us April 6 at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel where we will welcome Davey Stewards of Star City Compost as our guest speaker for this engaging class, hosted by the 2PC Green Team.

WORDS ON THE WORD | SUNDAYS @ 9:45 A.M. | HOSPITALITY ROOM: We would like to invite anyone who is interested in a Bible study to visit our Sunday school class, the Words on the Word. We are presently studying the Gospel of Luke by following Lectionary readings for each Sunday. Our purpose is to come to a better understanding of what Scripture has to say to us in our day. We meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Hospitality Room directly across from the welcome desk at the main entrance. We are excited about the possibility of you joining us during the Sunday school hour.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, March 2

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 Elder Class of 2027 Ordination/Installation, Sanctuary/Live Stream
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Parenting Group, Hospitality Room
5:00 pm: Youth Group
6:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship Church Chapel, Chapel and Reception in Kirk Hall

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday
7:30-9:30 am: Prayer and Imposition of Ashes, Mountain Ave Parking Lot
12:00 pm: Bible in Black and White Class, Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15 pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom
6:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Worship and Imposition of Ashes, Kirk Hall

Thursday, March 6

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
11:00 am: Memorial for Vernelle Walker, Sanctuary with Reception in Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting, Hybrid
5:00 pm: Property Committee Meeting, Trent Room/Zoom

Friday, March 7

Saturday, March 8

PRESCHOOL HIRING INFANT TEACHERS: The preschool is hiring for Infant Lead and Assistant Teacher positions. Applicants should have experience working with babies and toddlers. Please reach out to Director Alice Light, alight@spres.org, with interest.

OPEN FLOWER DATE: May 18 is available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary. Please contact Denise Revercomb to reserve (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).



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National:
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Preschool

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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:

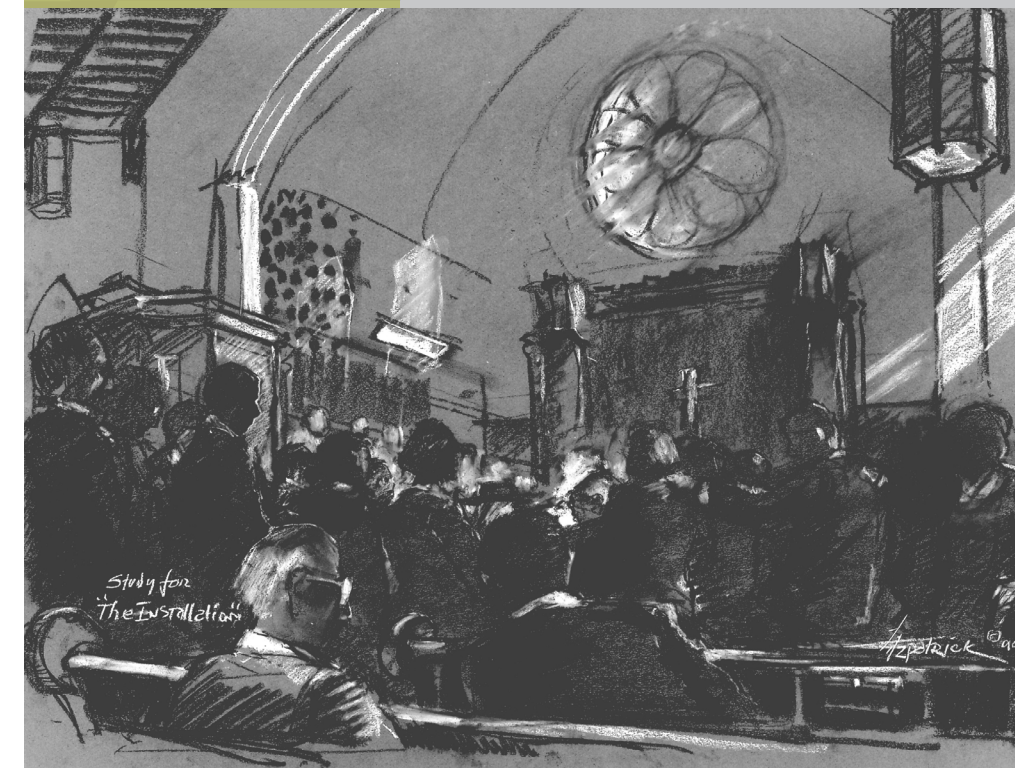
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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
March 2, 2025



The Installation by Eric Fitzpatrick¹

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
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Elders - Class of 2026

Mary Airheart
Margaret Ashburn
Chasity Fitzpatrick
Barry Green
Sally I'Anson
Drew Kepley
Randy Rhea
Ken Sizemore

MARCH 2, 2025

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Gathering Music *March* G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Chorale on "Crusader's Hymn"* Lani Smith

*Call to Worship
Praise the Lord!
The Lord's Name be Praised!
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord!
Let us worship God!
It is right that we do so!

*Hymn No. 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
(11:00 A.M.) Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (Pre-K-1st grade)
excused during the last verse of the opening hymn.

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession²
Eternal God, we confess that we have not always lived faithful and obedient lives. You call us to proclaim the truth in love, but there are times when we are silent. You command us to do what is just, but too often we are idle. You beckon us to live faithfully, but minor matters distract us. Forgive us and transform us so that we may follow your guidance and share Christ-like love with the world.
We have more to confess, and will do so in silence.

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)

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young
Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyous voices raise. Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's might and power, praise Him forever.
Sing of his righteousness, praise Him forever.

So let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyous voices raise. Sing Alleluia!

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Romans 7:14-25 New Testament p. 914
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Daily Duties* Dr. George C. Anderson

A Moment for Reflection

(8:45 A.M.) The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper***
*Hymn of Preparation No. 500 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{3**}
Offertory *Brother James' Air* Gilbert M. Martin
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

(11:00 A.M.) Service of Ordination and Installation of Elders Class of 2027⁴

*Hymn No. 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Chorale-Prelude on "Duke Street"* Robert J. Powell

*Please stand in body or spirit.
***All communion elements are gluten free.

BULLETIN NOTES

¹ **THE INSTALLATION:** On the cover of the bulletin is a charcoal drawing by Eric Fitzpatrick recalling the day his brother, Broaddus, was ordained as an elder. We do not see the elders being ordained, only the College of Elders surrounding them. The Light piercing the darkness and shining on those being ordained represents the light of Christ and vision of God that calls, inspires and leads the church. The work is located outside the narthex near the courtyard exit.

² **ADAPTED FROM A PRAYER** used in worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, DE.

³ **THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for March will benefit *Family Service of Roanoke Valley*. FSRV offers compassionate, trauma-informed care through Mental Health Services and Community Services to support individuals, families, and groups. Their licensed counselors provide in-office, telehealth, and community-based therapy for all ages, with affordable options available. Community Services include youth development programs, healthy relationship groups, guardianship for vulnerable adults, and personal affairs management to prevent homelessness. Through these programs, FSRV strives to ensure that everyone in the valley has access to the care and support they need.

The Outreach Offering for February supported two projects for children: *Cole Hoff's Blessing Bags* and *Turn the Page*. As of Wednesday, February 26, \$6,651.21 was collected.

Monthly Food Collection for PCC: The food items for the month of March are pasta, spaghetti, macaroni, and sauces. 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.

⁴ **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS – CLASS OF 2027:**

Mia Copeland John Jessee Jim Pickens Maria Ward
Rebekah Gunn Patty Lemon Dave Speno
Beth Vaught Jenkins (to be installed at the early service on March 9)

Special thanks and appreciation are extended to the Class of 2024 who have served the church faithfully and are now rotating off the Session:

Maria Blackshaw Nancy Gray Alice Holman Betsy Prillaman
Pattie Clevenger Robin Hobbs Kenneth Laughon Chrissy Underwood

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THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Conte family in loving memory of Alison's mother, Marian C. Ashby. *Arranged by Alison Conte.*

Ushers: (8:45) Ken Sizemore (Head Usher), Manly Aylor, Mia Copeland. (11:00) Sally l'Anson (Head Usher), Lawrence and Ryan l'Anson, Megan Moore.

AV Technicians: Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "The Most Important Commandment." Storyteller, Carolyn Krisha. Program Coordinator, Rhessa Bailey.



KNITTING GROUP: Ladies, we invite you to join our Knitting Group and help create hats and scarves for local children. Each year, a small but dedicated group of women knit these items for students at Highland Park Elementary, and we are hoping to increase participation. All skill levels are welcome—beginners will be taught and encouraged! We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Hospitality Room on March 13, 20, and 27, before Women's Bible Study. After that, we hope to meet monthly to continue the fellowship. Can't meet in the morning? Let us know what time you prefer. Knitting and crocheting are wonderful ways to express creativity, build fine motor skills, and enjoy fellowship with others. Come and share (or start) your love of knitting with us! Contact Emily Mallory (bandemal@yahoo.com) or Lynn Speno (lyspen@gmail.com) with questions.



“Wisdom” Lenten Sermon Series Sundays, March 9–April 20

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. In keeping with the wisdom theme, the church will offer a series of videos featuring older, experienced members sharing insights from their life journeys. We hope you will join us for worship and look for these weekly videos during the Lenten season.

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



ScreenStrong **EMPOWERS** parents to prevent & reverse childhood screen dependency.

We provide practical solutions to **FREE** children from toxic screen habits: **video games, social media & pornography.**

WHAT

ScreenStrong Educational Presentation

WHEN

Sunday, March 30,
5:00-6:30pm

WHERE

2nd Presbyterian Church
Roanoke, VA

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OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO
RSVP BY MARCH 25



SPEAKER:
EMILY HARRISON

Emily is a writer and speaker on digital media and family. She is a Fellow with the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, Ambassador for the Phone Free Schools Movement, and ScreenStrong, and member of Fairplay's Screen Time Action Network. She blogs weekly at DearChristianParent.Substack.com.

Emily believes children must develop an understanding of what it means to be human, critical thinking skills, perseverance and hard work to best be prepared for the digital age.

This presentation will teach you, the parent, about Healthy Brain Development and how to best prepare your children for this current age, the screen battles in your home.