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# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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# PASTOR'S NOTES

## Dr. George C. Anderson



Second Presbyterian Church continues to be a growing, vibrant congregation, and this Annual Report offers its testimony. While church vitality is impossible to fully quantify with data, the data and articles contained in this report are illustrative of what so many of us know to be true: God is doing good works in and through us. Over the past year, we have seen increases in membership, pledges, giving and outreach ministry. We are blessed with a strong staff that has taken years to build, a session that offers visionary and effective leadership, and an engaged congregation. Members are served by strong programs, and the congregation's impact on Roanoke and beyond is expanding. Our congregation, though diverse, finds its unity in Christ. That unity is expressed in how we gather to worship, learn and serve, and in how we find common ground in effectively addressing human needs with compassion.

Reflecting the growth and evolution of our congregation is the growth and evolution of this printed Annual Report.

1. You will find an article about the essential, but often quiet and unnoticed, work of Congregational Care and Visitation. Volunteers, often unnamed and unrecognized, work to ensure that members of our community stay connected and know that they are loved—especially in times of need.
2. You will find a Sustainability report, reflecting mindful stewardship of our facilities and their environmental impact.
3. You will see a list of outside organizations that use our beautiful spaces—including three Zoom-enabled rooms, to do their good work in the community.

The Holy Spirit has been moving in and through our congregation for many years to bring us to this place. In a time marked by division and uncertainty, congregational strength is not something to take for granted. We have before us a shared responsibility to make a profound impact on lives through our mutual caring for each other and through the witness we make in the world for the sake of what is good and holy. As we do so, we will offer a powerful witness to the reconciling love of Jesus Christ. That we have this opportunity is a gift for which to be thankful.

Moving forward, let's be present with each other in worship and in other ways. Let's join our prayers, time and resources to offer a unified witness to Christ's love—a witness that we most powerfully offer together.







# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

We value faith formation for all ages and stages of life. Learning is a lifelong process, and it has been a joy to see the energy and engagement building in our educational programs at Second this past year. Midweek studies for adults explored the roles of women in the New Testament, took a deep dive into the book of Genesis, and engaged the works of C.S. Lewis and Marilynne Robinson. The Bible in Black & White continued to draw meaningful participation, and a special Advent adult Sunday school series examined the theology of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Adult Sunday school participation was strong, and we even launched a new class to discuss scripture based on the Revised Common Lectionary cycle. We finished the year with four well-attended, year-long adult classes and two seasonal classes.



Under the leadership of Maria Blackshaw and many faithful volunteers, children's Sunday school provided creative and imaginative ways to help preschool and elementary aged children learn and love God's Story. Maria and Alison Conte continued to find creative, colorful, and musical ways for elementary aged children to encounter God's Word through fellowship and song at Kids' Fellowship on Sunday nights. Children, Worship, and Wonder added new volunteers, and helped our younger members encounter worship in special ways.

The unique Bible in Black & White class continued to evolve. For several years, a fall and spring series have been offered where clergy lead Black and White participants from around the community to reflect on scripture from different racial and cultural perspectives. The program is as much about community and relationship building as it is about study and reflection. The success of the class caught the attention of *The Roanoke Rambler*, and a nice article was written. There are now seven sponsoring churches; four predominately Black and three predominately White.

“LEARNING IS A LIFELONG PROCESS, AND IT HAS BEEN A JOY TO SEE THE ENERGY AND ENGAGEMENT BUILDING IN OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT SECOND THIS PAST YEAR.”

Evening Vacation Bible School in June explored the theme of joy even in our worst days, focusing on Paul's letter to the Philippians, and led by the Rev. Dr. Tom Are. Morning Vacation Bible School had children and volunteers alike learning more about Jesus' parables and their meaning for our lives today. The Trent Getaway retreat provided rest, learning, and relationship building for members of all generations. And the fall program year kicked off in August with a Rally Day Picnic at beautiful Braeloch Pavilion.

Our theme for the 2024-2025 Christian education year is “Deep and Wide.” With the intelligence, imagination, and enthusiasm of our wonderful volunteers, we continue to dive deep and enjoy the gift of exploring God's Word in faithful community. I give deep thanks to everyone who makes our Christian education programs possible. From committee members to Sunday school and midweek volunteers, we are blessed to have a vital and vibrant program for all at Second Presbyterian Church.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ATTENDANCE (All Ages)	
Year	Attendance
2022	329
2023	386
<b>2024</b>	<b>411</b>

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Susan Carter, Committee Chair

Gratitude and excitement are sentiments the Congregational Life Committee heard regarding fellowship in 2024. We had many opportunities throughout the year for spiritual growth, fellowship, and relationship building. Meaningful time was shared amongst longtime and new members, both inside and outside the church walls.

Robin Hobbs and Mary Airheart continued to co-chair Food Services. Their leadership team secured menus, led discussions, and orchestrated the details that helped bring our meals and fellowship opportunities to life. The annual Christmas Dinner and Pageant is a cherished tradition at our church, attended by generations. This year, we had the largest turnout since the pandemic. Other meals that brought our congregation together in 2024 were the Pancake Breakfast, 80's and over luncheon, Trent Symposium Dinner, Evening VBS, and Rally Day Picnic. The team also provided snacks and drinks at Meet & Greet between worship services, and provided meals that fostered connection during events.

For the past two years, we've hosted a luncheon in April for congregation members aged 80 and over; 90 people attended in 2024. It's a time for fellowship with minimal programming, including singing and a brief message from Senior Minister George Anderson. The event has become a meaningful gathering for this group.

The annual Trent Symposium brought together eight newly ordained ministers from various states for five days of learning. On their final evening, we shared a congregational meal where we heard from speaker Ernie Thompson, became more deeply acquainted with the ministers, and enjoyed a lovely meal arranged by Food Services.

The Rally Day Picnic, organized by Maria Hammond, Shelley Lyons, and our committee, took place in late August at Braeloch Lodge in Vinton. The event included worship, music, a barbecue from Three Li'l Pigs with a sundae bar, a balloon artist, a face painter, and outdoor games. Over 300 people attended as we celebrated the end of summer and the start of a new Sunday school year.

Connie Polly, the Engagement Coordinator for our church, introduced us to new members and encouraged volunteers from our congregation to assist with events and activities. In September the staff launched Realm Connect, a digital church directory, and our committee assisted with photos before and after church services. This is an ongoing project with new features for the congregation to engage in to come.

Two seminars were offered in the fall: In October, the Central and Western Virginia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association hosted a seminar on "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia." In November, the Carilion Center for Grief and Healing offered a workshop to help participants cope with the holidays and create a "soul collage." Both events were well attended and impactful.

Fellowship chairs Mia Copeland and Nancy Pickens helped with organizing church events. Insightful speakers were secured for each of our church retreats. 50 adults and 26 children attended the Trent Getaway at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, with activities and worship coordinated by Donna Wardell and Chrissy Underwood, and Food Services handling snacks. During the Men's Retreat at Eagle Eyrie, Chris Vogado guided men through evolving

## Cong. Life Committee

**Chair: Susan Carter**

**Fellowship Chairs: Mia Copeland, Nancy Pickens**

Trent Getaway: Donna Wardell, Chrissy Underwood

Gals' Gathering: Chasity Fitzpatrick

Men's Retreat: Ben Brannan, George Anderson, Carter Brothers

Rally Day Picnic: Maria Hammond, Shelley Lyons

Columbarium Project: Mary Phillips

Hospitality / Greeters: Elizabeth Vacher

Flower Coordinator: Denise Revercomb

**Engagement Coord.: Connie Polly**

**Food Services: Robin Hobbs, Mary Airheart**

**2PC Clubs: Susan Carter, Nancy Pickens**

Book: April Lewis, Mia Copeland

Coffee: Lynn and Dave Speno

Lunch Groups: Mary Phillips, Karen Hankins

Movie: John Frank

Parenting Group: Margaret Ashburn, Rebekah Gunn

Pickleball: Beth Vaught Jenkins

Restaurant Groups: Cindy Hodges, Bill and Becky Russell, Sarah Ludwig

Roots & Wings: Maria Hammond

Walking: Lynn Nave

sound and faith. The 20th anniversary of the Gals' Gathering was a cherished time for education, worship, reflection, and relationship building at Alta Mons.

Clubs, both traditional and newly formed, began to thrive and take on a life of their own. There's something for everyone: Book, Coffee, Lunch groups, Restaurant groups, Movie, Parenting group of preschool and early elementary children, Pickleball, Roots and Wings for empty nesters, and Walking. These clubs are guided by members of our congregation.

We are deeply grateful to our committee members, church staff, and volunteers whose dedication and energy make Congregational Life at Second Presbyterian successful.

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Nancy O. Gray (Parish Assoc. for Visitation) & Meredith Koliba, Pastors' Assistant

## Congregational Care Coordinators:

Second Family – Sue Caudill, Alice Loftin, Cindy Smith

Visitation – Nancy Gray

Flower Ministry – Linda Shiner

Second Takes a Meal – Deborah Vaughan

Card Ministry – Stacy Moore

Grief Team – Trip Kreger

Congregational Care is a ministry that provides support and care to the members of our church, mostly beyond the church walls. It is an important area that falls under the Congregational Life Committee. There are countless volunteers who contribute their time to make these ministries come to life. Ministries that fall under Congregational Care include Second Family, Second Takes a Meal, Grief Team, Card Ministry, Visitation, and Flower Ministry. These ministries are how we care for our members in times of need and remind them that their church family loves them—whether they're homebound, grieving a loss, or progressing through later life.

Second Family hosts receptions with delicious food and allows a space for grieving families to meet with friends and loved ones while being supported by their church. Second Takes a Meal responds to needs of families and lightens their load by providing meals while members are recovering from illnesses, surgeries, or special circumstances. The Grief Team provides care and support to church members following the loss of a loved one. Within the first year of losing a loved one, the church office sends a series of books by Stephens Ministries to offer words of advice and support during different stages of grief, along with a letter from the pastoral team. The Card Ministry sends heartfelt cards to older members of the congregation on their birthdays.

One of the lesser known yet vital ministries of our church is visitation. The Visitation Committee provides outreach and hospitality to church members who are homebound or in need of additional support during an isolating illness or a challenging circumstance. Volunteers on the committee make personal visits on a regular basis to over 40 church members who can no longer attend worship services or participate in church activities as they once could. During the past year, these dedicated volunteers gave their time and energy delivering palms, poinsettias, cards, and gifts. Through these visits, meaningful friendships have developed, and our senior members have remained engaged in the life of Second.

On World Communion Sunday, October 6, Visitation Committee members were joined by 23 volunteers from the Session and College of Elders and served communion to those who cannot attend church. Many of our homebound members have shared how important participating in communion is to them and how grateful they are for this opportunity.

Every Sunday, church volunteers with the Flower Ministry deliver small vases of flowers—selected from the lovely floral arrangements donated for worship—to church members who are in the hospital, recovering from illness, have lost a loved one, or are homebound.

We want to thank all the volunteers who, quietly and without recognition, make a difference in the lives of our homebound, ill, and grieving members of our congregation. Our Congregational Care ministries are an important and impactful extension of the life and body of our church.





# ENGAGEMENT

## Connie Polly, Engagement Coordinator



My first year as Engagement Coordinator at Second has been a joy. I can't say enough about how much I enjoy meeting visitors and getting to know new and long-time members more. These conversations and relationships have enriched my love for the role and our congregation.

Live streaming remains a vital ministry for our church, serving as the first point of connection for many before they step through our doors. We hear from members who are homebound, ill, or traveling, all of whom rely on this service to stay connected to worship and the community. It allows individuals to remain an integral part of our church family, no matter where they are. We regularly review our Virtual Friendship Pad, and are encouraged to see names familiar and new.

In 2024, we welcomed 38 new members of all generations—from confirmands (usually 8th grade) to senior adults, and everything in between. These individuals bring with them their many gifts, energy, and love for Christ's church. New member classes and opportunities for fellowship continue to help the pastors, members, and visitors get to know one another. Our new church management software, Realm, also helps us remain connected with visitors and new members. It has provided a much more organized way to keep track of contact information. We will continue to find ways to reach out to visitors and new members among us, as we extend the right hand of Christian fellowship and welcome them fully into this faithful community with love.

# BUILDING USE FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT

Did you know that Second Presbyterian Church graciously opens its doors to outside organizations when possible, offering our space to support their meetings, events, and the important work they do for their own missions? Here are the organizations that our physical facility hosted in 2024:



Midwifery Classes

Yoga Classes

# YOUTH

## The Rev. Ben Brannan

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The hope and goal of Youth Ministry here at Second Presbyterian Church is the transformation of lives through relationship with God and with one another. We believe that young people need opportunities for meaningful experiences of faith, authentic relationships with other youth and with adults, and the freedom to play joyfully together. This has been true through the ages here at Second, and in 2024, the youth continued to foster a safe and courageous space that allowed youth to lean into and be guided by the light of tradition as we seek new experiences for connection and growth!

Looking back over the special moments of faith our youth experienced last year, there is one word that continues to resonate: *presence*. January kicked off the year as we worked on Youth Sunday, a worship service that highlighted the gifts of our youth, and spoke to our 2023-2024 youth theme of **Fan the FLAME**. Here are some sermon excerpts from the preaching seniors of the Class of 2024—“each moment of faith has left an indelible mark on my journey... I am reminded of the profound impact small acts of kindness and shared experiences can have”; “We have the power to not only fan that flame but also let it shine the path of faith... Mindfulness invites us to be fully aware of God’s presence in every moment and throughout our lives”; “Friendship has given me the ability to strengthen my relationship with God as I value the honesty and accountability of friends and of God”; “God has shown me that everything I need is inside me now, all I need to do is keep fanning the flame.” Throughout the Spring semester, our youth focused on *acceptance*, *mindfulness*, and *evangelism* and the ways we are called to fan the flame of those things in our own life and the lives of others.

During our **2nd Annual Great Day of Service**—our youth-led, intergenerational service day for the church—we had over 30 adults, youth, children, and families join in fellowship and fun as we served with local agencies here in Roanoke. We prayed, served, worked hard, got a little dirty (ok, some got a lot dirty), and felt the Holy Spirit move through us and among us. We learned a great deal about our city, our partners, our ourselves, and God!

Our summer began with the DR Bibles & Bricks Youth Mission Trip to San Juan de la Manguana, where we helped lead a two-day Vacation Bible Study at two different churches. To learn more about this trip, I encourage you to read the blog posts by our youth and adult participants (<https://www.spres.org/connect/blog/>).

We joined together to “run the race set before us” in mission right here in Roanoke for our 2nd annual three-day **At-Home Mini Mission Week**, when we provided landscaping services for Family Service of Roanoke Valley and Salvation Army Turning Point, and helped at the Presbyterian Community Center to restock their pantry and organize materials for their Pathways Program. Next, we headed to Montreat Youth Conference to join over 600 siblings in Christ from around the country in exploring our call to “plant peace.” That week was filled with deep conversations and fruitful time together to play and grow. We ended the summer by volunteering at our very own Vacation Bible School here at Second, shepherding our young disciples through the “stories Jesus told” and telling our story—personal and collective stories of faith—at the Trent Getaway! What a summer!

We shifted into a new program year and a new program theme: **Deep Dive**. We began the 2024-2025 year with a cookout and a youth retreat, focusing on being intentional in the ways we “dive deep” into scripture, into relationships, into ourselves, and into service for the good of the world. The youth exemplified this “deep” intentionality as we welcomed almost 300 children and families for our **4th Annual Trunk or Treat**, which marked the beginning of our Middle School Hunger Busters Initiative, collecting food for the Presbyterian Community Center that totaled \$2,405.15—the biggest donation they received all year!

Last year was a year of love going out and love coming in—love of others and love of self, love in action and love in prayer. Thanks be to God!





## SUMMER PASTORAL INTERN

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Through the generosity of the Kitty Susan Trent Fund, the summer of 2024 welcomed Second's fourth summer pastoral intern. It was a great joy to welcome Elizabeth Moore, a child of the church, to join in the work and mission of Second in a new capacity. Elizabeth was a leader in our youth program throughout her middle and high school years, serving on Youth Council as a vital member of the youth group and a leader to many. Elizabeth is in her third-year at the University of Virginia, pursuing a double major in biology and behavioral neuroscience with a minor in dance. Beyond her academic endeavors, she holds leadership roles as the Vice President of the Virginia Dance Committee and the Public Relations Vice President of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.



Elizabeth has a heart for youth and finds joy teaching, leading, and serving in positions that seek to develop resilience and compassion. Over the summer, Elizabeth brought her joy and enthusiasm, as well as her creativity, to all that she did: she assisted with Evening Vacation Bible School and the children's theater program; she visited members in their homes; she met with and learned from church staff about their various roles; she helped prepare for the youth Bibles & Bricks Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic; she assisted in devotions and leadership at Montreat Youth Conference, serving on the worship team; she led the art workshop and the energizers during Vacation Bible School; she helped lead the youth program at the Trent Getaway; and she delivered a beautiful Summer Capstone Sermon on the gift of science and faith together. Elizabeth continues to grow and learn and lean into God's calling on her life to use her gifts to love and serve!

Second Presbyterian Church also continues to live into God's call in being a "teaching church"! Through the internship, as well as the Trent Symposium, Edmund's Lectures, and Evening Vacation Bible School, Second Presbyterian Church has a heart for both teaching and learning. It is our prayer that we continue to foster and facilitate moments of deep and fun faith formation for years to come!

## YOUNG ADULTS

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The Young Adult program here at Second continues to reform as we seek consistent opportunities to gather for study, fun, and fellowship. We had a big group of Young Adults and College Students gather for a great time at the Salem RedSox game in June! And throughout the fall, we met for Third Thursday Lunch in the City Market building. Our main goal for these luncheons was to connect as we break bread and check in, while our secondary goal was to envision the future of our Young Adult program. Young Adults want to be challenged, to be engaged in deep and meaningful conversations, and to find a place of warmth and welcome. Second Presbyterian Church is that place. Looking ahead, we will seek fellowship with other Young Adult programs to broaden our reach and our programming. Come find out how you might be involved in our Young Adult program.

# SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Alice Holman, Committee Chair

In 2024, the Service and Outreach Committee focused on ongoing, forward-looking ways to deepen our calling to be a mission-minded church. The support of the congregation in these efforts has been extraordinary.

The congregation's pledged support is instrumental to our church providing consistent, planned aid to 24 local agencies, Solid Rock International, Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Union Presbyterian Seminary, and the greater PC(USA) church. Your financial commitment is vital in helping these agencies meet their missions. On top of this pledged giving, the congregation responded to monthly Outreach Offerings by donating more than \$62,000 in additional support of ministries focused on food insecurity, at-risk children, people who are financially disadvantaged, the homeless, people who have mental health challenges, and isolated seniors.

Through the foresight and thoughtfulness of two families at Second Presbyterian, our church provides additional support to local agencies through funds these families established—the Lil Brown Fund and the Mountain Avenue Fund. In 2024, the Service and Outreach Committee recommended distributions of \$12,700 from the Lil Brown Fund to address mental health issues especially where they intersect with the poor. Additionally, the Service and Outreach Committee recommended the distribution of \$20,495 from the Mountain Avenue Fund in support of local ministries dealing with homelessness, poverty, hunger, and at-risk children. Continued contributions to these funds will allow Second Presbyterian to provide ongoing support in the future.

Beyond financial support, our congregation is in the community supporting those in need. Members provided meals for Kids Soar and Family Promise, provided a place for families of inmates to video conference loved ones through AFOI, and packed snacks for the Greene Memorial Summer Pack-a-Snack program for Highland Park and Morningside summer school students. The congregation volunteered as evening and overnight hosts for Family Promise at Alexa House, and members of the congregation also volunteered at the Rescue Mission, West End Center, Presbyterian Community Center, House of Bread, Bradley Free Clinic and the Local Office on Aging.

Additionally, our involvement with Congregations in Action supports class parties, tutors, Fun Day, and the Pack-a-Snack program at Highland Park Elementary. The Service and Outreach Committee supported Morningside Elementary in SE Roanoke by volunteering to help with their back-to-school cookout, STEM nights and purchasing hot chocolate supplies and serving about 300 attendees of the Winter Concert. We also supplied hot chocolate supplies for the 280 students to celebrate the winter break. We support the Pack-

a-Snack program at Morningside as well. The committee sponsored a collection of school supplies for both Highland Park and Morningside. Using money from our budget, the committee purchased 5 Thanksgiving bags, 5 gift bags for the Giving Tree, and 25 coats for Morningside. The committee, as part of the Congregations in Action, supplied 2 angel tree bags for Highland Park.

The Service and Outreach Committee also coordinated multiple collections throughout the year, including canned goods each month for the PCC food pantry, gift cards for the West End Center's angel bags, gift cards for Family Promise families, and Angel Tree gifts for seniors through LOA. We also donated Christmas cards and stamps to the Local Jail Ministry to be distributed to inmates in the local jails.

The Service and Outreach Committee is working to deepen relationships with the agencies we currently support and exploring ways to engage the congregation more actively. One way we have accomplished this is through a partnership with St. John's Episcopal Church to sponsor a home every 2 years with Habitat for Humanity. The "Partners in Prosperity" build took place in 2024, and Second Presbyterian committed to 16 workdays with Habitat for Humanity for the Mussa family from January through June. During that time, Second sent 156 volunteers for almost 810 volunteer hours. Your generous volunteerism for this project was amazing.

Looking forward, we will continue the monthly canned food collection for PCC. We will continue to support the affordable housing initiative through Restoration Housing's project at Trinity Commons (formerly Trinity United Methodist Church). This project will convert the 1922 Sunday School Building into 15 affordable rental units for low-income seniors and restore the 1903 Sanctuary for community gatherings. We will work in partnership with Loudon Avenue Christian Church to make healthcare more affordable through the Horizons Healthcare services through our support of the Patient Assistance Program.

Service and Outreach will sponsor a "mission fair" on March 30 during the Sunday school hour and following the 11:00 worship. This fair will allow the congregation to interact with representatives from the agencies we support and learn about the ways they can become more involved in their ministry.

**The Service and Outreach Committee remains dedicated to focusing on ministries of compassion in our community. We are grateful for our congregation's continued support and commitment to acting as a mission-minded church.**

## Local Ministries Supported by the Service & Outreach Budget

*Presbyterian Community Center, PCC Pathways, PCC Summer Camp, Family Service, Family Promise, Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM), West End Center, Roanoke Valley Jail Ministry, Feeding SW Virginia, Habitat House (Partners in Prosperity), Child Health Investment Partnership (CHIP), The Turning Point (Salvation Army), Society of Saint Andrew, Bradley Free Clinic, House of Bread, Rescue Mission, Kids Soar, Cool Springs Summer Camp program, Super Hero Kids, Congregations in Action, Loudon Ave Christian Church Healthcare partnership (Horizons healthcare), Community Elementary School (Morningside Elementary), Local Office on Aging, Affordable Housing (Restoration Housing), Outreach Offering.*



# DIGITAL REACH

Andrea Boone, Media & Communications

Virtual worship is a vital component of our ministry, and staying active online helps us connect with and engage our community. In today's digital landscape, using platforms such as the church website, YouTube, podcasts, and social media is essential for reaching people wherever they are. One of the most effective ways to personally contribute to expanding the reach of Second Presbyterian is by *liking, sharing, and subscribing!* Social media algorithms thrive on engagement, and with just a simple tap or click, you can help amplify Second Presbyterian's efforts to share the Gospel and highlight all that God is doing through the work of the church.

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL STATS



**Views**  
**12.9K**

**Watch Time**  
**3.1K HOURS**

**Top Geographies by Views**

United States 8,234  
Canada 37  
United Kingdom 23

**Watch Time by Subscription Status**

Subscribed (32.1%)  
Not Subscribed (67.9%)

**Total Subscribers**  
**800**

**Subscribers**  
**+48**

## PODCAST STATS

**32**

**Countries Reached**

USA (86.24% total downloads)  
Followed by: China  
Brazil  
Canada  
Japan  
Australia

**37**

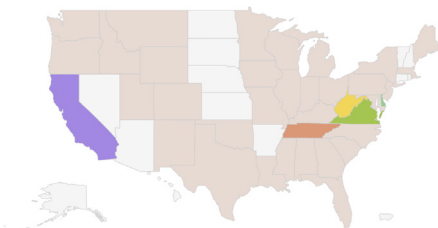
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Virginia (45.45% of USA downloads)  
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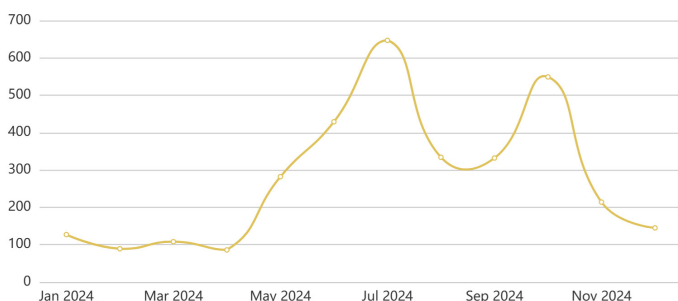


**3,342**

**Worldwide Downloads 2024**  
**(Average 279 per month)**



Virginia	1310	45.45%
California	339	11.76%
West Virginia	328	11.38%
Delaware	322	11.17%
Tennessee	154	5.34%
Georgia	93	3.23%



**3.3K**

### ESTIMATED AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Year	In Person	Online Views
2024	260	150

[WWW.SPRES.ORG](http://WWW.SPRES.ORG)

**12.6%** increase in web users over 2023.

# SUSTAINABILITY

2PC Green Team, A Subcommittee of the Property Committee



## PURPOSE

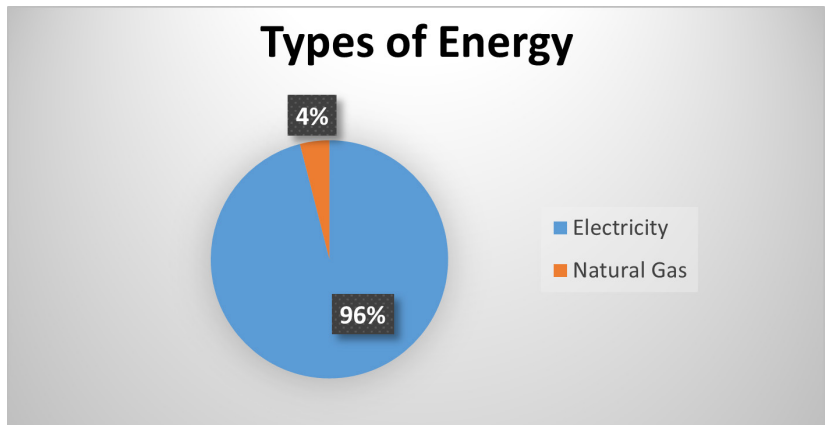
The purpose of this report is to inform the congregation about the ways the Property Committee and Green Team are working together to 1) improve energy efficiency, 2) reduce the church's carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions that contribute to global warming, and 3) advocate for the care of God's creation. The charts and graphs in this report are specific to the main church building located at 214 Mountain Ave. The Intersection, Alexa House, and parking lot lighting are not included. For more information about the contents of this report or the Property Committee or Green Team, please contact John Caudill ([johncaudill@aol.com](mailto:johncaudill@aol.com)) or Bob Groth ([bgrmg@cox.net](mailto:bgrmg@cox.net)).

## THE CHURCH'S ENERGY & EMISSIONS PROFILE

### Types of Energy:

*What types of energy does the church use to heat, ventilate, cool, light, and power its facilities?*

The chart clearly demonstrates that electricity is overwhelmingly used by the church to heat, ventilate, cool, light, and power facilities. Therefore, it is important to focus on the church's use of electricity when addressing efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

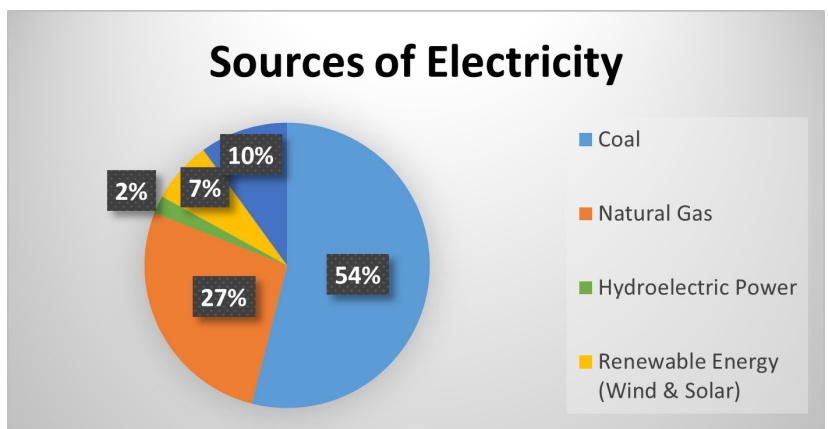


Source: Church's Utility Bills

### Sources of Electricity:

*What are the sources of power used to generate electricity used by the church?*

Electricity used by the church is predominately generated by the burning of coal and natural gas. This is important when it comes to quantifying the church's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



Source: American Electric Power (AEP) [www.aep.com](http://www.aep.com)



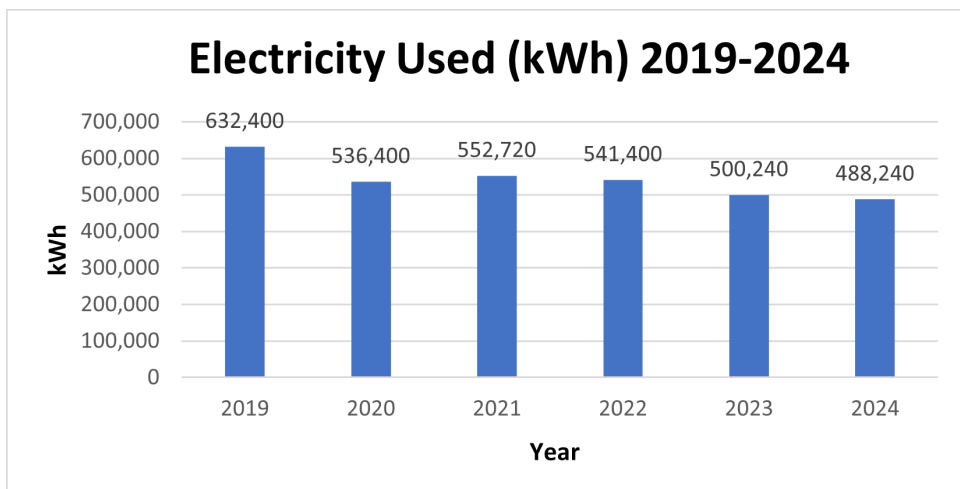
## Electrical Use in Kilowatt hours (kWh):

*How much electricity does the church use annually?*

As indicated by the chart, the church has steadily reduced its annual electrical (kWh) usage. The trend lower reflects efforts made by the Property Committee and Green Team to make the church more energy efficient. The good news is the church is using less electricity and emitting less CO<sub>2</sub>.

The less than good news is that the

church is paying more because the cost of electricity continues rising. The increase in cost from 2023 to 2024 was 2.74% and rates are expected to go higher in the foreseeable future.

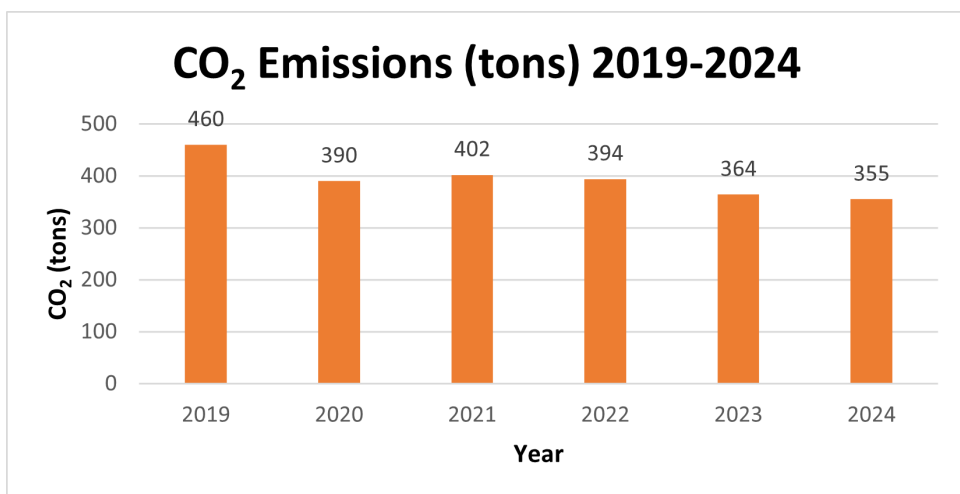


Source: Appalachian Power Company Electrical Usage History

## CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions:

*How many tons of CO<sub>2</sub> are emitted annually based on the amount of electricity used by the church?*

The chart shows the church's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions trending lower. This is directly tied to its lower electricity (kWhs) use. As the church becomes more energy efficient and transitions to renewable energy sources, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will continue trending lower.



Source: Appalachian Power Company Emissions 2023 (EEL Utility Electricity Database)

Note: A typical single-family home in the U.S. consumes about 12,000

kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity annually which is the equivalent of 12,000 pounds or 6 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. In 2024 the church emitted 355 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, or the equivalent of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by 59.16 homes.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY

*Actions taken in 2023-2024 to make the church more energy efficient and sustainable.*

- Completed a Phase I Energy Audit of the main church building
- Conducted a sustainability review of the Alexa House drawings and specifications
- Replaced all fluorescent tubes and incandescent bulbs with LEDs under APCo's rebate program
- Researched rooftop solar panels, shared solar, and renewable power purchase agreements

## CARE OF GOD'S CREATION

*Christian Education opportunities offered by the Green Team to advocate for the care of God's creation.*

- Hosted a fall semester Sunday School class called "Christianity and Climate Change."
- Hosted a spring Creation Care POP-UP Sunday School entitled "Loving All God's Creation."
- Created an Earth Day Worship Bulletin Insert for Earth Day Sunday Worship, April 21, 2024.
- Profiled Kyle Meyaard-Schaap's book *Following Jesus in a Warming World: A Christian Call to Climate Action* in the Sustainability Spotlight.

# SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

Megan Moore, Committee Chair



The Second Presbyterian Preschool program is a busy and thriving place. Our eight student classrooms are all full and children's voices can be heard from 8AM to 5:30PM daily. Children are encouraged to play in our faith-based programming which accepts children from 12 weeks old to four-years-old. Presently, the preschool includes an infant room, toddler room, young twos classroom, older twos classrooms, 3 three-year-old classrooms and a four-year-old classroom. The program not only provides a traditional half day "core" preschool program, but also offers wrap around care with options for early drop off, after care, and extracurricular activities for the older preschool children. These options provide parents with options for full time care of their children. Our preschool now offers 9 weeks of summer programming.

Our preschool is dedicated to providing enriching experiences for children and their families. Each year, the preschool hosts a variety of exciting daytime activities, including a petting zoo, Grandparent Tea, Nativity program, Muffins with Mom, and Donuts with Dad. In addition, we hold two special evening events for parents: Art Night in the fall and STEAM Night in the spring. These events offer a wonderful opportunity for parents to engage with their children and teachers through fun crafts and interactive projects. This year's Art Night had a Christmas theme, and every family left with a special keepsake to cherish.

## SESSION MEMBERS 2024

### Clerk

Bill Durham

### Assistant Clerk

Ken Lyons

### Treasurer

Joe Miller

### Assistant Treasurer

Bob Martin

### Trustees

Ron Ayers

Lauren Ellerman

*(installed Dec. 2024)*

Mary Ann Johnson

*(resigned Dec. 2024)*

George A. McLean, Jr.

### Class of 2024

Maria Blackshaw

Pattie Clevenger

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Robin Hobbs

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### Class of 2025

Ginger Avis

Susan Carter

John Caudill

Kandy Elliott

Lucinda Hancock

Mark Lawrence

Megan Moore

Darin Pearson

### Class of 2026

Mary Airheart

Margaret Ashburn

Chasity Fitzpatrick

Barry Green

Sally I'Anson

Drew Kepley

Randy Rhea

Ken Sizemore

The preschool has been blessed with an endowment fund, established in 2018, which has grown to a point where the Preschool Committee can begin using a small percentage of the interest each year to fund projects and programs. Members of the committee have established the goals of the fund to enhance our program, control tuition, and offer financial aid for staff. This year, the fund was utilized to assist a staff member and their family during a time of need. Moving forward, the committee is focused on raising awareness about the endowment fund to ensure its continued growth and support for the preschool's mission.

Preschool Director, Alice Light, diligently worked with preschool staff and local organizations such as the United Way to ensure that the preschool remains licensed and provides care that is the most beneficial for our children. Our Preschool Committee has prioritized staff raises in order to retain and attract the best teachers. In addition, Alice has worked to provide professional development opportunities for staff, allowing time for curriculum collaboration and classroom specific feedback. If you or anyone you know has an interest in working with our preschoolers, please reach out to Alice ([alight@spres.org](mailto:alight@spres.org)).





# GIFTS

Your generosity matters. In 2024, you gave **\$318,126** out of the budget to benevolent causes. These gifts helped sustain the ongoing expenses of...

- the local ministries of compassion and transformation in which we support;
- the larger church through support of institutions which build the PC(USA) such as the Presbytery and General Assembly;
- our international involvement in the Dominican Republic where we partner with Solid Rock International to transform barrios through medicine, construction, and education.

The amount given over and beyond budgeted benevolences to causes through special gifts and projects of the Restricted Funds totals **\$388,920**. That “over and beyond” generosity is listed below.

## 2024 Benevolences outside of our Operating Budget:

<u>Contribution Area</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Trent Fund	\$ 71,396
Mountain Avenue Fund	\$ 17,069
Help Fund	\$ 3,710
Trustees Fund	\$ 6,250
Second Fund	\$ 250,000
Lil Brown Fund	\$ 13,044
Two Cents-a-Meal	\$ 5,556
Special Offering - Disaster Relief	\$ 17,986
Manger Offering - Family Promise	\$ 3,909
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$388,920</b>

### In Sum:

Budgeted Benevolences	\$ 318,126
Over and Beyond Benevolences	\$ 388,920

## Total 2024 Outreach Support:

**\$707,046**

*On behalf of those who have been blessed by this support, thank you!*

## 2024 Memorial Gifts

Lucille Beistel	Betty Kulp
Bob Bersch	Cathy Lawson
Susan W. Blaylock	Pete Lawson
Guy Buford	Renny Lynch
Paul Buford	Jay Massey
Dick Burleigh	Sara McGhee
Alexa Cannon	Bill Meyer
Cheryl Crowell	Boo Miller
Helen Dean	Carl Nave
Jan Dominick	Virginia Nave
Helen Fitzpatrick	Ferrel Phillips
John Francis	John Mason Powell
Frances R. Garrett	Betty Joyce Preas
Sally Anne Goff	Andrew Ramsey
Felix Goodrum	Deborah Robinson
Chris Harkness	Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Rosebro
Ruth Harris	Henry R. Rosebro, Jr.
Lora Hopkins	Catherine Smeltzer
Mary Neely Huddle	Bob Williams
Alvin Hurt	Cranston Williams, Jr.
W.D. Hutchinson	Jeanette Williams
John P. Johnson	Dan Yardley
Richard Kienle	

## 2024 Honorariums

George Anderson	B.J. Millar
Mia Copeland	Dee Moore
Fred Genheimer	Jeff Sandborg
Lynn Genheimer	Marianne Sandborg
Clint Hopkins	Will Shackelford
Nancy Hopkins	Carolyn Shackelford
Martha Clay Martin	Second Family Volunteers
Joe Matthews	Elizabeth Vacher
Rita Matthews	Vickie Willis
Moe Millar	



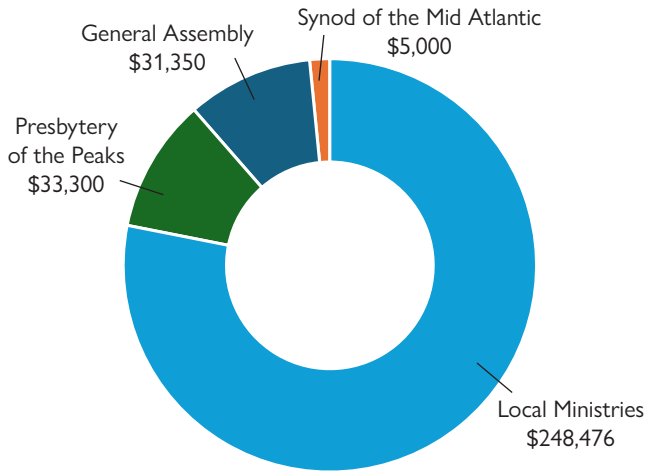
# FINANCES

Nathan Anderson, Administrator

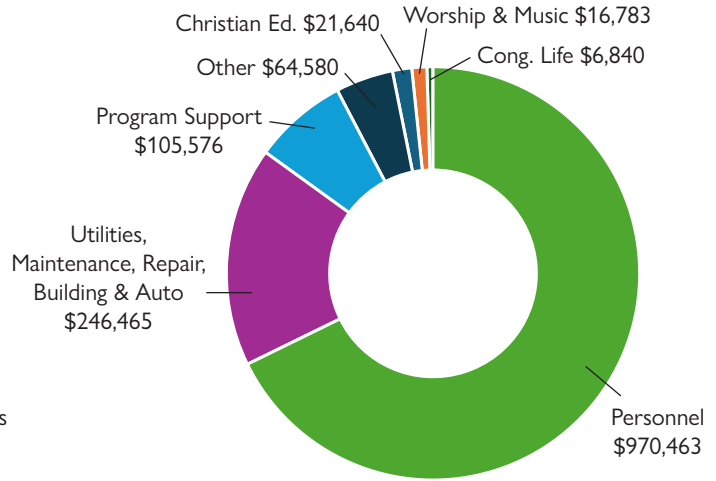
Total Benevolences & Expenses . . . . . \$1,750,473  
 Total Receipts (General Fund). . . . . \$1,732,506  
 Budget Deficit . . . . . \$ 17,967

General Fund Surplus: Jan. 1, 2024 \$210,758      General Fund Surplus: Dec. 31, 2024 \$202,791  
 (Unaudited)

## TOTAL (BUDGETED) BENEVOLENCES – \$318,126



## TOTAL EXPENSES – \$1,432,347



## DISBURSEMENTS FROM OTHER CHURCH FUNDS

(off budget) Balances as of December 31, 2024

\$250,000	Second Fund
\$17,069	Mountain Avenue Fund
\$131,930	Trent Fund
\$63,221	Maintenance Fund (Limited)
\$28,794	Alexa House Fund
\$13,500	Lil Brown Fund
\$162,387	Other Smaller Funds
<b>\$666,901</b>	<b>Total Exp. from Other Church Funds</b>

## FUND BALANCES as of December 31, 2024

\$4,928,197	Second Fund
\$512,247	Mountain Avenue Fund
\$2,948,674	Trent Fund
\$1,375,770	Maintenance Fund (Limited)
\$788,452	Richter Fund
\$226,751	Preschool Endowment
\$1,844,227	Other Church Funds

## TOTAL CHURCH RECEIPTS 2024

(All church funds are included in this total)

\$1,517,221 - Pledges & Gifts  
 + \$341,930 - Investment Income  
 + \$899,735 - Preschool  
 + \$1,081,971 - Contributions to Church Funds  
 + \$134,360 - Other Income

**= \$3,975,217**



# STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025

Barry Green & Ginger Poole Avis, Co-chairs

*Invest in Hope*

## 2025 PLEDGE ANALYSIS SUMMARY — as of January 22, 2025

**307** contributors have pledged a total of **\$1,351,625** for 2025.  
Of these contributors:

<b>+ 5.37%</b> Increase over amount pledged in 2024	<b>118</b> Kept the same pledge	<b>11</b> Contributors pledged last year but have not yet for 2025
<b>+ 42</b> New pledging units	<b>132</b> Increased their pledge	<b>\$4,402</b> Average pledge
	<b>15</b> Decreased their pledge	

\*A pledge can be made at any time of the year by contacting Nathan Anderson at [admin@spres.org](mailto:admin@spres.org).\*

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to report an exceptionally strong response to this year's campaign, "Invest in Hope", which reflects the faithful commitment of our congregation to the mission and ministries of Second Presbyterian Church.

This year's campaign saw an 11.2% increase in the number of pledges received, with 307 households pledging their financial support. This represents the highest number of pledges in the past six years. The total amount pledged also reached an encouraging \$1,351,625, a 5.37% increase over last year and the largest pledged amount in the past six years. These increases demonstrate the congregation's dedication to ensuring that our church remains a vibrant and impactful community of faith.

We are especially grateful for the 42 new individuals/families who started pledging this year. This figure shows a positive increase from last year, and serves as a joyful reminder of the growing engagement within our church family. Additionally, 132 individuals increased their pledges over the previous year, continuing the positive trend of generosity and stewardship.

Another encouraging statistic is the significant decrease in the number of previous pledgers who did not renew their pledges this year, dropping to just 11—a dramatic improvement from the previous year's 39. This reflects a deepening commitment and sustained participation by many in our congregation.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in this year's campaign. Your faithfulness and generosity enable Second Presbyterian to continue its support of staff, vital ministries and outreach programs, and provide a welcoming home for all who attend. Together, we are investing in hope and ensuring a bright future for our church community.

With deep appreciation,

The Stewardship Committee



# SESSION COMMITTEES

2024

## Executive Committee

George Anderson  
Nathan Anderson  
Ginger Avis  
Maria Blackshaw  
Ben Brannan  
Susan Carter  
John Caudill  
Pattie Clevenger  
Bill Durham  
Alice Holman  
Cynthia Lawrence  
Wayne Lewis  
Elizabeth Link  
Ken Lyons  
Bob Martin  
Joe Miller  
Megan Moore  
Kelly Speas  
Chrissy Underwood  
Cindy Young

## Christian Education Committee

Sarah Bishop  
Maria Blackshaw\*  
Ben Brannan  
Alison Conte  
Chasity Fitzpatrick  
Elizabeth Link  
Carol Moneymaker  
Martha Wheeler

## Congregational Life Committee

Mary Airheart  
Susan Carter\*  
Mia Copeland  
Robin Hobbs  
Elizabeth Link  
Nancy Pickens  
Connie Polly

## Finance Committee

George Anderson  
Nathan Anderson  
Jack Avis  
Manly Aylor  
Kandy Elliott  
Jim Harkness  
Cecil Kelley  
Kenneth Laughon  
Wayne Lewis\*  
Elizabeth Link  
Bob Martin  
Joe Miller  
Lee Osborne  
Brownie Polly  
Ken Sizemore  
Kelly Speas

## Nominating Committee

George Anderson  
Ron Ayers  
Helen Dean  
Bill Durham  
Mark Lawrence  
Elizabeth Link  
Ken Lyons\*  
Kipper Nottingham  
Chrissy Underwood

## Personnel Committee

George Anderson  
Nathan Anderson  
Tom Blaylock  
Helen Dean  
Sally l'Anson  
Elizabeth Link  
Lee Osborne  
Betsy Prillaman  
Brooke Rosen  
Chrissy Underwood\*

## Preschool Committee

Michele Aimonetti  
George Anderson  
Margaret Ashburn  
Laura Delgado  
Laura Beth Gregory  
Rebekah Gunn  
Emma Kozlowski  
Alice Light  
James Moneymaker  
Megan Moore\*  
Lori Privott  
Emily Roseman

## Property Committee

George Anderson  
Nathan Anderson  
John Caudill\*  
Aaron Copeland  
Jack Dickerson  
Bob Groth  
Cecil Kelley  
Drew Kepley  
Robert Kulp  
Chris Link  
Jim Pickens  
Matt Prescott  
Hank Simpson

## Service and Outreach Committee

Aubrey Beeson  
Ben Brannan  
Mia Copeland  
Lucinda Hancock  
Alice Holman\*  
Pat Houghton  
Jenny Lee  
Susan Leivy  
Anna McLean  
Julie Mugford  
Connie Polly  
Randy Rhea  
John Shoulders

## Stewardship Committee

George Anderson  
Nathan Anderson  
Ginger Avis\*  
Nancy Gray  
Barry Green  
Cynthia Lawrence\*  
Cindy Young\*

## Worship and Music Committee

George Anderson  
Pattie Clevenger\*  
Alison Conte  
Bonnie Johnson  
Jerry Lusk  
Rob Nordt  
Darin Pearson  
Jeff Sandborg  
Marianne Sandborg  
Doug Settles  
Linda Steadman

\*Committee Chair

# MEMBERSHIP

*Let the word of Christ[a] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. – Colossians 3:16*

## Welcome New Members of 2024

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

## Beloved Members Who Died in 2024

Lucille W. Beistel	January 16
Robert Sherrill Bersch	March 28
Cheryl Crowell	August 01
Helen Barbara Dean	May 12
Janice S. Dominick	February 27
Ruth Benton Vories Harris	December 22
Dr. Alvin J. Hurt	August 05
Mary Cathren Lawson	January 31
Joseph Glenwood (Pete) Lawson	November 11
James Buckner (Jay) Massey, III	August 29
Sara Louthan McGhee	September 15
William Meyer	March 01
Ferrel K. Phillips	February 25
Betty Joyce Fitzgerald Preas	January 21
Deborah Robinson	February 02
Catherine Alexandra B. Smeltzer	February 06

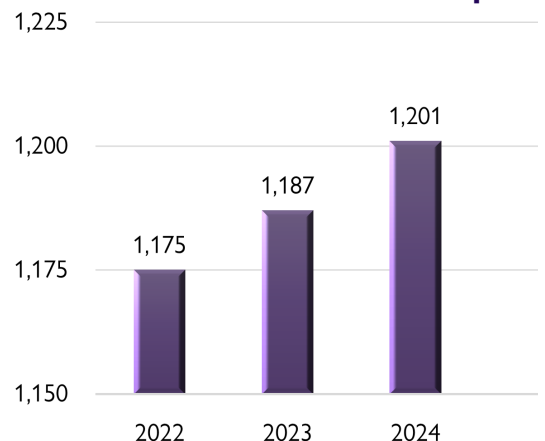
## New Babies of 2024

John Shelby Bingham	August 12
Willie Anne Bingham	August 12
Shepherd Graham Blaylock	December 04
Charlotte Frances Durham	December 24
Annabelle Lane Harris	December 02
Cohen Jennings Johnson	May 29
Nell Katherine Lancaster	December 27
Howard James Revercomb	May 05
Madison Capitola Roseman	March 27
Sawyer Hugh Spooner	February 02
Johanna Scott Vaughan	July 25

## ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP Year-End Statistics

<b><u>Gains</u></b>	
Profession/Reaffirmation	10
Certificate of Transfer	20
Confirmation	8
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>38</b>
<b><u>Losses</u></b>	
Certificate of Transfer	4
Death	16
Moved to Inactive Roll	4
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>24</b>
<b><u>Net Membership</u></b>	
<b>Net Membership</b>	<b>+14</b>
Children of Active Members	202
Infant/Child Baptisms	2
Adult Baptisms	2

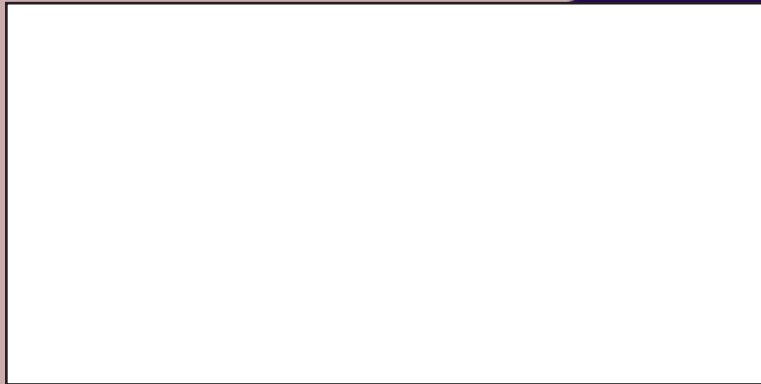
## Year-End Active Membership



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Facebook Public Page . . . . .	www.facebook.com/spresroanoke
Facebook Private Community Group . . . . .	www.facebook.com/groups/spresroanoke
Instagram . . . . .	www.instagram.com/spresroanoke
Online Giving . . . . .	www.spres.org/give/give-now
Live Stream . . . . .	www.spres.org/worship/livestream
Podcasts ( <i>Second on the Mount</i> and <i>Child of God</i> ) . . . . .	www.spres.org/connect/podcasts
Sermons . . . . .	www.spres.org/worship/sermons

### STAFF

*Senior Pastor* Dr. George C. Anderson  
*Executive Pastor* The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link  
*Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults*  
The Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan  
*Parish Associate for Visitation* Nancy O. Gray  
*Engagement Coordinator* Connie Polly  
*Children's Ministry Coordinator* Maria Blackshaw  
*Church Business Administrator* Nathan Anderson  
*Church Secretary* Stacy Moore  
*Pastors' Assistant* Meredith Koliba  
*Media and Communications Specialist*  
Andrea Boone

*Media Assistant* Erin Mucha  
*Church Accountant* Libby Smith  
*Director of Music* Dr. Jeffrey R. Sandborg  
*Organist* Marianne M. Sandborg  
*Children's and Youth Music Staff* Alison Conte  
(Children's Choir Director), Pattie Clevenger  
*Church Sexton* John Brady Anderson  
*Custodian* Shirley Newton  
*Preschool Director* Alice Light  
*Preschool Asst. Director* Lori Privott