

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONCERNS

Bette Parsons  
Peggy Strong

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extended to George Vogel on the death of his wife, Helen M. Vogel, on Monday, March 10, 2025. Our prayers are with their sons, George and his wife Jennie, Kirk and his wife Kerri, and their grandchildren, Tanner, Eliza, Hannah, Bray, and Maddie.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to George and Millie Anderson on the birth of their grandson, Nikhil Anderson Mathur, born on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 to parents Paige and Ansh Mathur. Proud aunts are Rachel and Virginia; big cousin is Emory.

**ANNUAL MEETING TODAY:** Please plan to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting that will be held immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service this morning. The 2024 Annual Report is available online and was mailed to members prior to this meeting. Scan the QR code to view the report.



**THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE "WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?" | MARCH 18, 25\*, APRIL 1 | NOON | FELLOWSHIP HALL:** Some books in the Bible focus on individuals who, though overlooked by the powerful, are deeply valued by God. These stories highlight God's work among the powerless. *The Bible in Black & White* class will explore four of these narratives to understand what God sees in them—and in all of us. Drs. Bill Lee and George Anderson, along with ministers from other sponsoring churches, will guide the discussion. **UPDATED SCHEDULE:** Tues, Mar. 18: Daniel; Tues, Mar. 25\* @ St John's Episcopal: Philemon; Tues, April 1: Luncheon @ Second. Learn more at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org).

**3RD-5TH GRADE COMMUNICANTS' CLASS | MARCH 30 | NOON-1:30 P.M. (LUNCH PROVIDED) | SESSION ROOM | RSVP BY MARCH 23:** Children and parents are invited to explore the meaning of the sacrament of communion together. As baptized members of Christ's Church, children are always welcome at the Lord's Table. This learning opportunity is offered to help children understand more fully what happens when we celebrate communion and why. Parents and children are invited to attend together. *RSVP to Meredith Koliba by March 23 so we may have an accurate count for lunch, and indicate if you need childcare for any younger children (meredith@spres.org).*

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS 80 AND OVER | APRIL 6 | RSVP BY MARCH 21:** Second Presbyterian Church joyfully invites members ages 80 and over to a Fellowship Luncheon following the 11:00 o'clock worship service on Sunday, April 6. Join us for a time of fellowship, a brief program and a catered meal. You should receive a formal invitation in the mail (if your birth date is in the church database). If you are in this age range and do not receive an invitation by mail, please contact the church. *RSVP by Friday, March 21 to Meredith Koliba at the church office (540-343-3659; meredith@spres.org).*

**MISSION FAIR | MARCH 30 | 9:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL:** Join us on March 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Mission Fair hosted by the Service and Outreach Committee. Visit booths from our mission partners to learn how they're serving the community and how you can get involved, especially for the Great Day of Service on April 26. Enjoy food provided by Congregational Life and make new connections! We look forward to what this day may provide for us and for our partners!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Today, March 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, Sanctuary/Live Stream  
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall  
5:00 pm: Youth Group  
5:30 pm: Welcome Families to the Alexa House

### Monday, March 17

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

### Tuesday, March 18

9:30 am: House of Bread Vol Meeting, Session Room  
9:30 am: Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm: Bible in Black and White Class, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 19

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

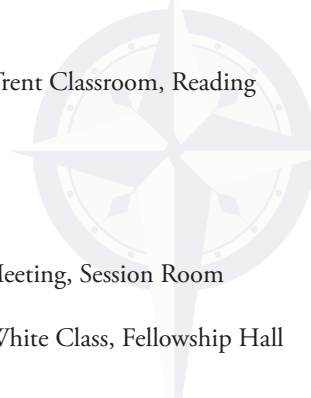
### Thursday, March 20

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom  
9:30 am: Knitting Group, Hospitality Room  
10:30 am: Women's Bible Study, Hospitality Room  
12:00 pm: Capital Campaign PCC, Reading Room  
12:00 pm: MMT Board Meeting, Session Room

### Friday, March 21

### Saturday, March 22

**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).



## Staff

*Administrator*  
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Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg  
*Organist*  
Marianne Sandborg  
*Engagement Coordinator*  
Connie Polly  
*Children's Ministry Coordinator*  
Maria Blackshaw  
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Ron Ayers  
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Bill Durham  
Ken Lyons (Asst. Clerk)

## Treasurers

Joe Miller  
Bob Martin (Vice Treasurer)

## Missionaries

*National:*  
Beth-El Farmworker  
Ministry; Wimauma, FL  
*Local:*  
Presbyterian Community  
Center, Roanoke, VA

## Preschool

Alice Light, *Director*  
Lori Privott, *Asst. Director*  
540.342.6405  
[www.sprespreschool.com](http://www.sprespreschool.com)

For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: [www.spres.org/about/leadership/](http://www.spres.org/about/leadership/)

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Sunday Morning Worship  
Early and Late Services  
March 16, 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.*

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Elders - Class of 2025

Ginger Avis  
Susan Carter  
John Caudill  
Kandy Elliott  
Lucinda Hancock  
Mark Lawrence  
Megan Moore  
Darin Pearson

### Elders - Class of 2026

Mary Airheart  
Margaret Ashburn  
Chasity Fitzpatrick  
Barry Green  
Sally T'Anson  
Drew Kopley  
Randy Rhea  
Ken Sizemore

### Elders - Class of 2027

Mia Copeland  
Rebekah Gunn  
Beth Vaught Jenkins  
John Jessee  
Patty Lemon  
Jim Pickens  
Dave Speno  
Maria Ward

MARCH 16, 2025

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Gathering Music *God Himself Is Light* Michael Shea

Welcome and Announcements  
(8:45 A.M.) Treasurer's Report Joe Miller

Prelude *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Thomas Chesterton

\*Call to Worship  
What does the Lord require of you?  
**To do justice, to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**  
Let us worship God!

\*Hymn No. 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

(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  
**Holy God, we come before you in humility, admitting our need for  
your wisdom and guidance. We confess that we have relied too often  
on our own understanding and some of our decisions and actions  
have inflicted unintended harm. Forgive our pride in the wisdom  
of the moment and our amnesia of wisdom hard won but easily  
forgotten.**

*We accept the silencing of our voices so that we may hear your voice again.*

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 *Awake Us, Lord, and Hasten* J.S. Bach  
(from *Cantata 22*) adpt. Francis Jackson

Awake us, Lord, and hasten! Thy Holy Spirit give!  
The old man in us chasten, that our new man may live.  
On earth may know thee only. Our thoughts give to thee wholly.  
And all thy goodness own.  
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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Hosea 4:1-6 Old Testament p. 723  
Luke 16:19-31 New Testament p. 847  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Forgotten Wisdom* Dr. George C. Anderson  
Wisdom Sermon Series Part II

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship  
Offering<sup>1\*\*</sup>  
Offertory *Ah, Holy Jesus* Crüger/Thomas Chesterton  
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. 335 *The Foolish in Their Hearts Deny*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Finale in C Minor* Stanley E. Saxton

(11:00 A.M.) Annual Congregational Meeting

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*



**BULLETIN NOTES**

<sup>1</sup>**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. **As of Thursday, March 13, \$2,052.22 has been 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 (medium to large size only), packing tape, bubble wrap, etc. to assist with the move.

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**THIS SUNDAY**

**Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of our grandson, Camden Thomas Brannan, who celebrates his third birthday March 17th by his grandparents, Gary and Rene Brannan. *Arranged by Emily McCahill.*

**Ushers:** (8:45) Ken Sizemore (Head Usher), Manly Aylor, Kipper Nottingham. (11:00) Sally l'Anson (Head Usher), Lawrence and Ryan l'Anson, Lori Privott.

**Greeters:** (8:45 & 11:00) Jim & Angie Pittendrigh.

**AV Technicians:** Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

**Children, Worship, & Wonder:** "Jesus the King." Storyteller, Amanda Copeland. Greeter, Susan Carter. Program Coordinator, Rhessa Bailey.

**KNITTING GROUP:** Ladies, we invite you to join our Knitting Group and help create hats and scarves for students at Highland Park Elementary. 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. Can't meet in the morning? Let us know your preferred time. Knitting and crocheting are wonderful ways to express creativity, build fine motor skills, and enjoy fellowship with others. Contact Emily Mallory ([bandemal@yahoo.com](mailto:bandemal@yahoo.com)) or Lynn Speno ([lyspen@gmail.com](mailto:lyspen@gmail.com)) with questions.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE MONDAY, APRIL 7:** If you would like to give memorial or celebration flowers for the April 20 Easter services, please use the online order form found at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org) or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera. Hard copies are available in the narthex and at the front desk.



**WEEKLY WISDOM KAIROS VIDEOS:** Journey with us this Lenten season for an exploration of the powerful and spiritual gift of wisdom. In this Kairos video series, members of Second Presbyterian Church share their personal reflections and insights from their life journeys. We hope these stories inspire you to open your heart, listen deeply, and pursue God's gift of wisdom for your life. Published Wednesdays in Lent on the church website, YouTube, and Facebook. **Watch now:** Nathan Goff, 102, is a native of Roanoke. Listen to his story as he reflects on a life shaped by Roanoke, the Great Depression, love, loss, music, mission, the decision to not have children, and more. A powerful journey through memory, choices, and resilience.

**TRENT DINNER & PROGRAM | APRIL 29 | 6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL & SANCTUARY:** Join us for our annual Trent Symposium Dinner! During this time, we will enjoy a meal together followed by a program offered by David Zahl titled, "The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World." Join author David Zahl as he explores the beauty and depth of God's grace afresh, outlining how it provides deep relief from the accelerating demands that characterize so much of modern life. To do so, he'll draw on personal stories, cultural examples, and the witness of Scripture. Just don't forget to bring your sense of humor! Learn more & register by Sunday, April 13 via the QR code!



## “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.

**PARENTING SEMINAR | MARCH 30 | 5:00-6:30 P.M. | SESSION ROOM | RSVP BY MARCH 25**  
“ScreenStrong: Kids’ Brains & Screens” ft. Guest Speaker Emily Harrison

Parents/grandparents/guardians are invited to join us for a ScreenStrong presentation with speaker Emily Harrison. ScreenStrong empowers parents to prevent and reverse childhood screen dependency. The seminar will provide practical solutions to free children from toxic screen habits.

Childcare will be available. Please indicate need on your registration form.



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](http://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.



### 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