

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the friends and loved ones of Elizabeth W. "Bette" Parsons, who died on Sunday, March 16, 2025.

Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Robert Bachman Brown, who died on Monday, March 17, 2025. Our prayers are with his son, Jacob.

3RD-5TH GRADE COMMUNICANTS' CLASS | MARCH 30 | NOON-1:30 P.M. (LUNCH PROVIDED) | SESSION ROOM | RSVP BY TODAY: 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 REQUIRED BY TODAY: 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. *RSVPs are required by TODAY 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 next Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a Mission Fair hosted by the Service & 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!

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:** Agnes Reid Jenny, 101, is a long-time, faithful member of Second Presbyterian. Listen as she reflects on her time at the church, how it has evolved over the years, the enduring power of faith, and the beauty of embracing change.

THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE "WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?" | MARCH 25*, APRIL 1 | NOON: Reminders for the remaining sessions. The class will meet this Tuesday, March 25* at St John's Episcopal church to discuss Philemon. Participants are invited to a catered luncheon on Tuesday, April 1 here at Second in Fellowship Hall. Learn more at www.spres.org.

KNITTING GROUP: Ladies, we invite you to join our Knitting Group and help create hats/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 27. 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) or Lynn Speno (lyspen@gmail.com) with questions.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, March 23

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

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 25

Preschool Closed: Spring Break
9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 26

Preschool Closed: Spring Break
12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15 pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Thursday, March 27

Preschool Closed: Spring Break
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
12:15 pm: Board of Directors PCC, Session Room

Friday, March 28

Preschool Closed: Spring Break

Saturday, March 29

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 or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera. Hard copies are available in the narthex and at the front desk.



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For upcoming events, a library
of sermons (audio & text), and
more, visit our website:

www.spres.org

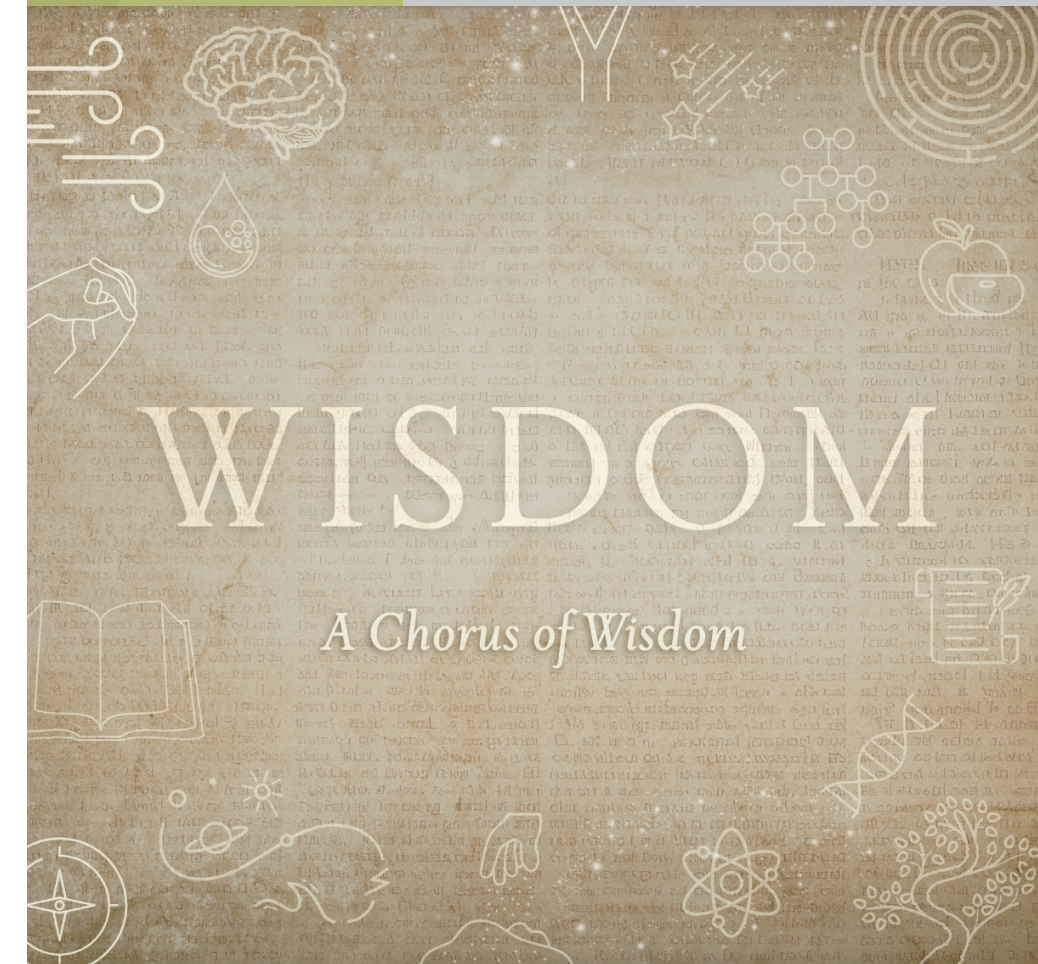


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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
March 23, 2025



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 23, 2025

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

Gathering Music *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission *Great Day of Service*

Prelude *Largo* Antonio Vivaldi

*Call to Worship
We are gathered as God's people:
Thirsty, our hearts crave living water.
Hungry, our souls ache to be satisfied.
Weary, our minds are tired by thoughts that do not come from God.
Thirsty, hungry, and weary,
Still we are here to praise God!
Praise the Lord!

*Hymn No. 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

(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 God, we confess that we try to measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves with others. So many voices trumpet their greatness. So many images boast of their beauty and flaunt their power. We are in a world which is daily broken by the foolish arrogance of people just like us. Forgive our misguided praise. Forgive us when we fail to see your Spirit's work in others, in those who have lived before us and in those who have come after us. Forgive us for choosing comfort and convenience over faithfulness. May your humility break in and challenge us, so we might be humbled only to rise to new life in you.

Wisdom is calling. May we be so bold to listen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

*Affirmation of Faith (From the Confession of 1967 Inclusive Language Text)
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God's superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Concerns

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

(11:00 A.M.) Anthem *The Lord Be Near Us* Hal H. Hopson

The Lord be near us as we pray and help us, through the darkest day,
to find our spirits' strength and stay in this most holy Name.

To Him be heartfelt homage paid and sacrifice of prayers be made;
in Him we trust, and undismayed His promised praises claim.

May God our dearest hopes fulfill, and move our hearts to seek His will,
rejoicing in His triumph still and his prevailing Name;

who hears and answers all our prayers, who knows the weight of human cares,
and in His Son our nature shares, forevermore the same.

Let others' trust in wealth and power, to save them in the evil hour,
we find our refuge and our tower in God's eternal name;

in Him we stand, secure and strong, believers who to Christ belong,
and with His saints in ceaseless song His faithfulness proclaim. Amen.

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 150 Old Testament p. 509
Luke 18:9-14 New Testament p. 848

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *A Chorus of Wisdom* Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan
Wisdom Sermon Series Part III

(8:45 A.M.) A Moment for Reflection

(11:00 A.M.) *Hymn No. 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{1**}
Offertory *Go To Dark Gethsemane* Fred B. Binckes
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. 696 *O God, You Are My God Alone*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet in Dialogue* Louis Nicolas Clerambault

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹THE 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 loving memory of Lee Penny Baker by her husband, Ralph. *Arranged by Kathryn Barrows.*

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

Greeters: (8:45) Monty Salyer. (11:00) Rick & Pam Murray.

AV Technician: Darin Pearson.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Jesus' Last Passover." Storyteller, Rhesa Bailey. Greeter, Anne Myers. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL APRIL 6 | 9:45 A.M. | CHAPEL: The Green Team welcomes Davey Stewards, Co-founder and Co-Owner of Star City Compost. Join us as we hear what Star City is doing and learn the importance of replenishing soil, diverting waste from the landfill, and reducing methane emissions. Caring for God's creation doesn't get any easier than this simple act of stewardship.



BELIEVING & BELONGING APRIL 6 & 13 | 9:45 A.M. | CAFÉ: Join our ministers George Anderson and Elizabeth Link for a seasonal two-week class on what it means to be a Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of Second Presbyterian Church. This is a great class for visitors and new members! The class will meet on Sunday mornings April 6 & 13 at 9:45 a.m. in the café downstairs. Contact Engagement Coordinator Connie Polly with questions (connie@spres.org).

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE | APRIL 26 | 8:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.: On Saturday, April 26th, the youth invite you to join them for an intergenerational mission day as we seek to serve the city! We've partnered with several local organizations to make a meaningful impact. The day will kick off with donuts and devotion at 8:00 a.m. before departing in our work groups. We will serve until 12:00 p.m., and participants will be dismissed directly from the agencies we are serving. Register today via the QR code.



TRENT DINNER & PROGRAM | APRIL 29 | 6:00 P.M. | 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 author David Zahl titled, "The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World." Join David 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 Tuesday, April 15 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.

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



Seeds of Hope SPRING GALA



April 25, 2025 | Hidden Valley Country Club | 6PM

The Seeds of Hope Spring Gala is more than just an event—it's an opportunity to create lasting change in our community. Your participation and generosity directly support PCC's mission to provide food, financial assistance, and educational programs to families in need.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

We are seeking donations for our Silent Auction to help make the Seeds of Hope Spring Gala a success! If you or your business would like to contribute, we are looking for gift baskets, dining experiences, event tickets, artwork, and more! Your donation will directly support Emergency Services and Pathways for Youth, providing vital resources to families in need.

Items needed by April 10th!

Interested in donating? Contact Nicole Jennings at njennings@pccse.org to get involved!
Thank you for your generosity!

PCC is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization. All contributions are **tax deductible**.



HOW TO PURCHASE SPRING GALA TICKETS

WEBSITE REGISTRATION

- 1. Visit our Website** - Go to www.pccse.org and scroll down to the Spring Gala section.
- 2. Reserve Your Spot** - Click the "Register Today" button to begin your registration.
- 3. Add a Ticket** - Click the blue "Add" button to add a ticket to your cart
- 4. Complete & Confirm** - Fill out your billing and payment details, and click the green "Confirm Payment" button. You'll receive a confirmation email once registered.

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