

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS

We hold in prayer the Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, child of the church and Pastor of First Pres. Richmond, who was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of leukemia requiring immediate treatment. The family welcomes notes of support (please, no calls at this time) to 3810 Custis Rd, Richmond, VA 23225.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathies extend to Chris and Elizabeth Link on the death of Chris' mother, Mary Anna Link, who passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Our prayers are also with their daughter, Eleanor.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Nancy Henry on the arrival of her great-grandson, Roen Camp Gipson, born to parents Mia and Remy Gipson on Saturday March 22, 2025 in Fort Worth Texas.

Congratulations to Kirk and Sarah Ludwig on the birth of their granddaughter, Margot Elizabeth Welchman, born on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 to parents Caroline and Evan Welchman. Proud big sister is Eleanor.

MISSION FAIR | TODAY | 9:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: Join us this morning in Fellowship Hall for a Mission Fair hosted by the Service & Outreach Committee. Visit booths from 15 of 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. This is also an opportunity to extend our gratitude to each one of our partners for the work of care and compassion they do for our community, the city of Roanoke, and beyond. 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 Lent for an exploration of the powerful and spiritual gift of wisdom. In this Kairos video series, members of Second Presbyterian share 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:** Dick Guerrant is both a dedicated scientist and a faithful Christian. In this reflection, he shares how his medical background and faith intersect, offering insights into how he reconciles the two. His strong conviction in the importance of care and compassion shines through, rooted in his belief in their essential role for both spiritual growth and evolutionary survival.

THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE "WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?" | APRIL 1 | NOON: Class participants are invited to a catered luncheon on Tuesday, April 1 here at Second Church in Fellowship Hall. Learn more at www.spres.org.

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.



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.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, March 30

Two Cents a Meal
8:45 am: Worship Service with baptism of Olivia Gerhards, Sanctuary
9:30 am - 12:30 pm: Mission Fair, Fellowship Hall
9:45 am: Cancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:45 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream
12:00 pm: 3rd-5th Grade Communicants Class/Lunch, Session Room
3:00 pm: Youth Group at Railyard Dawgs Game
5:00 pm: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Parenting Group: Seminar, Session Room

Monday, March 31

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

Tuesday, April 1

9:30 am: Staff Meeting
12:00 pm: Bible in Black and White Class, Fellowship Hall with Lunch
4:00 pm: Legacy Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom

Wednesday, April 2

12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15 pm: Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Thursday, April 3

7:15 am: Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom
10:30 am: Women's Bible Study, Hospitality Room
12:00 pm: Capital Campaign PCC, Reading Room
4:00 pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom
5:00 pm: Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom

Friday, April 4

Saturday, April 5

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Sunday Morning Worship
Early and Late Services
March 30, 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
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Lucinda Hancock
Mark Lawrence
Megan Moore
Darin Pearson

Elders - Class of 2026

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Chasity Fitzpatrick
Barry Green
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Elders - Class of 2027

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

MARCH 30, 2025

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

Gathering Music *Wondrous Love* (Southern Folk Hymn) David N. Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission *Children's Trust* Shawna Franklin, Executive Director

Prelude *O Praise the Lord with One Consent* (St. Anne) William T. Best

*Call to Worship¹

Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell?

**It is hidden from view;
even the depths of the earth do not know its way.**

God alone knows where wisdom dwells. What does God say?

**"The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom,
and to shun evil is understanding."**

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Let us seek God's will and ways!

*Hymn No. 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Two Cents-a-Meal (8:45 A.M.) Emily and Rebecca Stakor (parents, Sarah and Greg)

(11:00 A.M.) Cayce Anne Myers with parents, Cayce and Anne

(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 Confession²

**Merciful God, we confess that we have stubbornly trusted in our
own wisdom, even when it has failed to reflect your goodness and
grace. We have resisted your Spirit's guidance to new understanding,
choosing comfort over faithfulness, habit over transformation. Help
us to let go of what is broken and trust in Your renewing Spirit.**

We will be silent so we can hear another voice besides our own.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

(11:00 A.M.) 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 *God So Loved the World* (John 3:16) Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.

God so loved the world that everyone who would believe shall have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
But God so loved the world that through His Son the world might be saved.

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Prayer for Illumination

(8:45 A.M.) Sacrament of Baptism - Olivia Grace Gerhards

Presiding Elder: Christal Pearson

*Hymn of Preparation No. 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (vv. 1, 3)

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God*, p. 35

Scripture Reading Job 29 (selected verses) Old Testament p. 422

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 New Testament p. 923

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Broken Wisdom* Dr. George C. Anderson

Wisdom Sermon Series Part IV

A Moment for Reflection

Call to Discipleship

Offering^{3**}

Offertory *Meditation on "Near the Cross"* arr., Virginia Figh

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. 836 *Abide With Me*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Prelude in C Minor* J. S. Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



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BULLETIN NOTES

¹ TODAY'S CALL TO WORSHIP is adapted from Job 28:20-28.

² During the season of Lent, the PRAYER OF CONFESSION is perhaps the most important moment in the liturgy. The prayer draws us to self-examination, to admission of weakness, and to a reminder of our need for grace. The aim is not humiliation and the shame that follows, but humility and the strength that then can be gained in self-acceptance as a forgiven sinner who knows to rely on the grace of God.

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. **As of Monday, March 24, \$2,412.22 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).

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THIS SUNDAY

Baptism: During the early worship service this morning, Louise and Andrew Gerhards will present their daughter, Olivia Grace Gerhards, for the Sacrament of Baptism. Christal Pearson will serve as the presiding elder.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God with love and thanksgiving for the life of Carol Bewley Dalhouse by her daughters and their families on the occasion of her birthday. *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, Shelley Lyons.

Greeters: (8:45) Elizabeth Vacher. (11:00) Cindy Smith.

AV Technician: Miranda Moore, Darin Pearson.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Too Afraid to Follow Jesus." Storyteller, Carolyn Krisha. Greeter, Aubrey Beeson. Program Coordinator, Rhesa Bailey.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK: Our church will host Family Promise at Alexa House from April 6th to April 13th. We are excited and grateful for the Words on the Word Sunday School class, who have kindly volunteered for all three slots on Tuesday, April 8th! **We are still seeking volunteers for Friday, April 11th.** The available shifts are Evening Host (7PM to 9PM) and Overnight Host (9PM to 7AM). Please contact Lucinda Hancock at luhancock@gmail.com to sign up. We are looking forward to this wonderful opportunity to serve others in our community. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Lucinda Hancock or Lauren Ellerman.

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 GETAWAY RETREAT | "OUR SACRED HOME" | AUGUST 8–10 (FRI–SUN): Join us August 8-10 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg for our annual church-wide retreat! You won't want to miss this intergenerational opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday, and ends following mid-morning worship on Sunday. Our guest speaker for the retreat is the Rev. Dr. Robert (Rob) McClellan, Pastor and Head of Staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tiburon, CA. Brochures with more details are available in the literature racks throughout the church. **Register by Monday, June 23 online or by scanning the QR code!**



CONGREGATIONAL DINNER & PROGRAM TUESDAY, APRIL 29 @ 6:00 P.M. | REGISTER BY APRIL 15

Join us for the annual Trent Symposium Dinner on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy dinner with the symposium participants, followed by a special program celebrating the book launch of *The Big Relief: The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World* by Dr. David Zahl—a pastor, writer, theologian, podcaster, and speaker in demand.

Dinner Details (Menu from Lib & Amy Catering):

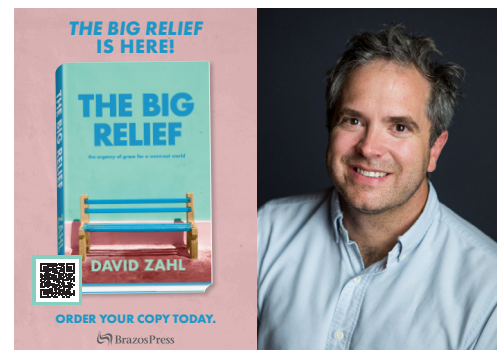
- Mixed Garden Salad with Balsamic and Ranch Dressings, Pork Tenderloin with grapes, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, and Cornbread.
- **Cost: \$15** per person, **\$7** for children ages 5-12.
- **Register by April 15 using the QR code on the right or at spres.org!**

THE KITYE SUSAN TRENT
SYMPOSIUM
FOR NEWLY ORDAINED MINISTERS



Not attending dinner? Join us for the program at 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary.

About the program: "The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World" | 6:45 p.m. | Sanctuary: David Zahl is the founder of Mockingbird Ministries and the author of *Seculosity* and *Low Anthropology*. His new book, *The Big Relief*, releases this month. Don't miss this inspiring evening! 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!



**"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.



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



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

Join us for the Seeds of Hope Spring Gala to celebrate PCC's impact with inspiring stories and a night of community and connection.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

We're seeking gift baskets, dining experiences, event tickets, artwork, weekend vacation homes, and more. By donating to our Silent Auction, you're supporting our programs.

Donations needed by April 10th!

To contribute, contact Nicole Jennings at njennings@pccse.org

HOW TO PURCHASE SPRING GALA TICKETS

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WEBSITE REGISTRATION

Go to www.pccse.org and scroll down to the Spring Gala section and click the "Register Today" button.