

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | THURSDAYS | 10:30-11:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL: Think, pray, and reflect through the stories of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. This study uses *From Wilderness to Glory*, by beloved author N. T. Wright encourages readers to do just that throughout the seasons of Lent and Easter. The books the church had in stock have been purchased. You can order your own copy from the [PC\(USA\) Store](#). **Schedule:** Thursdays, Feb 27–April 17.

THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE "WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?" | MARCH 12, 18, 25* | 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:** Wed, Mar. 12: Esther; Tues, Mar. 18: Daniel; Tues, Mar. 25* @ St John's Episcopal: Philemon; Tues, April 1: Luncheon @ Second. Learn more at 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!

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today, March 9

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 10

5:30 Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Sessio Room
 6:30 pm: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts, Cafe
 6:45 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, March 11

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

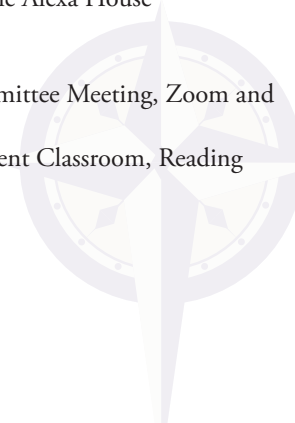
12:00 pm: Bible in Black and White Class, Fellowship Hall
 12:00 pm: Bulletin Article Deadline
 12:00 pm: Second Sheet Article Deadline
 5:00 pm: Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom
 5:15 pm: Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room

Thursday, March 13

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
 11:30 am: Trent Get Away Committee Meeting, Trent Room
 12:00 pm: Capital Campaign PCC, Reading Room
 1:00 pm: Gym/Chapel Renovation Task Force Meeting, Chapel

Friday, March 14

Saturday, March 15



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 Marianne Sandborg
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Children's Ministry Coordinator
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For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: www.spres.org/about/leadership/

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

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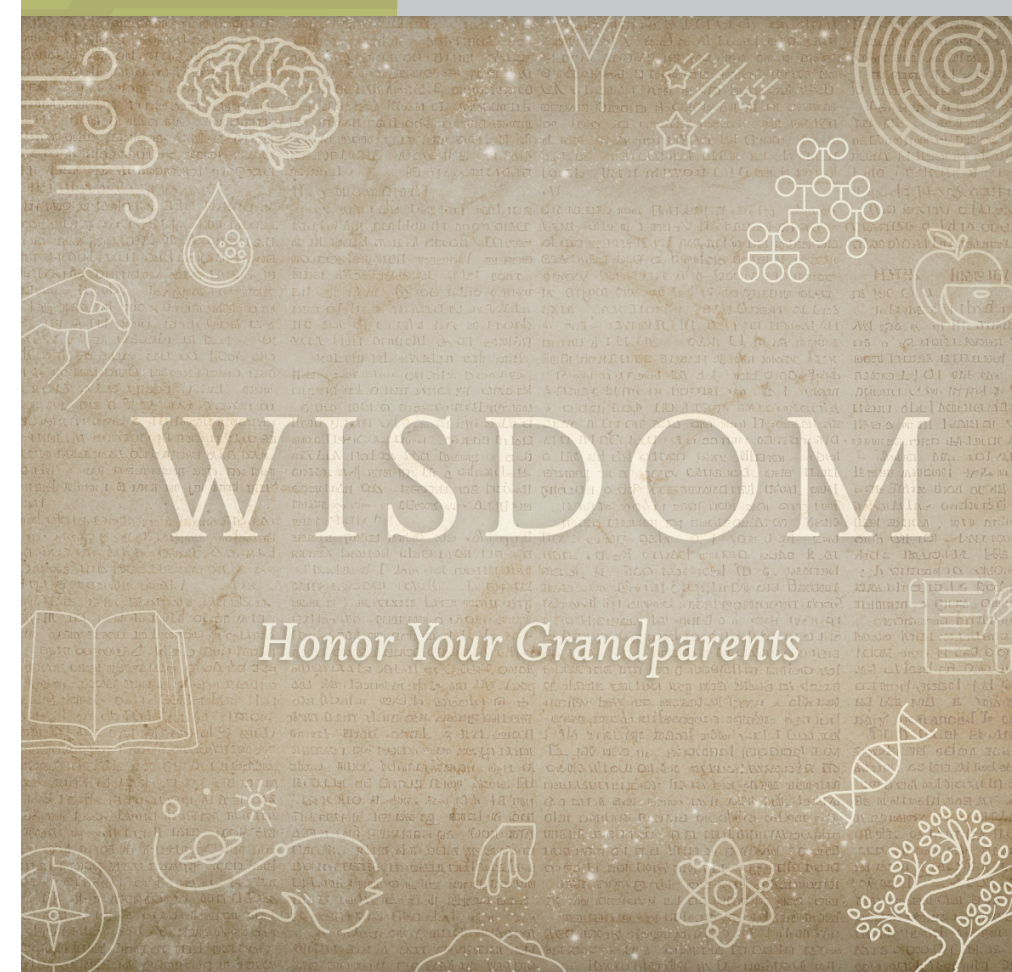


SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

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Sunday Morning Worship
 Early and Late Services
 March 9, 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 9, 2025

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT¹

Gathering Music *Larghetto* G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission *Family Service* Linda Hentschel, President & CEO

Prelude *Setting on "Slane"* Gregg Sewell

*Call to Worship
Remember the story of our faith.
We are the people God has delivered.
Rejoice in the hope of our faith.
God goes with us, step by step.
Cling to the promise of our faith.
Our God will not abandon us.

*Hymn No. 326 *For All the Saints*

(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
God of all saints, God of all sinners, hear our prayer. You already know what is on our hearts. You already know what we have done and what we have left undone. Forgive us when we follow the paths that do not lead to life, but paths that lead to violence, fear, or hate. Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life abundant and eternal. Forgive us when we allow greed to grow and feed apathy and resentment. Return us to right paths, restore us to life, O Lord, and let your love and grace flow over us.

In the silence, may we be brave enough to look clearly at our lives, turning away from what is evil and toward what is good.

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 *Be Still My Soul* Jean Sibelius, arr. Mack Wilberg
William Parrish, English Horn

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend.
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past. All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Proverbs 1:1-7 Old Testament p. 510
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Wisdom: Honor Your Grandparents* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

Call to Discipleship
Offering^{2**}
Offertory (8:45 A.M.) *Brother James' Air* Gilbert M. Martin
(11:00 A.M.) *Sinfonia* (BWV 156) J.S. Bach
William Parrish, Oboe

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

(8:45 A.M.) Installation of Elder Beth Vaught Jenkins, Class of 2027

*Hymn No. 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (8:45 A.M. vv. 1, 4)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata in C Minor* Benedetto Marcello

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹**WHY ARE THE PARAMENTS PURPLE?** Purple paraments during Advent and Lent represent times of preparation leading up to Christmas and Easter. During Lent, purple suggests solemnity and penitence as the death and resurrection of Christ draws near. **The season of Lent** is a time of prayer, fasting, and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses' and Israel's sojourn in the desert, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in these 40 days, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

²**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 Wednesday, March 5, \$856.22 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, packing tape, bubble wrap, etc. to assist with the move.

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THIS SUNDAY

Music: We welcome musician William Parrish to worship this morning. Bill is the principal oboe with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, Opera Roanoke, and the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra, as well as a member of the Wintergreen Summer Festival Orchestra. He is Adjunct Instructor of oboe at Virginia Tech. Bill served as the Associate Director of Pre-College at the Juilliard School for ten years and has played with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, New Jersey Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, and Honolulu Symphony Orchestra. Bill received his BFA in oboe from Carnegie-Mellon University, his M.M. from The University of the Arts in Philadelphia and an Artist's Diploma in oboe performance from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He was a prize winner in the 1988 Lucarelli Oboe International Solo competition at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Principal oboe teachers include Robert Bloom, Harry Sargous, John Ferrillo and Elaine Douvas. Bill teaches privately at his home in Waynesboro, VA and operates a successful custom oboe reed making business.

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bob Fishburn and Sally Crockett by the family. *Arranged by Cindy Smith.*

Ushers: (8:45) Ken Sizemore (Head Usher), Manly Aylor, BT and Chastity Fitzpatrick. (11:00) Sally l'Anson (Head Usher), Lawrence and Ryan l'Anson, Sarah Bishop.

Greeters: (8:45 & 11:00) Elizabeth Vacher.

AV Technicians: Darin Pearson, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "Lenten Puzzle." Storyteller, Carolyn Krisha. Greeter & Program Coordinator, Rhesa 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) or Lynn Speno (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 or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera. Hard copies are available in the narthex and at the front desk.



LENT @ SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: See details about our Lenten offerings on the reverse of this insert.

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

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



“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 member of Fairplay’s Screen Time Action Network. She biogs 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.

Ash Wednesday March 5

7:30-9:30 a.m. “Ashes and Prayer To-Go,” Mountain Ave Parking Lot

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Evening Worship Kirk Hall

Kairos Weekly Reflections

Mar 12-Apr 16 (Wednesdays)
Weekly Kairos Video Reflections via YouTube and Facebook, featuring Second Presbyterian members sharing the important and spiritual gift of wisdom.

Maundy Thursday April 17

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Evening Worship, Kirk Hall