

## THIS WEEK AT SPC!

### SUNDAY - September 15

#### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Canned Goods on Communion (see below)

9:30 AM	Sunday School (see below)
11:00 AM	Worship with Communion
12:00 PM	<b>Lemonade on the Lawn</b>
12:15 PM	Worship and Music Committee meeting (Room 117)
12:15 PM	Outreach Committee meeting (Room 210)
2:00 PM	<b>Welcome and Safety Session (Sanctuary) [see below]</b>
4:00 PM	<b>Called Session meeting (Room 210)</b>
6:00 PM	Youth Group at SPC

### MONDAY - September 16

6:30 AM	Men's Breakfast at Salem's Famous Anthony's
5:30 PM	Family Promise meeting
7:00 PM	Handbell rehearsal
7:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meeting (Gresham Hall)

### TUESDAY - September 17

11:30 AM	Presbyterians at Lunch (PAL) [Gresham Hall] (see below)
7:00 PM	Christian Education meeting (Room 117)
7:00 PM	Salem Choral Society rehearsal (Gresham Hall)

### WEDNESDAY - September 18

9:00 AM	Salem Garden Club (Gresham Hall)
10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (Room 117)
11:45 AM	Downtown Lunch at Alexander's (see below)
12:00 PM	<i>Worship Bulletin Announcements Deadline</i>
4:15 PM	<b>RoundTable: Friend Night (see below)</b>
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY - September 19

7:00 PM	Joy Circle meeting (see below)
7:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meeting (Gresham Hall)

### SATURDAY - September 21

11:00 AM	<b>Big Lick Train Tug (see information on previous page)</b>
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### SUNDAY - September 22

#### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM	<b>Explore SPC Gathering (Sanctuary)</b>
9:30 AM	Sunday School (see below)
11:00 AM	Worship
12:00 PM	<b>Lemonade on the Lawn</b>
6:00 PM	Youth Group at SPC

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#### Sunday School

We encourage everyone to be life-long learners of the Lord by committing to one of the following classes at 9:30 AM:

- Pre-Kindergarten (age 2 1/2-5)—Cherub Choir (9:30-10:00 AM) and Sunday School (10:00-10:30 AM)
- Kindergarten-Grade 5—Workshop Rotation: *Communion*
- Youth—Proverbs (Room 213)
- Disciple—Disciple IV: *Under the Tree of Life* (Room 211)
- Journey On—*"Short Stories by Jesus": a 6-week study on the parables* (Room 210)
- Kingdom Living—*Kerygma: The Bible in Depth* (Room 117)

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#### Canned Goods on Communion

As we partake of the Lord's Supper, bring a canned good (especially soup) and place it in the bins in the sanctuary to help us feed the hungry in our community through the Salem-Roanoke County Food Pantry. Thank you!

#### Welcome and Safety Session (see calendar)

The Salem Sheriff's Office will lead a discussion of situational awareness at SPC and will offer best practices that can be used to maximize the safety of our church members and guests while remaining a welcoming congregation for all who enter our doors. **Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend.**

#### Presbyterians At Lunch (PAL) is back! We invite everyone to join us (see calendar).

Lunch is \$4 per person, no reservations are necessary, and a program follows lunch. Hope to see you there!

All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship at the **Downtown Lunch at Alexander's** (105 S. Jefferson Street in Roanoke; see calendar). Questions? Contact George Lester (540-389-5513).

#### RoundTable (see calendar)

Information and registration forms for this ministry to students in K-12th grades have been mailed and are available on our website. Please share them with friends and neighbors so they too can experience this fun and faith-enriching ministry!

Join us for **Joy Circle** (a women's study and fellowship group) at Laura Hart's house (514 High Street in Salem; see calendar).

Presbyterian Women (PW) in our Presbytery is engaged in the mission project "**Handbags for Hope.**" We're collecting new and slightly used women's handbags filled with goodies (small bottles of hand lotion, bath gel, toiletries, perfume, cosmetics, a scarf, etc.) that we'll give to at-risk women at local organizations such as the Roanoke Rescue Mission. Please help us minister to these women by donating a filled handbag/s and bringing it/them any weekday or Sunday to the church office in a bag marked "PW." Thank you!

#### ON THE HORIZON

- Presbyterian Women Annual Gathering **Saturday, September 28, 9:00 AM-1:30 PM**  
All women are welcome to join us at Raleigh Court Presbyterian in Roanoke as we bless the "Handbags for Hope" (see under THIS WEEK AT SPC!) and witness the wonderful work the women in our Presbytery are doing!
- Church Picnic at Longwood Park! **Sunday, September 29, 12:15 PM**  
We'll meet at Shelter 4. Fried chicken, biscuits, beverages, and paper products will be provided. Please bring a dish based on the first letter of your last name: **A-E salad; F-M side dish; N-Z dessert.** All are welcome, so bring friends!

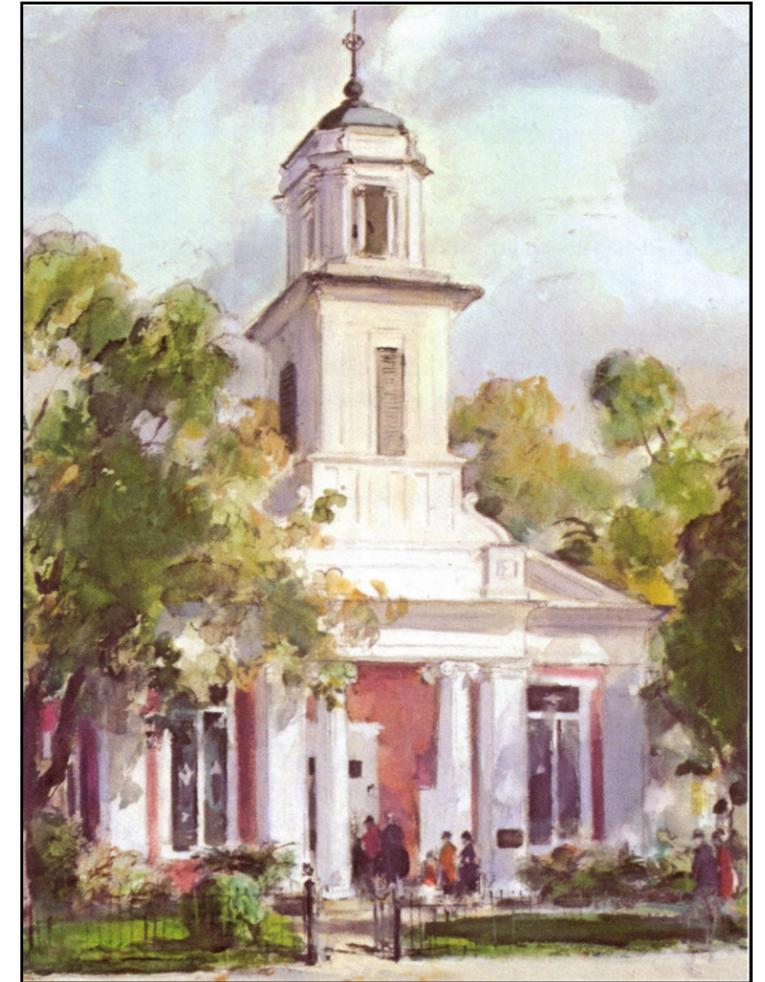
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# Salem Presbyterian Church

Founded in 1831  
Salem, Virginia



Walter Biggs

#### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

11:00 AM

*Our mission, inspired by God through the Holy Spirit,  
is to be a visible sign of God's love for all people  
by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed,  
so that all people may know Him as Lord and Savior.*

**WORSHIP. GROW. SERVE.**

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 15, 2019  
11:00 AM

Chiming the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Amazing Grace" arr. Robert A. Hobby

\*Call to Worship Habakkuk 2:20 Ginny Savage, Elder  
Leader: The Lord is in His holy temple;  
People: **let all the earth be silent before Him.**  
(Enjoy a moment of silence before standing to sing.)

\*Hymn 288 "Spirit of the Living God" (sung twice)

\*Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession Rev. Janet Chisom  
Living God, forgive us when we don't obey You. When Your Spirit prompts us to worship You, we sometimes make excuses or see it as inconvenient or optional. Forgive us for forgetting that worship forms us more and more into the image of Your Son. Forgive us—in our consumer culture—for thinking worship is more about what we get than about giving of ourselves to You. Merciful God, forgive us for these and all of our sins. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Hymn 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

Word with the Children

*After the Word with the Children, children three and younger may return to the nursery; children four and older will remain in the sanctuary to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.*

Anthem "Forever Blest Is He" arr. George F. Handel  
*Forever blest is he who serves the Lord. The loving God of all mankind. Joy shall be his reward; living to serve the Lord; forever blest is he who serves the Lord.*

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35 NT, p. 90  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "WORSHIP" Dr. Will Robinson

\*Affirmation of Faith from the Confession of 1967 (PCUSA)

**The church gathers to praise God; to hear God's word for humankind; to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper; to pray for and present the world to God in worship; to enjoy fellowship; to receive instruction, strength, and comfort; to order and organize its own corporate life; to be tested, renewed, and reformed; and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are a part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relations with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Amen.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Beautiful Savior" arr. Robert A. Hobby  
\*Hymn 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Hymn 516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Communion of the People

*Gluten-free wafers are available in the clear cups in the center of the trays. An Elder serving communion will stand at each end of your pew. If your pew is full, please pass the communion tray to the center of your pew first, taking the elements as they are passed back to you from the center. Thank you!*

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn 547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" arr. Robert A. Hobby

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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**WELCOME TO SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (SPC)!**

Whether you're visiting or a longtime member, we're grateful you're here. We don't look or act alike. God *knows* we don't think alike. We come with varied questions, burdens, and joys. But every Sunday we worship as one. Our church has deep roots. You'll hear that in today's music, for example. We pray you'll also hear a word of comfort, challenge, God's "still, small voice," or otherwise experience God's presence and deepen your relationship with Him.

So we can greet one another by name, please fill out the black fellowship register at the end of each pew. You're invited to join us every Sunday for **Sunday School at 9:30 AM, worship at 11:00 AM, fellowship at 10:30 AM in Gresham Hall, and for any of SPC's ministries**, and there are many here to feed your soul. If you'd like to learn more about them, you can ask pastors Will or Janet or go to [salempres.org](http://salempres.org), where you can read worship bulletins and newsletters, hear audio of anthems and sermons, and see upcoming ministries. If you'd like to learn more about SPC or join this family of faith, please **meet in the sanctuary for our next Explore SPC gathering NEXT Sunday, September 22, at 9:00 AM.**

**"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME."**

SPC values children! Children's bulletins are available by the sanctuary doors. Child care for infants and toddlers is available in Rooms 103 and 104, and if you need to leave the service with a child, you can listen to the service in the parlor (the first room on your right as you walk through the front right sanctuary door).

**THESE MAY HELP**

If you'd like a large-print hymnal or hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. (Both are available on tables at the back of the sanctuary.) We've reserved accessibility parking spaces on Market Street (next to the church) with large orange cones. Our building is wheelchair accessible at both Market Street entrances.

**ABOUT WORSHIP**

Today's sermon is the second in a series on discipleship. Each Sunday's texts are listed in the bulletin and *Tower Talk* newsletter; we encourage you to read them prior to worship. **Next Sunday's text is 1 Corinthians 3:5-9.** CDs of previous sermons and anthems are available at the back of the sanctuary. The Worship and Music Committee approved **reorganizing our bulletin** such as putting descriptions of ministries/events for the week under the weekly calendar (see THIS WEEK AT SPC! on the back). This is a work in progress, so let us know what you think.

We're **live-streaming worship on our Facebook page**. This is a service to members unable to attend and an extension of our mission to share "the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, so that all people may know Him as Lord and Savior." We're live-streaming though Facebook because it's free, but we plan to live-stream through our website once we settle on the best platform.

We thank members Martha McDearmon, Jan Minton, Kim Murray, and Lorain Petersen for lovingly preparing and baking the communion bread that we enjoy every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Janet Chisom and all the volunteers who work with her to make the RoundTable ministry an impactful experience for the children and youth of our congregation and community.

**LET US PRAY...**

Please pray for the following members: The family of Anne Bach, Bob Bullock, Judy Garst, Bob Goodwin, Erik Johnson, Toni Jolly, Doug Kayton, Emily Cole Kelliher, Sandy Lipes, Ginger Miller, Anna Oedel, Freeman and Mamie Sleeper, Maria Stallions, Lindsey Tear Parr, Wanda Thompson, and John Wood.

Please also pray for these mission partners:

- CEDEPCA in Guatemala. They provide disaster assistance, theological training, and vital ministry to women.
- Renee Bach and Serving His Children. They fight malnutrition in Uganda.
- Member John Ellison who volunteers in disaster/crisis ministry with Samaritan's Purse.
- Leslie Vogel who's a PCUSA mission co-worker serving in Central America.

To help those affected by **Hurricane Dorian**, especially in the Bahamas, you may write a check to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance with DR000194 on the memo line, place it in the offering plate, and we'll mail it to them for you.

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**Enjoy the artwork** in Gresham Hall based on the theme "Favorite Bible Stories."

The new **SPC Pictorial Directory** is here! It's available today in print by the doors of the sanctuary and in the church office and will be available online soon. Many thanks to **Larry Curfiss, Carlene Hickman, and Kate Robinson** who have worked very hard to assemble this new pictorial directory that we can update on a regular basis.

**Salem Presbyterians are "Fun, Fit, Faithful, and Financially Generous"!** Let's prove it by pulling, walking, running, or sponsoring those who do through the following opportunities to serve the Lord:

- **NEXT SATURDAY—Big Lick Train Tug:** We have 10 SPCers to pull the Transportation Museum's diesel 1776 train! Your donations are also welcome! The money raised will support ministries of the Presbyterian Community Center, including tutoring at-risk youth, a food pantry, and classes for adults. Sign up outside Gresham Hall or at [mightycause.com/story/H5957f](http://mightycause.com/story/H5957f).
- **October 13—CROP Hunger Walk:** On the 50th anniversary of this Walk, we've set a goal of 50 churches/organizations! Let's make SPC one of the biggest teams! Money donated to CROP/Church World Service is used locally (for Roanoke Area Ministries), nationally (at hurricane shelters), and internationally (for refugee situations). Sponsor Team SPC at [crophungerwalk.org/roanokeva/](http://crophungerwalk.org/roanokeva/).
- **October 19—Superhero Race for Family Promise:** Run or walk in this race that raises money to help homeless families have homes of their own. Register at [familypromiseroanoke.org/news-and-events/superhero-race/](http://familypromiseroanoke.org/news-and-events/superhero-race/).