



Back to the Basics

We continue our Back to the Basics sermon series with the next 5 stories from the curriculum we use with our 4-year-olds through 1st Grade students each week during Children’s Worship. These stories, along with all of the stories this year, are the primary characters and themes that reveal to us the heart of God.

- November 2:**
Courage
Joshua 1:7-9
- November 9:**
*Faithful Construction
or Envious Comparison?*
2 Samuel 6:1-10
& 2 Kings 5:1-14
- November 16:**
All Torn Down
Jeremiah 6:1-8
& 2 Kings 25:1-7

- November 23:**
A Promise in the Night
Isaiah 40:1-5
& Jeremiah 33:12-16
- November 30:**
A Child Shows the Way
John 1:5 & Isaiah 11:1-9

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 23
Dinner at 6:00 PM—Fellowship Hall
Worship—Sanctuary

You are invited to a Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal on Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Following dinner, we will hold a Thanksgiving worship service in the Sanctuary. Thanksgiving homily, hymns and gratitude, and a celebration of the Thanksgiving Meal (Eucharist). We will collect an offering during the worship service for the Hunger Mission Team so that we can remember that just as the Lord feeds us, so we are sent to feed others in Christ’s name. Let us come together to celebrate God’s blessings in our life and give



New Members—October 2025



Patricia Brumley



Jonathan Crook



Jordan Nallen



Katie Tait



John Thompson

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Sunday School Classes—November

Full class descriptions available online at rcpres.org/adult-education

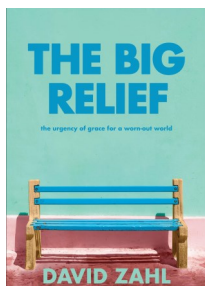
Exploring Christian Theology—Room 101

Led by Mike Lockaby

Join Mike Lockaby and others as they dig into the past to explore biblical and theological themes.

Parent as a Verb—Room 102

October 5—November 23: *The Big Relief: The*



Urgency of Grace in a Worn-Out World by David Zahl. Parents feel overburdened and overwhelmed by expectations on them and their children in our modern life. Constant judgment and comparison abound. Is there another way? David Zahl invites us to consider how the core Christian message of Grace offers an alternative way to understand our existence and

our roles in life. Join Andrew Whaley for this study this fall. You are invited to buy the book and read a chapter a week, or you can simply show up and participate in the discussion. We hope to see you there!

The Seekers—Room 201

November 2: Fred Hoffman

On Sunday, November 2 during the Seekers Sunday School class at 10:00 AM, Fred Hoffman will share a presentation about his trip to South Sudan earlier to support the Abukloi school this year.

November 9—November 23: Spiritual Roots in Archeology:

The Seekers will continue their exploration of archeology that began last yearStonehenge. Machu Picchu. The Acropolis. The Great Pyramids at Giza. Sites such as these have captivated the world for centuries—even millennia—since their creation.

Discover RCPC—Room 202

Led by Andrew Whaley

November 9 & 16: Following the 11:00 AM worship service (12:15 PM—1:30 PM)

Discover RCPC is a way to learn more about our life together as followers of Jesus. In these gatherings, we will get to know one another better. We will learn about how and why we worship and what is distinctive about being a Reformed Church. We will learn about how Presbyterians practice their life in covenant with each other, and we will learn the story specifically of the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church: The Church of the Open Door. This is a great opportunity for those interested in membership in our congregation.

Edmunds Lecture Series 2025: *The Church in a Secular Age* featuring Andrew Root

November 10 & 11 at 7:00 PM in the
Sanctuary at Second Presbyterian Church Roanoke

EDMUNDS LECTURE SERIES 2025

THE CHURCH IN A SECULAR AGE



FEATURING
ANDREW ROOT

NOVEMBER 10 & 11
7:00 PM | SANCTUARY



SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN



This November 10 and 11 (Monday and Tuesday), Andrew Root—author and Carrie Olson Baalson Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary—will visit the Roanoke Valley as guest speaker for the 2025 Edmunds Lecture Series of Second Presbyterian Church. His two-part lecture, "The Church in a Secular Age," will be held at 7:00 PM in the Second Pres Sanctuary with refreshments to follow each evening. All are invited to attend, and you're encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to share in this unique opportunity to hear a renowned author and theologian. Free admission.

Intergenerational Sunday School: *Advent Creation*

November 30—December 14—Fellowship Hall

Led by Leigh Sackett

Parents and children, come join us as we make some memorable Advent gifts for our loved ones and those neighbors we are called to love out in our community.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congregational Retreat: *What Not to Wear*

Friday, March 13—Sunday, March 15, 2026 at Massanetta Springs

Early Bird Registration: November 1-30, 2025

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" - Galatians 3:27

Pack your bags and join us at Massanetta Springs in 2026 for our congregational retreat! We will be exploring what it means to "put on Christ" as followers of his way. Scripture gives us several images of what we can clothe ourselves in as we take off the labels of sin and step into the hope of resurrection. There will be invitations to participate in "theme nights," tie-dying activities, a chance to share a story about a particularly meaningful piece of clothing, and a time to work on knitting and crochet projects. We may even recreate the 1980s photo at the church from Massanetta Springs in our shorts and tube socks! Book your room at Massanetta Springs for the 2026 Congregational Retreat today to lock in the early bird pricing! Form and payment are due by November 30 to Leigh Sackett or Julie Satterwhite. Forms are available in the Gathering Area or register online at rcpres.org. Hubler is reserved for those aged 60+, with mobility issues, or with children 3-years-old or younger. This year we also have two Airbnb options! **EARLY BIRD PRICING IS LISTED IN RED.**



Richardson Hall

(Dormitory Style)

Single: \$330 **\$290**

Double: \$370 **\$320**

Triple: \$455 **\$410**

Four+: \$480 **\$430**



***Hubler Lodge**

(Hotel Style)

Single: ~~\$380~~ **\$340**

Double: ~~\$500~~ **\$440**

Triple: ~~\$520~~ **\$455**

Four+: ~~\$540~~ **\$485**

*Reserved for those aged 60+, with mobility issues, or with children 3-years-old or younger.



Airbnb—Mountain View Penn

Laird Home (sleeps 8)

Single: \$425 **\$400**

Double: \$800 **\$700**

Triple: \$900 **\$800**

Four+: \$1,000 **\$850**



Airbnb—Lavender Hill

Farmhouse (sleeps 10)

Single: \$425 **\$400**

Double: \$800 **\$700**

Triple: \$900 **\$800**

Four+: \$1,000 **\$850**

The Airbnb prices also include all meals at Massanetta Springs during the course of the Congregational Retreat.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, November 5
6:15 PM—Fellowship Hall

Join the Youth of our church for a Fellowship Dinner Fundraiser on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:15 PM. The meal will be a baked potato bar. During the meal you'll have a chance to hear stories from three youth about the impact our summer trips have had on their faith as well as a chance to enjoy a slideshow of pictures from the last year in youth ministry.

We invite the congregation to pay what you'd like in order to support our youth attending Massanetta Middle School Conference, Montreat Youth Conference, and our Hometown Mission Week for summer 2026.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER DINNER

Support the RCPC Youth **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 6:15 PM**

All Proceeds Go to Support Summer Trips

Youth Mission Project: Your Help is Needed!



"I tell you the truth, whatever you did unto one of the least of these, you did unto me." - Matthew 25:40

Our RCPC Youth Group is asking for your assistance in a mission project to help meet the needs of the homeless in the Roanoke Valley. **The Least of These Ministry (TLOT)** distributes baskets to clients transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing while continuing to help those who remain unsheltered. We are asking for your help in collecting items for "Welcome Home" baskets for families trying to set up housekeeping, and clothing, blankets, and hygiene products for those who remain on the streets. You can read more about TLOT at theleastoftheseministry.org

On Sunday, November 9, members of the Youth Group will collect donated items from the neighborhood. If you would like to donate items to help with this project, please bring your donations to church by 12:15 PM on Sunday, November 9 and place them in the Gathering Area. Place them in a bag with the **TLOT** side of this flyer displayed on the bag. **Donations Particularly Needed:**

- Soap
- Travel size body wash
- Travel size lotion
- Deodorant
- Travel size toothpaste
- Travel size shampoo
- Razors
- Brooms/dustpans
- Mops/buckets
- Towels/washcloths
- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Shower curtains/ hooks
- Dishes
- Pots/pans
- Backpacks
- Blankets
- Laundry baskets
- Reading glasses
- Mens/womens underwear
- Heavy winter gloves
- Cleaning products (Fabuloso, Spray bathroom cleaner, disinfecting wipes)
- Sponges

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

2nd Grade Bible Presentation

On Sunday, November 16 in the 11:00 AM worship service our 2nd graders will receive their Bibles. This is a longstanding tradition of our church and a milestone of faith in the lives of these children. They have been learning all about the Bible in their "Our Faith" Sunday school class and now they will have their very own big kid Bible given to them by the church family to cherish and use as a guide in their life of faith. The 2nd graders receiving their Bibles are: Cormany Beckett, Kia Brockman, Charles Feuerstein, John Henry Hamlin, Henry Jones, Augusta Kessler, Ruby Lockaby, Hazel Skinner, Ryan Mutcherson, Wesley Satterwhite, and Charles Eston Walker.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music in Raleigh Court—November & December Schedule



Opera Roanoke Messiah Sing Along

Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 PM—Sanctuary

Lift your voice and join the celebration at Opera Roanoke's Messiah Sing-Along! Conducted by Dillon J. Swanson, Opera Roanoke Chorus Master.

Bring your score (or borrow one at the door!) and sing along with our Opera Roanoke Young Artists, chorus, and the Roanoke Baroque chamber orchestra in this festive, heartwarming holiday tradition. No rehearsal, no pressure—just glorious music and the magic of raising our voices together. All are welcome!

Roanoke Valley Choral Society Holiday Concert

Monday, December 1 at 7:00 PM—Sanctuary

In the fall of 2024, Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church became the rehearsal and concert host site for the Roanoke Valley Choral Society. We are thrilled to feature their programming on our Music in Raleigh Court Series and look forward to many years of musical partnership together!



RCPC Christmas Concert

"Star of Bethlehem, Lead Us to Peace"

Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 PM—Sanctuary

Join us for our annual Christmas Concert presented by the Sanctuary Choir, orchestra, and organ. This year's concert, titled "Star of Bethlehem, Lead Us to Peace," invites us to journey to the City of David and see the baby born in a humble cattle stall—our Prince of Peace. Out in the chaos of our world, power rules. Where Christ meets us in grace and truth, peace rules.

MISSION & FELLOWSHIP

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Linda DeVogt
Bruce Loving
Gil Lynch
4 Carol Burmeister-Prichard
5 Betty Flora
7 David McCurdy
Andy Oliver
Connie Pearlman
8 Robert Giles
Elise Hansard
John Phelps
9 Molly Rutherford
10 Geoffrey Weaver
Glenn Williams
11 Jay Ellison
Jerry Garrett
13 Owen Clayton

Nick Fox
14 William Haynie
Carolyn Pollash
Margaret Shaff
15 Freda Chapman
Henry Jones
16 Nancy Hoffman
Tom Scott
17 Megan Hanks
Grayson Kessler
Tyler Person
18 Andrew Whaley
19 Kelly Alcock
Tom Webster
20 Sam Derbyshire
Carol McFarland
Carolyn Wilson
21 Andrew Agee

Becky Carty
Aiden Davis
23 Diana Dietz
Linda Mayes
Jordan McLamb
24 Chris Hodges
25 Phil Brundrett
26 Anne Agee
27 Eric Kessler
28 Eliza Goad
Beth Snead
29 Marty Trussell
30 Juliana Wilcher

Special Anniversary Wishes:

11/4: Nancy & Charles Ayling
53rd Wedding Anniversary

Fellowship Dinners

Join us for dinner on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM from October 1 to the end of April. Check the bulletin and This Week @ RCPC each week for the menu. The food and the fellowship around the table are worth it each week. Please RSVP by noon on the Tuesday before. The Fellowship Committee is always looking for people willing to help with Fellowship Dinner. Sign up to set up, serve food, or take leftovers on Thursday morning by contacting Kathy Sebolt at ksebolt@rvgs.k12.va.us or using the Sign Up in the This Week @ RCPC.

November Menus

November 5: Youth Fundraiser!

November 12: Beef Stroganoff over White Rice, Roasted Veggie Medley, Homemade Bread, Lemon Cake, & Cauliflower Stroganoff

November 19: Roasted Herb Chicken, Rosted Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Homemade Bread, Banana Pudding, & Roasted Vegetable Salad

SUNDAY, November 23: Thanksgiving Dinner

Earth Care Committee: Plastic Recycling



URBAN REBLOK'D

We are expanding our recycling efforts by connecting with Urban Reblok'd to collect many more types of items. Urban Reblok'd will have a step van in the church parking lot from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM on the following Wednesdays: November 19 & December 17. You are welcome to bring any of the following: styrofoam, any hard plastic (numbered 1 thru 7, and unnumbered), plastic film (that we have already been collecting), E-waste (electronics). Please encourage your friends to also be part of this community project.

Grandin Village Holiday Children's Parade

Saturday, November 22 at 11:00 AM

Join your RCPC family to take in the annual Grandin Village Holiday Children's Parade. Pack a chair and join us to watch from the church parking lot where we'll be serving up hot apple cider and holiday cheer. In addition to the RCPC Preschool, our handbell choirs will again be participating in the parade.

Hanging of the Greens: A RCPC Tradition

Come join the fun on Saturday, November 29 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM to help RCPC's Chancel Guild transform the Sanctuary, Chapel, and Gathering Area for Advent and Christmas. People of all ages are encouraged to participate!

Wrapped in Love

Are you interested to learn how to crochet or knit? Do you have a yarn project you'd like to work on surrounded by friends? Come join the Wrapped in Love ministry for coffee and refreshments on Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the home of Emily Jarrett. For more details and to RSVP email Rebecca Whaley at rebecca.whaley@gmail.com. All ages and experience levels welcome!

MISSION & FELLOWSHIP

November Mission Partner: Sudanese Refugee Mission

In the month of November the Sudanese/South Sudanese Support Group is requesting your continued generosity to support our educational initiatives. Last year you enabled us to fund 4 scholarships at Abukloi. You also helped pay tuition and other educational expenses for local students. Education is the key that opens so many opportunities. Let's keep that door open! Thank you Camilla, Fred, Janet, Kathleen, Marty, Sandra Here is a letter from the principal at Abukloi:

Abukloi Secondary School is blessed. Our gratitude goes to the Almighty God for the endless blessings bestowed upon us:

- *Our Teachers that have kept on sharpening the minds of our student*
- *The Parents that continue to guide their children*
- *The Community and the Government that have kept the peace in Rumbek to allow our students study in a peaceful environment.*
- *The Donors of Abukloi Foundation: thank you for the resources you donate to us that have enabled us to meet the cost of educating the youth in South Sudan. We continue to pray to the Lord to bless you abundantly.*



There have been various milestones and accomplishments but the outstanding ones are: Having all our students come back to school in great health, new classroom block constructed, Internet in the BOX installed at school for students and teachers to access learning materials on line, a 10 years strategic plan written down and continuation of the students feeding program that has not only improved the students health but also increased the learning hours and daily attendance of students. Other achievements include keeping a team of female and male qualified graduate teachers, continuous training for our teachers, opening up of school farms to teach farming skills to students and to boost their feeding, teaching our student life skills like soap making and tailoring and having 80 students sponsored by our donors in the sponsor a child project. Opening of the School Clinic has been a game changer. Having the best performing students in national examinations at state level has been one of the greatest accomplishments. Despite the accomplishments mentioned above, the school still has challenges, namely:

- *Limited classroom space to enroll more students*
- *Very high cost of feeding our students*
- *We have internet connection but lack the hardware like tablets and laptops*
- *Reference textbooks and science teaching aids are few*
- *Forced and early marriages are still affecting the girl child's stay in school.*
- *The tailoring program needs more sewing machines*
- *The clinic needs support with medicines.*
- *The sponsorship program should also support boys to promote equity and inclusivity in education.*
- *A most urgent need is to sponsor teachers (\$4200/year) so that we can retain the highly competent teachers who have continued to educate students who have achieved standings in the National School Exam. On the recent exam, Abukloi Secondary School boasted the #1 student in Lakes States followed by two students who ranked #5 and #6.*

My appeal and asking point to our Donors is to provide both financial and material support to tackle the above mentioned challenges. To all our donors, thank you for supporting Abukloi Foundation through donations and other programs like sponsoring a child in Abukloi Secondary School. As the School Principal, I promise that all the resources you contribute will be put to the right use. Let's give a chance to young people to build their future through education. We are Abukloi – Together we can do it.

Dr. Isaiah Mutalemwa Lutashobya Principal – Abukloi Secondary School.

Presbyterian Women

Save the date for a seasonal flower arranging event on Saturday, November 15 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Space will be limited to 30 for this event, and a small fee may be requested to cover the cost of supplies (no more than \$12). Sign-ups will open in early November. Please contact ebaustin11@gmail.com with questions.

Mark your calendars for PW events coming up in 2026:

- Game Night: Friday, January 23 at 6:30 PM
- Line Dancing & Hors d'oeuvres: Friday, February 20 at 6:30 PM

Senior Session #3

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

11:00 AM—12:30 PM

Please join us for our next session to find out what's in store for YOU through our Roanoke City Public Libraries and the Roanoke Parks and Recreation Department. But, wait...there's more! Join in a pizza luncheon to visit with one another following the presentations. If you choose to join us for lunch, we will need to hear from you so we can order enough pizza. Please contact Beth Snead at 540-915-3219 or ecsteach@hotmail.com, or Karen McNally at 540-521-5917 mcknak@gmail.com. Hope to see you then!