

# Second Presbyterian Preschool

## Newsletter

November 2020



Hello Preschool Parents,

We have now been in school for two months Covid19 free! Thank you for continuing to practice safe social distancing, for helping your preschooler wash their hands frequently, and for avoiding gatherings. Keep wearing those masks when out in public!

Unfortunately, the pandemic continues to spread both within Virginia and nationally. Click here [VDH infographic](#) to see the Virginia Department of Health's latest publication regarding quarantining. We have incorporated it into the preschool's COVID-19 plan.

### No School on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Teacher Continuing Education Day

The preschool will be closed for all students on **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Teachers will be working on transforming their classrooms to prepare for the amazing themes and lessons they have planned for your children in the coming months. They will also be co-planning lessons and building the curriculum. Thank you to the parents that are providing lunch for the teachers!

### November Calendar Cancellations

Unfortunately, we needed to cancel our plans for Grandparents' Day. The mixing of our preschoolers with their senior loved ones is just too risky this year. We hope you understand. The Book Fair will also be canceled because a book fair requires lots of parents to get involved to pull one off and students would not be able to touch and feel the books in to make their selections. This year we will focus on using Scholastic for ordering new books and plan for an amazing SPRES Preschool Book Fair next year 😊.

### Original Works!

Please expect a letter and order form for your child's original artwork to come home in backpacks at the end of this week. Original Works! has made ordering super easy. You can view your child's artwork in an online gallery, select your product(s), pay for them online, and they will be shipped

directly to your house. All these details will be included in the letter. Thank you for participating in this preschool fundraiser.

## Two Preschoolers To Be Baptized This Month

Written by Pastor Elizabeth Link

“Pastor Elizabeth, what does it mean to be *bathized*?”

In my first year at Second Presbyterian, I got this very sincere question from one of our preschoolers. We had just hosted our first Preschool Sunday, during which we baptized a precious baby girl. This sweet preschooler was curious about what he had seen and what it all might mean. So, I shared with him about Jesus’ baptism in the New Testament. I told him about how God said, “This is my child, whom I love. The joy of my life.”

Baptisms are special, and they can come in different shapes and sizes:

- When someone believes in God, baptism is a way of showing others that you are a part of God’s family.
- Sometimes, people get baptized when they are babies. Sometimes, people get baptized when they are grown-ups.
- Sometimes, they get baptized in church Sanctuaries with a small bowl of water or at a tall baptismal font. Sometimes, they get baptized in pools in the church, or out in rivers or lakes. All those ways count as baptism – and we do it today because Jesus was baptized and told us to baptize others, too.

Each time I meet children at the font in our Sanctuary, I am in awe of how God can take something ordinary like water and use it to let us know that we are a part of God’s family. In the same way, I am in awe that God can take an ordinary baby or teenager or grown-up, knowing all of the imperfect things about that person, and say, “This is my child, whom I love. The joy of my life.”

The next time you turn on the water from your tap, take a moment – even if it is just a second – and remember God claims you, God loves you. Maybe touch a little dot of water to your forehead. In our country, water is something so ordinary that we take it for granted – we bathe in it, we brush our teeth in it, we clean our dishes with it – but God uses it to call us family.

Later this month, I will get to share in the joy of baptism as I officiate the baptisms of Macy and Andrew Moore. I know God’s heart will be singing, “This is my daughter, Macy, whom I love. This is my son, Andrew, whom I love. They are the joys of my life.” If you would like to worship with us and be a part of their baptisms, join us online for Livestream worship November 15 at 11:00 a.m.

## Brothers and Sisters Born in October

Rosie Gregory (Threes 3 Day) has a new baby brother (Cooper).

## Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties A Huge Success

A special thank you to [Carter Hanna](#), [Megan Clark](#), [Jennifer Reiner-right](#), [Brianna Gunter](#), and [Emily Phillips](#) for decorating the playground for our Halloween Parade. A shout out to my husband, Lawrence, for taking pictures of this fun preschool event. The teachers organized lots of games for the children to play on the playground on Friday. Thank you to them for making the day so special for their students

## Hats and Mittens

It is getting a bit colder and the wind is blowing. Please be send a hat and mittens to school for your child so that he/she has them when it is chilly on the playground.

Blessings,

Dr. Sally, Preschool Director