



Weekly Calendar

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10-23	9:00am	Presbytery Meeting



Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Thursday, October 23

Registration: 8:30am

Meeting: 9:00am-3:00pm*

Registration closes at noon on 10/22/25!

Northminster Presbyterian Church
3911 Greenland Avenue, NW, Roanoke, VA 24012

***Adjournment time subject to change based on completion of
business before the body.**

Register

Upcoming Boundary Training



As you may know, boundary training is now constitutionally required by the Book of Order every 36 months - and our Presbytery is overdue! The trainings last two hours and will be conducted by Moderator of the Presbyterian Women, Pam Snyder. Each session/location will have the complete training, so you only need to attend one of the training sessions.

Above are the only times Boundary Training will be available in 2025.

Who needs this training?

All pastors, churches, and commissioned pastors must complete this training. Churches are required to send a representative as well.

What if I absolutely, positively, cannot make it?

These will be the only trainings offered in 2025, so please make every effort to be at one of these trainings. If you need an excused absence, please contact Julie, and we'll add you to a list for a future make up training some time in 2026.

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Forward in Faith: 5th Avenue Presbyterian

5th Avenue Presbyterian Church is an approximately 143-year-old, historically African American congregation with a rich history that includes becoming a leading voice for the desegregation efforts of Roanoke and nurturing the faith of many persons recognized as prominent leaders in Roanoke, the state of Virginia, and the nation.

Situated in a now diverse, lower income neighborhood of Roanoke, 5th Avenue is an aging congregation with declining membership, dwindling resources and saddled with the worry of navigating the related costs of an underused church building, and a foreboding sense of “what to do?” However, even within the shifting theological climate of “Church” and what it means for the future, 5th remains committed to mission and outreach in the ways it can support such as neighborhood picnics, food drives, Nursing Home worship, etc., and embracing a hybrid worship model combining Zoom and in-person attendance.

It has been this “worry” combined with the commitment to community outreach that inspired the session of 5th Avenue to participate in the Forward in Faith Project. Of course, Forward in Faith is not a “miracle” cure to heal all Church wounds, both past and present, but the Project does promise to help congregations discern meaning and purpose while discovering the possibilities for underused buildings to better serve the community, and perhaps, offer an additional revenue/resource stream.

The Forward in Faith Project has offered new insight into discovering opportunities for 5th Avenue to play a larger role in its community. Already, examples of this come from session #3 of “Good Futures.”



Tasked with walking the neighborhood and interviewing neighbors, 5th Avenue was able to learn that opening its parking lot during the week to our neighbors would prove to be very helpful, and a Blessing

of the Pets event has been scheduled to take place in the next few weeks!

(Left) Team members watching a Rooted Good session on video in the sanctuary with the "Stonewall Jackson" window in the background. (Center) Working in the Rooted Good workbook. (Right) Exterior view of 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church.



NEW STANDARD



**All are invited to an afternoon of
Gospel bluegrass music!**

Saturday - November 1, 2025 – 3 PM

**New Concord Presbyterian Church
5588 New Chapel Rd, Concord, VA 24538**

A hot dog supper in the Fellowship Hall will follow the program.

Peaks in Action: South Boston and Clarksville

Over the summer, First Presbyterian Church South Boston received a Church Partnership grant in partnership with Clarksville Presbyterian Church. They had several objectives for their project to pack a tractor trailer load of disaster relief buckets with God's Pit Crew. Beyond the obvious outcome of assisting those in need, one of their goals was to encourage cooperation between local churches. They did indeed raise the funds, coordinate volunteers and get the work done to fill 1008 buckets, including play pails for kids--and pray for those who will receive them. They hope to make this an annual event.





Peaks Churches in Action: South Sudan



Check out Abukloi's newsletter to see some of the ways Peaks congregations are responding to Jesus' commandment to love neighbor.

Abukloi Newsletter

Cedepca Zoom Journey 10/29 at 7pm

From CEDEPCA:

Resistance as Faithful Living: Stories from Guatemala

How do we live faithfully in the midst of difficult circumstances? Join us to learn from the wisdom of Guatemalan Christians who have made resistance as a way of life that reflects their deepest faith convictions. All are welcome! Pre-registration is required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about how to join the meeting.

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Presbytery Worship Theme: Earth Care



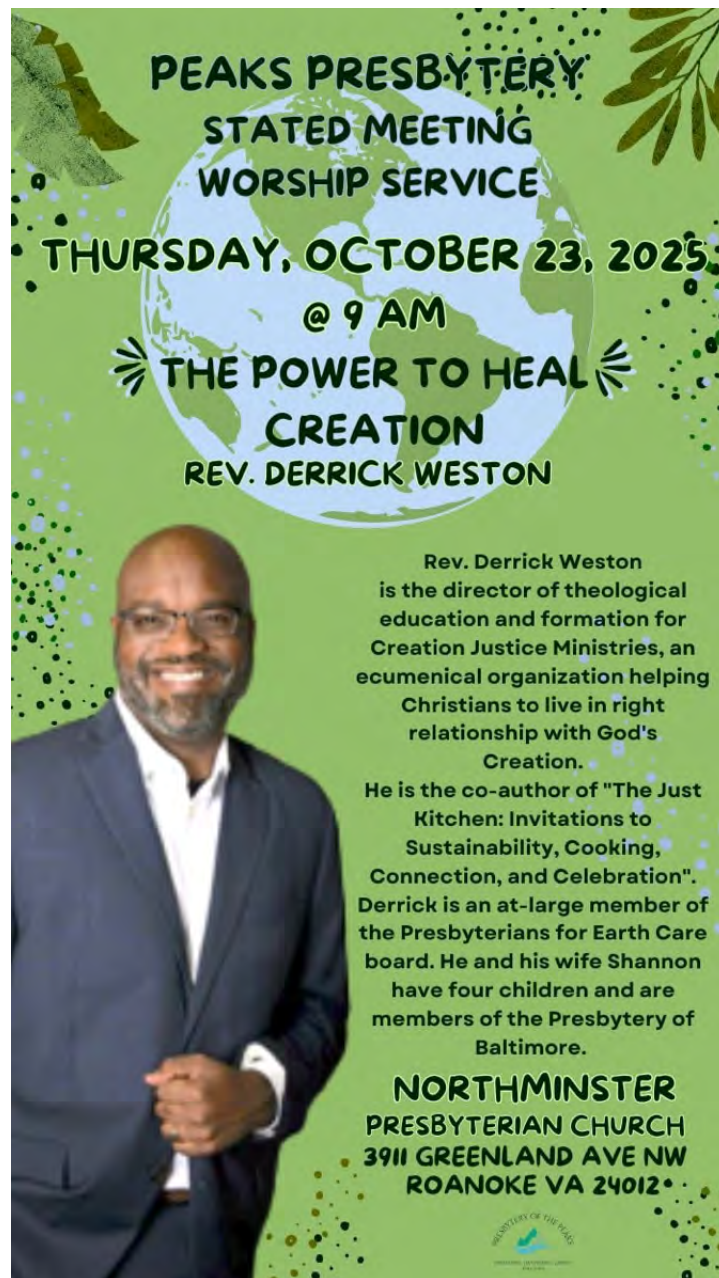
Looking forward to October's Presbytery worship service on eco-justice, you may find yourself inspired to further your Earth Care/Eco-Justice Ministry, or moved to get one started. In the meantime, here are a few resources that cover a wide range of topics in this expansive ministry:

- For an overview of what it means to be an Earth Care Congregation see www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations. This site contains "A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches" along with links such as Earth Day worship resources, Blessing of the Animals service and Season of Creation education topics.
- Creation Justice Ministries (CJM) is notable because October's sermon will be offered by Derrick Weston of CJM. Visit

<http://creationjustice.org> to see the various environmental and human causes and suggested actions to support them. You'll also find worship hymn suggestions and theological studies that deeply explore creation care.

- The state organization Virginia Interfaith Power and Light helps churches connect regionally to each other and to causes that may require state government actions. See <https://vaipf.org/>.
- The Presbytery of the Peaks Earth Care Summit published a comprehensive list of creation care/eco-justice topics and resource links, at <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/earth-care-summit/>.

God created the earth and called it good. Now it's up to us to heed God's call!



PEAKS PRESBYTERY

STATED MEETING

WORSHIP SERVICE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

@ 9 AM

THE POWER TO HEAL
CREATION

REV. DERRICK WESTON

Rev. Derrick Weston
is the director of theological
education and formation for
Creation Justice Ministries, an
ecumenical organization helping
Christians to live in right
relationship with God's
Creation.

He is the co-author of "The Just
Kitchen: Invitations to
Sustainability, Cooking,
Connection, and Celebration".

Derrick is an at-large member of
the Presbyterians for Earth Care
board. He and his wife Shannon
have four children and are
members of the Presbytery of
Baltimore.

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2025 Session Records Review Schedule

Past or current sets of Session Minutes may be submitted for review at any time. Please note that 2024 Session Minutes are due for review during 2025. The Work Group reviews Session Minutes alphabetically by church name. The schedule for the review of 2024 Session Minutes in 2025 is as follows:

October 23 – Churches with names beginning with F-M

Contact Shelda at swills@usit.net with questions.

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