

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 20, 2015
MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

*The organ prelude is a call of consecration to worship the Living God.
Let us prepare our hearts in reverence and silent prayer.*

The Prelude HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING arr. Roland Diggle

The Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register — Visitors please give complete address and phone number.)

The Introit BREAK FORTH, O BEAUTEOUS HEAVENLY LIGHT J. S. Bach
Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning. Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning. This Child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be, the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

The Call To Worship Isaiah 7:14

* **The Hymn 203** HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING MENDELSSOHN

* **The Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

* **The Gloria Patri** Hymnal, page 735

* **The Confession of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Hymnal, inside cover

The Commandment Exodus 20:4-6
"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

The Confession of Sin and Supplication for Grace

O Lord our God, we are reminded of the Divine purpose for the incarnation: that His name was called Jesus because He would save His people from their sins. We are grieved that our condition was so sinful that it required nothing less than the death of the Son of God. We mourn over our fallen natures and our sins that proceed from it. We confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. We have broken your commandments in thought, word, and deed. We have committed sins of omission and commission. We have been lazy over Heaven's concerns and selfish over our own. Even in our best efforts we find pride and self. "Wretched man that I am. Who will set me free from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." O Father, we thank You for His birth, His life, His death, His resurrection, and His ascension for sinners like me. In His redeeming name, we ask Your forgiveness and pardon. Amen.

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Titus 3:5-7
He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy... through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Anthem arr. David Willcocks

OF THE FATHER'S HEART BEGOTTEN

Of the Father's heart begotten, ere the world from chaos rose, He is Alpha; from that Fountain all that is and hath been flows. He is Omega, of all things yet to come the mystic close, evermore and evermore. By His word was all created. He commanded and 'twas done. Earth and sky and boundless ocean, universe of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft radiance, all that breathes beneath the sun, evermore and evermore. He assumed this mortal body, frail and feeble, doomed to die, that the race from dust created might not perish utterly, which the dreadful law had sentenced in the depths of hell to lie, evermore and evermore. O how blest that wondrous birthday, when the maid the curse retrieved, brought to birth mankind's salvation, by the Holy Ghost conceived. And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, in her loving arms received, evermore and evermore. This is He, whom seer and sybil sang in ages long gone by. That is He of old revealed in the page of prophecy. Lo! He comes, the promised Savior. Let the world His praises cry! Evermore and evermore. Sing, ye heights of heaven, His praises. Angels and archangels sing! Wheresoever ye be, ye faithful, let your joyous anthems ring, every tongue His name confessing, countless voices answering, evermore and evermore.

* **The Doxology** Hymnal Page 731 OLD HUNDREDTH

* **The Prayer of Dedication**

The Scripture Reading Mark 8:11-26 (Page 1073 in the Pew Bible)

The Prayer of Intercession

* **The Hymn 230** QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE
THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR

The Scripture Isaiah 11:1-9 (Page 732 in the Pew Bible)

The Sermon A BRANCH FROM JESSE Dr. Richard D. Phillips

* **The Hymn 221** ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN
LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

* **The Benediction**

The Postlude RHAPSODIE SUR LES NOELS Eugene Gigout

*Congregation Standing

Welcome
Visitors

We are delighted to have you join us for worship today. We are a founding congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America, the largest Bible-believing Presbyterian denomination in America. We invite you to take a Visitors Packet and a weekly newsletter located throughout the church and learn more about how you can become a part of our mission.

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EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

The Prelude WHAT CHILD IS THIS? Ralph Vaughn Williams/Roper

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call To Worship Matthew 2:11 RE Bill Watkins

* **The Hymn 218** ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY REGENT SQUARE

* **The Invocation**

The Psalm 97 Page 82 in the Trinity Psalter ST. ANNE

The Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory O HOLY NIGHT Adolphe Adams
Hannah Phillips, soprano; Ellie Phillips, piano

* **The Offertory Response** WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN SCHUMANN
The text for the offertory response is hymn 432, stanza 1.
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Evening Prayer RE Doug McDaniel

The Scripture Luke 9:37-45 (Page 1103 in the Pew Bible)

The Sermon MIRACLES AND THE CROSS Dr. Richard D. Phillips

* **The Hymn 212** WITHIN A CRIB MY SAVIOR LAY LORD OF LOVE

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Word of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

* **The Hymn 420** ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING
(An offering will be taken during the last hymn for the Sympathy and Service Committee of the Diaconate.)

* **The Benediction**

The Postlude FANTASY ON ADESTE FIDELIS Alexander Guilmant

The Poinsettias are placed in the sanctuary this Lord's Day to the glory of God and in loving honor and memory of loved ones by their family and friends.

DUTIES FOR THE WEEK

Nurseries:

AM Monitor Tammy Looper
 8:15 Early Service Rebekah and Bill McDaniel
 9:45 Treasures Kitty Swillen
 Cherubs Elizabeth and Willy Madrid
 10:45 Treasures
 Cherubs Andi and Ashton Scoggins
 Kings Kids Amy and Garison Plourde/
 Amy Looper
PM Monitor Jean Pennington
 5:45 Workers Jennifer Pennington/
 Lee Bereza

Ushers:

Main Floor: 8:30 am: Steve Plating,
 Chuck Fields, Bill Watkins
 11:00 am: Kirby Kee, Richard Chivers, Kye
 Zimmerman, Dennis Zimmerman, Mike Carey
Balcony: Rich McCall, Knox Duncan
Evening: Kirby Kee, Steve Moore,
 Chad Scoggins, Steve Plating
Counters:
 Steve Moore Capt.; Chad Scoggins
Elders on Duty:
 Ken Safford and Tim Crunk
Wednesday night workers:
 Prep: Cyndi Player
 Clean-up: Sharon Phillips, Bill Wheeler
 High School pair

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 20

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Tuesday, December 22

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Wednesday, December 23

No Wednesday evening activities

Thursday, December 24

Church Office Closed
LESSONS AND CAROLS

Friday, December 25

Church Office Closed



Check the West End Herald for the weekly basketball practice schedule and games.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Website: spcgreenville.org **Social Media:** facebook.com/SPCGreenville
Telephone: Office (864) 232-7621 • **Fax:** (864) 232-7622 • **E-mail:** info@spcgreenville.org
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Church Services: Sunday: Sunday School–10:00 AM
 Morning Worship – 8:30 and 11:00 AM • Evening Worship – 6:00 PM
Wednesday: Supper – 5:45 PM & Prayer Meeting and Bible Study – 6:55 PM

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Poinsettias

Poinsettias have been placed in the church sanctuary this Lord's Day

to the glory of God and in loving honor of:

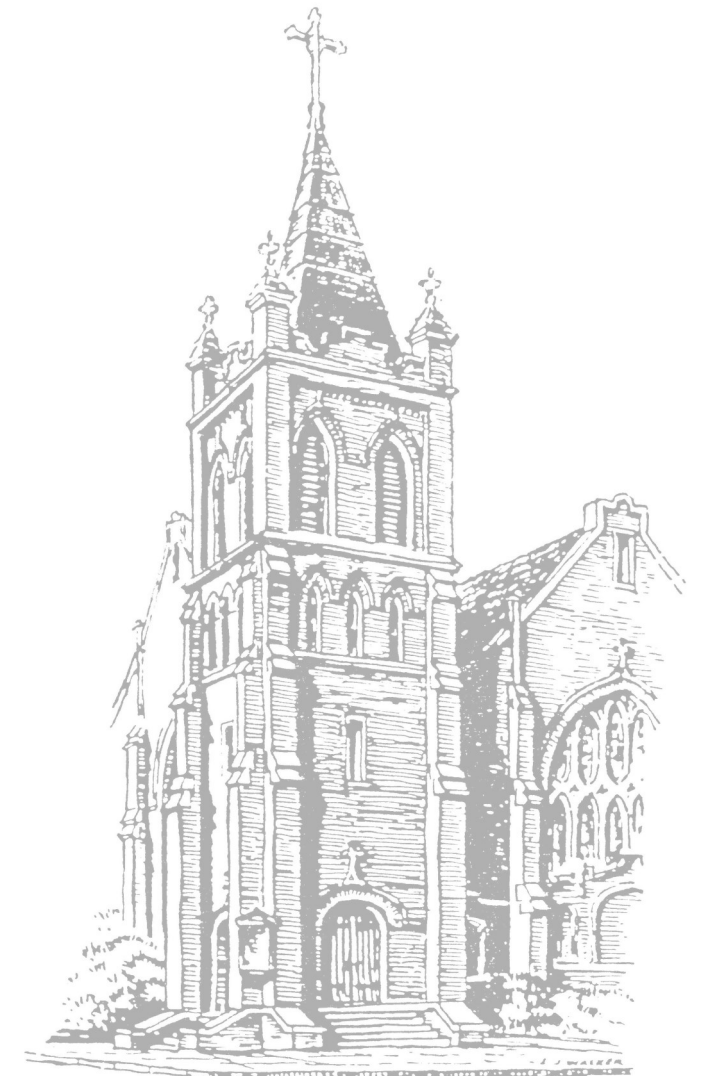
Our Church Staff	by: David and Jane Rainey
Women in the Church	by: Jack and Pat Shuford
Dr. and Mrs. Richard D. Phillips	by: Mr./Mrs. Melton L. Duncan
The Deacons of Second Presbyterian Church	by: Mr./Mrs. Melton L. Duncan
Agnes Beryl Russell	by: Liz and Barry Myers
Henry and Elizabeth Montgomery's 78th anniversary, December 23, 2015	by: Sherwood and Pat Everette and Rene' Kirby

to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Judy Phibbs	by: David and Jane Rainey
Our son, Fred	by: Jack and Pat Shuford
Doug McDaniel, Jr.	by: Doug and Susan McDaniel
Lawrence H. Eubanks	by: Doug and Susan McDaniel
Dr. Stuart Patterson	by: Doug and Susan McDaniel
Bobbie Houser	by: Doug and Susan McDaniel
Paul Anderson	by: Doug and Susan McDaniel
Joy Smith	by: Doug and Susan McDaniel
RE J. Ligon Duncan, Jr.	by: Mr./Mrs. Melton L. Duncan
RE C. Stuart Patterson	by: Mr./Mrs. Melton L. Duncan
Elane Eastland (Tammy's mother)	by: Jimmy and Tammy Looper
Julia Scott	by: Jim and Judy Bishop
David Ford Bishop	by: Jim and Judy Bishop
Florence Childers	by: Jim and Judy Bishop
Eleanor Allen	by: Jim and Judy Bishop
Eleanor Allen	by: Polly Duncan
Our parents	by: Ed and Margaret Butler
Ernest Lee Brand, Jr.	by: Ann Brand
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Ellis	by: Larry and Judy Pitts
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Pitts	by: Larry and Judy Pitts
Marc Flaherty (husband)	by: Shannon Flaherty
Leona Dean (mother)	by: Shannon Flaherty
Opal Holbrook	by: Pat Holbrook
Jane Holbrook	by: Pat Holbrook
David Spears	by: Bob and Kathryn Spears
Colonel and Mrs. Charles D. Phillips	by: Sharon and Rick Phillips
Edward and Ruth Wilkey	by: Sharon and Rick Phillips
Helen Campbell	by: Sharon and Rick Phillips
JoAnn Parker (mother)	by: Chuck Fields
Roy Heath	by: Hugh and Cyndi Player
Roy Heath	by: The Mobley family
Madlyn Webb McElveen	by: Larry and Martha Guy
Herb Lancianese	

**The Second Presbyterian Church
 Greenville, South Carolina**

Dr. Richard D. Phillips, Senior Minister



Established in 1892 for the Glory of God

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
 To all who mourn and long for comfort;
 To all who struggle and desire victory;
 To all who sin and need a Savior;
 To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
 To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
 and to whoever will come;*

*This church opens wide her doors
 and offers her welcome in the name
 of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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