

of Vasio observes that the Gloria Patri is used in all the churches in the West, the East, and Africa, and directs the same to happen in the churches of Gaul.

This background shows that by singing the *Gloria Patri*, we are following a very ancient practice of the church in keeping with biblical principles of worship. Moreover, this hymn is one of the few practices that links us with Christians around the globe, including the Eastern Orthodox Churches. I think this alone is important, but the *Gloria Patri* also serves an important liturgical function. Following immediately upon the invocation – our prayer for God’s blessing on our worship – we as a church give praise to God in His triune being, ascribing glory to him that will never end.

The *Gloria Patria* was originally composed in Greek. After ascribing glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, it adds that this glory is “always, now, and forever, unto the ages of ages. Amen.” This was translated into Latin by the Roman Catholic Church (*Gloria Patri* is the Latin, “Glory be to the Father”) and then into English by Thomas Cranmer, the first leader of the reformation Church of England. It is Cranmer who gives us the words, “world without end,” as his translation of “forever and ever, unto the ages of ages.” Literally, the Greek reads, “now, and always, and forever and ever.”

The second of our doxologies is simply called *The Doxology*:

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

Since this particular doxology praises God’s for His provision of blessings, we follow the long tradition of singing these verses after receiving tithes and offerings for the provision of the church. I confess to having a special love for this doxology, and I always sing it to my children after prayers each night when they are tucked into bed. I also like for us to sing *The Doxology* after our prayer meetings. The point is that we ascribe praise to God as the source of all our good, calling on heaven and earth to join us in praise to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This doxology also has ancient roots, stretching back at least to the 7<sup>th</sup> century A.D. By singing these words we unite ourselves with believers of long ages and of all places.

I hope this brief description helps you to enter more fully into our worship as we sing these great hymns of praise. May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips



**CHURCH INFORMATION**

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**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 - 6:45 PM

**Radio Broadcast:** Sundays, 9:00 AM, Station WLFJ 660 AM

**Upcoming Events**

- Aug. 8 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Aug. 9 Session Meeting
- Aug. 10 WIC Circles
- Aug. 11 Musical CAT Kids Program
- Aug. 12 WIC Book Club II
- Aug. 15 The Lord’s Supper at the Evening Service
- Aug. 19 WIC Book Club I
- Aug. 20 Senior High Dinner
- Aug. 21 WIC Shower for Rachel Stillman Berens
- Aug. 22 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- Aug. 25 CE Committee Meeting
- Aug. 25 WIC Circle 6
- Aug. 26 WIC Annual Meeting
- Aug. 28 Good News Club Training
- Aug. 29 Installation of WIC Officers at the Evening Service
- Aug. 29 Hymn Sing

**WIC Annual Meeting**



All women in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the WIC Annual Meeting.

Thursday, August 26, 2010  
Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM

Agenda:  
Election of Officers  
Recognition of New Members  
Refreshments will be served.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**July 2010 & YTD Financial Status**

	Actual		
	July 2010	YTD 2010	YTD Budget
<b>Offerings</b>	87,451	484,291	522,667
<b>Outlays:</b>			
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	63,606	383,265	432,979
<b>Mission Disbursements</b>	10,998	65,087	86,147
<b>Total Outlays</b>	74,604	448,352	519,126
<b>Net Offerings (Outlays)</b>	12,847	35,939	

Offerings in July were \$87,451 and expenses were \$74,604. Offerings for July were \$12,785 more than the monthly budget. YTD 2010 offerings are \$40,363 more than YTD 2009. Your support of our financial appeal is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Holbrook or David Rainey.

**Nursery Re-locating**  
**Will meet in the Fellowship Hall during August**

**Men of Second Presbyterian Church—  
The Ushering Committee Needs You!**

If you are a Second Presbyterian male church member, age sixteen or over, we need you to help with ushering duties at our Sunday services. Whether you are a new or established member prayerfully consider if this is one way you can serve in the church. If you are willing to usher and will be doing so for the first time please email Kip Altman at [ckaltman@yahoo.com](mailto:ckaltman@yahoo.com) and inform him of your willingness to help and whether you attend the 8:30 or 11:00 service.

**Important Message from the Diaconate**

The Deacons would like to ask each member to please use their tithing envelopes every Sunday. If you do happen to miss a Sunday using your envelope, please write your envelope number in the “For” section on your check. This will save the counters a lot of time and assure that your contribution will be posted to the correct account. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Music Notes**

Attention parents: As the summer is coming to a close we are almost ready for our Musical CAT kids program! This will take place on Wednesday, August 11 at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. The children have truly worked hard and are looking forward to showing all they have learned. Thank you for your support. It has been my pleasure to work with them! (The following Wednesday, August 18, will be our end of summer celebration party for our last Musical CAT kids time. August 25 the regular CAT kids program will resume.)

**Attention: Ladies**

Precepts Bible Study of Hebrews will begin Thursday, September 9, at 9:30 am, in the Conference Room and continue each Thursday through December, 2. Hebrews Part II will follow but one is not a prerequisite for the other. This study requires approximately 5 hours of homework per week. You will reap the reward for your diligence. Please let Mary Russell (phone: 329-1670 or email: [erussell1670@charter.net](mailto:erussell1670@charter.net)) know as soon as possible if you plan to join.

**Youth Sponsored Car Wash!**

Saturday, August 7th  
9:30 am — 1:30 pm  
Location: Chick-fil-a at Hampton Village  
Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors  
(in the parking lot in back of the drive thru)  
*Donations of car mix, car wash soap, and washcloths are needed.*  
Call Julie Stoddard—380-4419  
**All proceeds to benefit the Evans Family**

**WIC Shower**



*All ladies of the church are cordially invited to a wedding shower for Rachel Stillman Berens*  
**Rachel Stillman Berens**  
Saturday, August 21, 2010  
10:30 - 11:30 am  
Church Fellowship Hall



## Church Calendar

### Sunday, August 8

- 8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP
- 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
- 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP
- 6:30 PM Wee Worship Choir
- 7:15 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Monday, August 9

- 6:30 PM Session Meeting

### Tuesday, August 10

- 10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 and 3 meet at the church
- 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at the home of Tammy Looper
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the home of Jenny Spears

### Wednesday, August 11

- 5:45 PM Family Night Fellowship Supper
- 7:00 PM Musical CAT Kids Performance
- 7:40 PM Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, August 12

- 7:00 PM WIC Book Club II

### Friday, August 13

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

### Saturday, August 14

### July Summer Sunday School Schedule Senior High, College, and All Adult Classes

AUGUST 8 MIDGE COOLEY SPC Membership Vow #2

*The Sunday School Class meets in the sanctuary.*

### Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following member.  
Also, send her a note of encouragement and/or give her a call.

**Mrs. Rubye Benchoff**  
304 Dupont Drive  
Greenville, SC 29607  
235-9958

*Callie, Garner and I thank all of you so much for the overwhelming show of love, support, and ministry to our family at our reception and in the extremely generous love gift we were given. In addition to this, we are simply grateful beyond words for the cards and generosity we have received from so many of you. We love you and we will miss you. Thank you again!*  
—The Fluhrers

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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 8, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

REMEMBER ME, O LORD  
Psalm 25

Hymns: 30, 301, 353  
Anthem: He Watching Over Israel  
Rev. Robert-E. Spears preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

THE CALMNESS OF CONTENTMENT  
Psalm 131

Hymns: 110, 600, 546  
Psalter: Psalm 86

Mr. Seth Starkey preaching



# The West End Herald

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## Letter From The Senior Minister Two of My Favorite Songs

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;  
World without end, Amen. Amen.*

Like many churches whose roots stretch back into the 19<sup>th</sup> century, our worship here at Second includes the weekly singing of both the *Gloria Patri* and the *Doxology*. Some of you may have wondered why we do this, what is the meaning of these traditional songs, and what role they have in our worship service. I think these are good questions and I am happy to provide answers.

The *Gloria Patri* and the *Doxology* are both doxologies: that is, short verses beginning with the Greek word *doxa*, translated into Latin as *Gloria*, and into English as either *glory* or *praise*. The practice of beginning or ending worship with such a short verse praising God is both ancient and biblical. The Jewish *Prayer of Manasseh*, a Jewish apocryphal book dating from well before the time of Jesus concludes with the doxology, "thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen." The apostle Paul made constant use of doxologies, such as the conclusion to his doctrinal teaching in Romans: "For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen" (Rom. 11:36). Likewise, Paul concludes the opening greetings of Galatians by writing, "to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen" (Gal. 1:5). We may reasonably assume that this practice reflects the worship of the earliest Christians as well, and we see the use of doxologies in the letters of Clement of Rome (late 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D.) and Polycarp of Smyrna (early 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D.).

We know that Trinitarian doxologies, like the two that we use, played a role in early baptismal services (since Jesus instituted baptism "in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (Mt. 28:19). Similarly, since Jesus added that he will reign "until the end of the age" (Mt. 28:20), it is common for doxologies to include a reference to the eternal extent of God's glory ("world without end," etc.). Amidst the Trinitarian heresies of the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D., the *Gloria Patri* itself became popular among the doctrinally sound churches as a protest against the heretic Arius. "As it was in the beginning," is an allusion to John 1:1, where John says that Jesus was "with God" and that Jesus "was God" in the beginning. Cassian (died 425 A.D.) cites the use of this doxology as already traditional in the West. According to the late 4<sup>th</sup> century church leader, Basil the Great, the *Gloria Patri* played a standard role in the worship of Trinitarian churches during this time. In 529, the Second Synod