

I treasure. This is a fringe benefit of ushering that continues to be rewarding to this day. It is a blessing to get to greet folks who come to our worship services and to see them grow in their walk with our Lord and in our church family.

Again, I respectfully request that all men, ages sixteen and over, pray diligently about taking the opportunity to serve as an usher. If you are interested in serving as an usher please contact me at [ckaltman@yahoo.com](mailto:ckaltman@yahoo.com) or by calling 864-292-3353. You may also contact the church office 864-232-7621 to let us know of your interest. I look forward to seeing you at the informational meeting on Wednesday, December 8, immediately following our regular prayer meeting.

In His Service,

Kip Altman  
Ushering Chairman,  
Second Presbyterian Church Diaconate

*Join us for a special presentation of Handel's Messiah  
Sunday, December 12, 2010  
at our evening worship service.  
Please invite family and friends to share in this  
special service to the glory of God.*

**Rivertree Singers  
(Bob Jones Alumni Choir)  
Thursday, December 16, 2010  
8:00 pm  
Second Presbyterian Church  
A concert of sacred and secular Christmas Music**

*Dear Church Family,  
I just wanted to express my deepest thanks for all of your prayers and support during Dad's recent surgical procedure and convalescence. I don't think I could have written a script that could have had a better outcome than what the Lord graciously blessed us with.  
Times like this give us opportunity to really watch God in action. The larger gifts of His guidance and grace are usually evident. But we were also privileged to watch Him reveal Himself in even the smallest details.*

*Thanks again,  
Mark Holbrook*

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

**Website:** [www.secondpca.org](http://www.secondpca.org)  
**Telephone:** Office (864) 232-7621

**Fax:** (864) 232-7622 \* **Email:** [info@secondpca.org](mailto:info@secondpca.org)  
**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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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**

- Dec. 2 WIC Wreath-making Party
- Dec. 4 Messiah Rehearsal
- Dec. 4 Choir Christmas Party
- Dec. 5 Churchwide Fellowship Supper
- Dec. 6 Diaconate Meeting
- Dec. 8 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Dec. 8 Ushering Meeting
- Dec. 12 Congregational Meeting to elect Deacons and receive and support the 2011 budget
- Dec. 12 Messiah Presentation at the evening service
- Dec. 13 Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 13 Session Meeting
- Dec. 14 WIC Circles
- Dec. 15 Christmas Supper and Caroling Downtown
- Dec. 16 Rivertree Singers at Second
- Dec. 18 Jr. High Christmas Party at the Worleys
- Dec. 19 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- Dec. 21 College Class Christmas Party at the Shaws
- Dec. 22 No Wednesday night activities
- Dec. 22 Sr. High Christmas party at the Gambles
- Dec. 23-27 Church Office Closed
- Dec. 24 Lessons and Carols
- Dec. 29 No Wednesday night activities
- Dec. 30-31 Church Office Closed

**Perry Correctional Christmas Outreach**

Following the morning services on Sunday, Dec. 5th, the deacons will be taking up a special offering for the support of an outreach at Perry Correctional. Second Church is sponsoring a dorm for Christmas and will orchestrate a Christmas program where each inmate receives a Bible, hygiene bag, and a meal. The Gospel will be preached and hymns of praise sung. Please give generously to this outreach and mercy ministry. The actual Christmas program will be held at the prison on Saturday, Dec. 11th. If you are interested in singing in a small choir or otherwise participating in the distribution of the food and hygiene items, please see Bill Watkins (304-4737).

**New Baby**

Congratulations to Michael and Julia Holman in the birth of their first son, Eugene Thomas, born on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. Eugene weighed 5 pounds and was 19 inches long. We are thankful for the Holman family and pray the Lord's blessings on their new arrival.

**Music Notes**

◆ **Choir Members:** Saturday, December 4th, we will rehearse Messiah from 4-6 pm in the sanctuary. Following rehearsal we will have our annual Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 pm. Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres, spouses, and a white elephant gift.

**Sympathy**

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Doris Moore, who went home to be with the Lord on Monday, November 29, 2010. Doris was a long-time and faithful member of Second Presbyterian Church. We are thankful for her life and service, and pray for the family during this time of grief.

**All Wednesday night activities are cancelled for  
December 22 and December 29.**

**Congregational Meeting**

There will be a congregational meeting at 9:55 am in the sanctuary on December 12, to elect Deacons and to receive and support the 2011 budget. Immediately following the congregational meeting there will be a joint Sunday School class for all communicant members. Visitors will meet in the Chapel with Pastor Spears.

**2011 Offering Envelopes**

2011 offering envelopes are in the process of being prepared. If you or your children currently do not have offering envelopes and would like to receive them in 2011, please contact the church office, ext. 18. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes.

**Young At Heart**

The Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon will be Monday, **December 13** (not December 20) at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. A special catered Christmas lunch will be \$7.00 per person payable at the door. Make your plans to join us as we enjoy good food, fellowship, and Christmas carols.

**Year-End Contributions**

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2010 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than December 31.

**Christmas Supper/Caroling Downtown**

Our churchwide Christmas dinner will be Wednesday, December 15, at 5:45 pm in the gymnasium. Following supper we will walk downtown for Christmas caroling.

**New Address**

**Bobbie Houser**  
3 Hoke Smith Blvd., C-211  
Greenville, SC 29615  
286-3823

**Christmas Poinsettias**

It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. They will be in the church from December 5 through the 26. This year you may purchase a Poinsettia for \$10.00. **Please consider being a part of making our church beautiful for Christmas.** If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. **(Please do not put in the offering plate.)**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia (s) at \$10.00 ea. Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, December 5

8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP  
 4:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM Messiah 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 Churchwide Fellowship Supper  
 A - J Side Dishes  
 K - Z Main Course  
*Everyone please bring one 2-liter drink*

### Monday, December 6

5:30 PM 5th/6th grade Basketball practice  
 6:00 PM Diaconate meeting  
 7:00 PM Sr. High Girls' B'ball game at ARP  
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' B'ball game at St. Mary

### Tuesday, December 7

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study  
 5:30 PM Midget Boys' Basketball practice  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion training  
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

### Wednesday, December 8

5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee meeting  
 5:45 PM FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER  
 6:30 PM Covenant Choir  
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids  
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study  
 6:45 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study  
 7:15 PM Ushering meeting  
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

### Thursday, December 9

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study: Hebrews 2

### Friday, December 10

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball practice

### Saturday, December 11

8:30 AM I-Mites B-ball game at home  
 9:30 AM Midget Boys B-ball game at J. Knox  
 10:30 AM JB Girls' B'ball game at 4th Pres.  
 10:45 AM Mites B'ball game at home  
 11:30 AM JC Girls' B'ball game at J. Knox

## Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following member.  
 Also, send him a note of encouragement.

**Mr. Wilton McKinney**  
**National Health Care, Room 105**  
**1180 Haywood Road**  
**Greenville, SC 29615**

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
 THE LORD'S DAY  
 DECEMBER 5, 2010**

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

**THE WEDDING OF WEDDINGS**

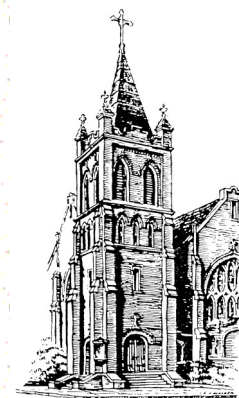
Psalm 45  
 Hymns: 194, 170, 237  
 Anthem:  
 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
 6:00 PM

**SITTING AT THE FEET OF JESUS**

Luke 8:26-39  
 Hymns: 162, 221, 193  
 Psalter: Psalm 99  
 Mr. Seth Starkey preaching

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## Letter From The Ushering Chairman A Call To Serve

Over the past few weeks you have seen a notice in *The West End Herald* regarding a call for men to step up and serve as ushers during services at Second Presbyterian Church. There is Biblical and historical precedent for this service. In I Chronicles 23:5 it was assigned to some Levites to be doorkeepers. In the secular world, up until fairly recent times, doorkeeping was a job entrusted to only the most trustworthy. Before the advent of motion sensor lighting and video, doorkeepers kept the inhabitants of a city safe and guarded the treasures of the community.

We call upon all-bodied men, ages sixteen and above, who are members in good standing of Second Presbyterian to avail themselves of the opportunity to serve in the ushering corps. There is not the danger that was often associated with being a doorkeeper in Bible times. Our ushers do serve as doorkeepers, however their mission is of a much more pleasant type. Ushers serve as the visible face of welcome to members, regular attendees and visitors. They provide those attending our services with their order of worship, direct people to their seats, help visitors with any needs and answer questions as needed. In extreme cases, ushers have been known to assist members and visitors during emergency situations from medical to inclement weather.

The work of the ushers during our services is invaluable to our diaconate. The willingness of those who serve as ushers allow members of the diaconate to have Sundays where they can be a "regular" church member, and get to spend the entire service worshipping alongside their family and friends. As deacons we do not begrudge the work we do in service to our Lord and His church, but we appreciate this opportunity to concentrate fully on the worship of the Lord.

In my case, serving as an usher helped to speed my full integration into the work of Second Presbyterian Church. When we moved to Greenville in the summer of 1988, Mott and I knew four people in the city, Bobby and Jill Mann and Johnny and Cindy Mann. Bobby and Johnny are Mott's brothers and both families were members of Second Presbyterian. Soon after joining the church community I was approached about serving as an usher. Though nervous, since I was a "new guy," I accepted the invitation. I was pleased and blessed by this experience. Serving as an usher allowed me to meet all types of people in our church community. I learned the name of long-time members. I met other new members and visitors as I helped them on Sunday mornings. These experiences led to the beginning of many long and rewarding friendships that