

From the perspective of what God has shown in the past year, we should also consider what God may do in the year to come as we recommit ourselves to following Jesus. The time to get serious about 2011 is now, and regardless of what circumstances God has planned for us, we can experience significant spiritual blessing. What kinds of things might God do in the coming year?

- ◆ *God can strengthen our faith and sanctify our character.* These are always the chief concerns in our lives, and growth in faith and godliness alone would make 2011 a very blessed year. It can happen for any of us if we will commit to a daily walk that includes Bible study, prayer, and a willingness to obey the Lord.
- ◆ *God can use us to save people we know and love.* Is God asking you to be more forthright about your faith and bolder in your witness? Let's start at the beginning of the year and see what God will do by the year's end! Perhaps we could resolve to begin praying for an unbelieving friend or neighbor or for an opportunity to invite others to church.
- ◆ *God can make us more caring people.* What a blessing it would be if we all committed to take more of an interest in people around us! Even in a caring church like ours, there are people who don't feel plugged in or cared for. What a difference it would make if you and I would think about ways to show hospitality, befriend someone new, and give encouragement to those around you.
- ◆ *God can use your gifts to build up His church.* Do you have gifts and abilities that you could contribute to Christ's work here? In the coming year, they could make a big difference. If you are not supporting the church financially in the way you ought to, now is a good time to step out in faith, especially if you are a new Christian or have recently come to our church. It will bless you every bit as much as you bless others for you to become involved in the ministry and work of our church.

I look forward to the New Year with keen anticipation of wonderful things our gracious God will do. I am gratefully delighted that I and my family can look forward to spending 2011 with all of you. I pray especially that each of you will be strengthened in your faith and in the joy you have in the Lord during the coming year. May God bless you all.

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

Jan. 9	College Class Lunch
Jan. 9	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Jan. 11	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
Jan. 11-12	WIC Circles
Jan. 13	Creation Study Group presentation
Jan. 16	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Jan. 17	Young At Heart
Jan. 22	WIC Day of Prayer
Jan. 22	Calvary Presbytery
Jan. 23	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee meeting
Jan. 26	CE Committee meeting
Jan. 27	WIC Book Club
Jan. 30	Called Congregational meeting Nominations begin for Elder Election
Jan. 30	Ordination Service for Seth Starkey
Jan. 30	Hymn Sing

### 2011 Offering Envelopes

There are still 2011 offering envelopes that have not been picked up from the shelf outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes. Everyone is encouraged to use offering envelopes. If you are your children need offering envelopes, please call the church office at ext. 18.

### Music Notes

Dear Second Presbyterian musicians, young and old,  
I would like to personally thank each of you who made our Christmas season of music so wonderful. I was thoroughly blessed by your efforts with the Messiah, weekly choral music, and the Lessons and Carols service. Thank you so much for your labors of love to the Lord. I look forward to working with you all again in the new year.  
Gratefully yours and in His service, Elizabeth Guest

### Christian Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Ann Oliver Epps, who went home to be with the Lord on December 23, 2010. We are thankful for the life and service of Ann and lift up our prayers for her family during this time of grief and loss.

### WIC Day of Prayer

Saturday, January 22, 2011  
Church Fellowship Hall

### Church Directory

We will begin working on a new church directory in January, 2011. If you need to make any changes to the existing directory, please email these changes to [judy@secondpca.org](mailto:judy@secondpca.org). Also, if you would like to submit a new digital picture, you may do so as well. We will be scheduling a few sessions for people who need to have their picture taken for the new church directory. Please watch the Herald for further information.

### A Psalm for the New Year—Psalm 90 A Prayer of Moses the man of God

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night. You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil. Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

### Young At Heart

The monthly Young At Heart meeting will be Monday, January 17, at 11:45 am in the church Fellowship Hall. The cost will be \$6.00 payable at the door for a delicious catered meal by Kitty Swillen and Judy Bishop. Start the New Year by joining us for this special time of fellowship and good food!

### Space Aliens and Evolution

The Creation Study Group (CSG) invites you to bring family and friends to hear about the relationship between evolutionism and contemporary space-alien hits like ET, VOYAGER, STAR WARS, AVATAR, X-FILES, STAR TREK, etc. Gary Bates, CEO of Creation Ministries International and author of the [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) best seller, *Alien Intrusion*, will present CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE "4TH KIND" Thursday January 13th, 7:30 PM in our sanctuary. See yellow CSG cards for details.

### Boy Scout Troop 828

Dear Church Family,  
My name is Joshua Duncan and I am a Boy Scout with troop 828. An Eagle Scout project is a way of serving the community. For my project, I am doing a backpack drive for the homeless. I need families to sponsor backpacks and fill them with supplies. In each backpack we need a blanket, two toothbrushes, a tube of toothpaste, a good rain poncho, a pack of large socks, a pack of large underwear, a knit cap, a pair of gloves, a Bible, and two sticks of deodorant. Sunday School classes can choose to sponsor one or more backpacks as a group project if a backpack per family is too much of a stretch. This is more than just an Eagle Scout project; it's an urgent need in our community as the weather has taken the lives of some of these unfortunate people. Let us give them the things they need to survive as a gift to start the New Year off right. Please have the completed backpacks at church on **January 9<sup>th</sup> 2011**, so we can give these poor men and women a chance at a new life.

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 9

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 12:30 PM College Class Lunch  
 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir  
 7:15 PM Worship & Music Committee meeting

### Monday, January 10

6:00 PM Sr. High Girls' B'ball game at Christ Church  
 7:00 PM Sr. High Boys' B'ball game at St. Mary

### Tuesday, January 11

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church  
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training  
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828  
**Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting**  
 6:00 PM Supper  
 7:00 PM Meeting  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at the home of Tammy Looper  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the home of Christa Pomerlyan

### Wednesday, January 12

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  
 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6

### Thursday, January 13

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study  
 7:30 PM Creation Study Group presentation

### Friday, January 14

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

### Saturday, January 15

9:15 AM I-Mites' B'ball game at St. James  
 9:30 AM Midget Boys' B'ball at J. Knox  
 10:30 AM JB Girls' B'ball game at 4th Pres.  
 10:45 AM Mites' B'ball game at St. James  
 11:30 AM JC Girls' B'ball game at 1st Pres.  
 11:30 AM JC Boys' B'ball game at TLC

## Remembering One Another

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

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
 THE LORD'S DAY  
 JANUARY 9, 2011**

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

**A CALL TO TRUE WORSHIP**

Psalm 50  
 Hymns: 35, 2, 316  
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
 6:00 PM

**KING AND COVENANT**

2 Samuel 5:1-16  
 Hymns: 175, 302, 299  
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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## Letter From The Senior Minister Hopes for a New Year

I find that it is good to take some time at the end of a year to reflect upon the blessings and mercies of God in the year that has passed. It is also good to look forward to the year to come, thinking of what commitments need to be renewed and sometimes even making resolutions for the New Year. Most New Year Resolutions never come to pass, but Christians believe in God's power to change. For some of us, there are fairly significant issues that it would be good for us to address: a need for better physical fitness, a bad habit that should be kicked, a relationship that needs to be improved, etc. While there is no magic in New Years Resolutions, now is as good a time as any to seek God's help to change and grow. All of us can benefit from spiritual goals for a new year. Imagine if we took some step every year to grow spiritually and commit ourselves to renewed service to the Lord – what a difference it would make to our lives!

Looking back on 2010, there are a number of reflections that have impressed me through experience:

- *The blessing that comes through devotion to God's Word.* As someone who has staked his entire ministry on the power of God's Word to bless and build the church, my commitment to serious, biblical preaching is only strengthened by experience.
- *The importance of prayer.* Many of us have seen God answer specific prayers in the past year. Some of us have learned to rely on the prayers of God's people in times of trial. I am more convinced than ever that we need to pray more, and to pray more confidently at the throne of God's grace.
- *The importance of sharing the Gospel.* I am more than ever persuaded that people are more open to the gospel than we often think they are. I am challenged to get out of my comfort zone in relationships and take a serious interest in their eternal destiny.
- *The importance of our marriages and families.* I have seen, more than ever, how much married couples need to invest in their relationship. I also am more convinced than ever that our first missions field is our children, and how powerful is the example and instruction of mothers and father in the hearts of young people.
- *The importance of walking closely with God.* Not one of us knows what tomorrow will bring. We have experienced that this year both in joy and in sorrow. The lesson is the one taught by our Lord: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (Mt. 6:33), and everything else will be safe in His care.