

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 Patri* 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



**Music Notes**

This coming Sunday’s anthem goes hand in hand with Pastor Phillips’ sermon on Psalm 51. The text for the anthem is taken directly from Psalm 51:10-13.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.”

This scripture was set to music by Carl F. Mueller in the early 29th century.

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

**Website:** www.secondpca.org  
**Telephone:** Office (864) 232-7621

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

**Information Centers:** Church Services information 1 \* Directions 2  
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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. 22 WIC Day of Prayer
- Jan. 22 Calvary Presbytery
- Jan. 26 CE Committee meeting
- Jan. 27 WIC Book Club
- Jan. 30 Called Congregational meeting
- Jan. 30 Nominations begin for Elder Election
- Jan. 30 Ordination Service for Seth Starkey/  
Reception following service
- Jan. 30 WIC Council
- Feb. 2 Blood Drive
- Feb. 2 Elder Nominations close after evening worship service
- Feb. 6 Diaconate meeting
- Feb. 7 WIC Circles
- Feb. 8-9 Pastoral Care Committee meeting
- Feb. 9 Called Session Meeting
- Feb. 9 Valentine’s Banquet
- Feb. 11 Worship & Music Committee meeting
- Feb. 13 College Class Lunch
- Feb. 13 Session meeting
- Feb. 14 PCRT Pastor’s Luncheon
- Feb. 15 The Lord’s Supper at the evening worship service
- Feb. 20 Young At Heart
- Feb. 21 CE Committee meeting
- Feb. 23 WIC Book Club
- Feb. 24 Evangelism/Church Growth meeting

**If you have a date for the February calendar please call the church office (ext. 10) this week.**

**WIC Day of Prayer**

Saturday, January 22, 2011  
10:00 am to 12:00 noon  
Church Fellowship Hall

Drop in anytime between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon  
and join other ladies in the church for a season of prayer.

**Church Directory**

We have begun working on a new church directory. If you need to make any changes to the existing directory, please email these changes to judy@secondpca.org. For the next 3 Sundays, Hank Ludwig will be set-up in the sanctuary to take pictures for our new directory. If you would like to have a new picture in this year’s directory please stop by and have your picture taken. Also, if you do not have a picture in the existing directory we encourage you to have your picture taken for our new directory. With so many new members it helps them learn their new church family faster if they have a face to match a name. If you would like to submit a digital picture via email (judy@secondpca.org) please do so as soon as possible.

**New Babies**

We rejoice with Jordan and Jenni Carter in the birth of their twins, Charlie Allen and Addis Christopher Carter, on January 5, 2011. We thank God for the Carter family and pray for JP, Charlie, and Addis, that they will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Wednesday, February 2 - 5:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**Watch for sign-up sheets**

*The Second Presbyterian Church*  
*Rev. Richard D. Phillips, Senior Minister*  
*announces the Service of Ordination of*  
**Mr. Seth Timmons Starkey**  
*to the Gospel Ministry by*  
*Presbytery of Calvary, Presbyterian Church in America*  
*You are cordially invited to attend and*  
*remain for the reception immediately following*  
*Sunday, January 30, 2100 - 6:00 p.m.*

**Christian Sympathy**

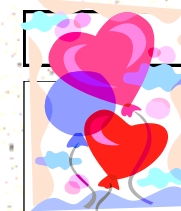
We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mr. Arnold Childers, who went home to be with the Lord on January 6, 2011. We are thankful for the life and service of Arnold and lift up our prayers for his family during this time of grief and loss.

We also offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mr. Wilton McKinney, who went home to be with the Lord on January 8, 2011. We lift our prayers up to the Lord for his family and offer our thanksgiving for his life and service.

**Calvary Presbytery**

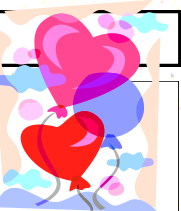
The one hundredth and ninth stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held Saturday, January 22, 2011, at New Hope PCA, Abbeville, SC, beginning at 9:00 AM. Commissioners going from Second are Pastor Phillips, Pastor Spears, Seth Starkey, RE Melton L. Duncan, RE David Bragdon, and RE Hugh Player.

Visitors are welcome.



**Save the Date**

**Second Presbyterian Church**  
**Valentine’s Banquet**  
**February 11, 2011**



**2010 BUDGET WAS MET**

**Treasurer’s Report**

**DECEMBER 2010 & YTD Financial Status**

	Actual		
	Dec. 2010	YTD 2010	YTD Budget
Offerings	110,024	897,592	896,000
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	117,833	757,806	751,320
Mission Disbursements	6,717	128,741	144,680
Total Outlays	124,550	886,547	896,000
Net Offerings	(14,526)	11,045	0

Through the Lord’s blessings, the 2010 budget was met and exceeded by \$1,592. December collections were \$110,024 and the 2010 collections were \$897,592. Expenses for the year were \$886,547. All budgeted missionary and benevolence expenditures were paid. The shortfall related to the Haiti missionaries who were adjusted during 2010. As SPC enters 2011, pray that the Lord will continue to bless our church and will provide the financial needs to do His work. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Holbrook or David Rainey.



## Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 23

- 8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP
- 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
- 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP
- 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

### Monday, January 24

- 7:00 PM Sr. High Girls' B'ball game at J. Knox
- 7:00 PM Sr. High Boys' B'ball game at TLC

### Tuesday, January 25

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

### Wednesday, January 26

- 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
- 5:45 PM Family Night Fellowship Supper
- 6:15 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

### Thursday, January 27

- 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
- 7:00 PM WIC Book Club

### Friday, January 28

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

### Saturday, January 29

- 8:30 AM JC Boys' B'ball game at FBC
- 9:15 AM I-Mites B'ball game at W. Pres. I
- 9:30 AM Midget Boys' B'ball game at J. Knox
- 10:30 AM JB Girls' B'ball game at 4th Pres.
- 11:30 AM Mites' B'ball game at home
- 12:30 PM JC Girls' B'ball game at St. Mary

## Memorial Flowers

There are numerous openings for Memorial Flowers in 2011. If you would like to place Memorial flowers in the church sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office (ext. 10) or Judy Bishop (246-0951).

**January 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27; March 6, 20, 27; April 3, 10,  
May 1, 22, 29; July 17, 24; August 14, 28; Sept. 25; Oct. 2, 9; Nov. 13**

## 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. Maryland Nelson**  
The Gardens of Eastside, Room G-14  
275 Commonwealth Drive  
Greenville, SC 29615  
675-0548

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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY JANUARY 23, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

BOASTING IN THE LORD

Psalm 52  
Anthem:

Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God

Hymns: 16, 172, 168

Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

PRAYER AND POWER

2 Samuel 5:17-25

Hymns: 377, 628, 629

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# The West End Herald

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## The Second Presbyterian Church

Corner of River and Rhett Streets  
Greenville, South Carolina

January 17, 2011

Due to the fact that the Herald was not mailed last week there was more announcements this week than usual. If your announcement did not get in this week's Herald please watch for it next week. Thank you.

## 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 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.