

church in Philippi, he writes to the Christians who have committed to one another there and to their leaders.

4. In Hebrews 13:7, Christians are commanded, "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls." This clearly assumes what we know as church membership, since this command can only be fulfilled by believers who are under the authority of elders in a local church body. Hebrews 13:7 tells believers to "remember your leaders... and imitate their faith." Living as believers under godly shepherd-leaders, especially those who are "keeping watch over your souls," is one of the chief biblical provisions for your perseverance and growth in faith.

In short, just as salvation involves a covenant relationship with God, the life of faith also involves a covenant relationship with other believers under Christ's authority in the church. To this end, my constant prayer is that Second Presbyterian Church would not only be a place where God's Word is faithfully taught but also where God's people are faithfully shepherded. The more I grow in experience, the more I see how important the second of these is, together with the first. If you have been attending Second Church regularly, I would therefore ask you to consider your calling to join the church. The schedule of the upcoming New Members Class, meeting in Classroom C-209 at 9:45 am, is as follows:

- March 6: The "Solas" of the Reformation (Pastor Phillips)
- March 13: The Five Points of Calvinism (Pastor Phillips)
- March 20: The Membership Vows (Pastor Spears)
- March 27: Covenant Theology (Pastor Phillips)
- April 10: Reformed Worship (Pastor Phillips)
- April 17: Law and Gospel (Pastor Phillips)
- May 1: Presbyterian Church History (Dr. Barry Waugh)
- May 8: Elder Interviews
- May 15: New Member Reception (11:00 am) and Luncheon

If you have any questions about our church or church membership, I am simply delighted to answer them. I look forward to getting to know many of our recent visitors better during this class, with thanks to God for the way He is increasing the numbers at our church.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

Yours in Christ,

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

- Mar. 6 Churchwide Fellowship Supper
- Mar. 6 New Members' Class begins
- Mar. 7 Diaconate Meeting
- Mar. 8-9 WIC Circles
- Mar. 8-10 Greenville Seminary's Spring Conference
- Mar. 9 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Mar. 13 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Mar. 14 Session Meeting
- Mar. 20 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- Mar. 21 Young At Heart
- Mar. 23 CE Committee Meeting
- Mar. 24 WIC Book Club
- Mar. 26 Churchwide Work Day
- Mar. 27 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee meeting
- Mar. 31 Jessamines

### New Members' Class

Begins Sunday, March 6, 2011  
10:00 AM in Room C-209 (on second floor)  
Taught by Pastor Phillips  
The class will meet each Sunday for 6 weeks.  
Attending the class does not obligate one to join the church,  
however, you are required to take the class before joining the church.

### Upcoming Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate (May or December) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 10 or [judy@secondpca.org](mailto:judy@secondpca.org)). We want to recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.

### Music Notes

Calling all Singers! It is now time to begin rehearsing music for the PCRT. Please consider joining us at 5:15 on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Elizabeth Guest with any questions. (313-0193)

### Save the Date

*Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology 2011*  
**Children of God: Adopted into the Father's Love**  
April 1-3, 2011  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Speakers: Joel Beeke, Richard Phillips, Derek Thomas, David Wells

### 2011 WIC Annual Meeting

CALVARY PRESBYTERY WOMEN IN THE CHURCH  
Saturday, March 5, 2011 \* 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Fairview Presbyterian Church, Fountain Inn, SC  
Price to cover lunch: \$8.00 per person payable at the door.  
Speaker: Rev. Peter Spink, Senior Pastor, Fairview Presbyterian Church  
**"It's Your Time to Shine"**  
Free Babysitting will be provided.  
See Jill Mann (895-3351) if you have any questions.

### Valentine's Banquet

A special "Thank You" to everyone who helped make the 2011 Valentine's Banquet such a success. The DVD of the banquet is now in the church library. Check it out and relive a "Lifetime of Romance."

### Churchwide Work Days

**Church Work Day Part 1: Friday evening, March 25th**  
moving and cleaning inside building

**Church Work Day Part 2: Saturday, March 26th**  
inside/outside cleanup

The Diaconate invites you to come help beautify our church as well as the grounds as we prepare for PCRT, Easter, and spring.

### Greenville Seminary's Spring Conference

Power From On High  
**THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
A Biblical Examination of the Spirit and His work for and in the church.  
March 8-10, 2011 at Woodruff Road PCA  
Online registration deadline is Thursday, March 3, 5:00 pm  
For more information go to [www.gpts.edu](http://www.gpts.edu)  
or call the seminary at 322-2717

### Greenville Literacy Volunteer Workshops

Share your love for learning! Greenville Literacy Association needs many volunteers to help other adults improve their reading, writing and math skills, prepare for the GED or learn to speak English. Commitment is normally one hour per week, and no prior teaching experience is required. Greenville Literacy provides training. For more information, please call 467-3456 or visit [www.greenvilleliteracy.org](http://www.greenvilleliteracy.org). Hurry! Our next training workshop is Saturday, March 12.

### Medi Home Hospice

Imagine the power you have in making a positive difference in the lives of others in your own community. Medi Home Hospice is seeking volunteers to give a few hours a month to provide companionship and support to patients and their caregivers who are facing life-limiting illness. There is no cost for training and no previous medical background is required. Opportunities include companionship, running errands, light housekeeping or meal preparation. Please contact LaDon Jones at 864-627-4270 for further information.

### Church Directory Last Call

This is the last call for information and/or digital pictures for the church directory. Please check your current directory and if any of your information has changed please notify the church office ASAP. Also, if you would like to add a cell phone number and/or an email address please let us know. Having your picture taken at church is no longer available, however, if you would like to submit a digital picture we need that in the office this week.  
[judy@secondpca.org](mailto:judy@secondpca.org)

### Next Jessamine get-together Thursday, March 31st

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, March 6

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:45 AM New Members' Class  
 9:55 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 10:00 AM Communicants Class  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 5:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal for PCRT  
 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 Churchwide Fellowship Supper.  
 A - J Side Dishes  
 K - Z Main Course  
*Everyone please bring one 2-liter drink.*

### Monday, March 7

6:00 PM Diaconate meeting

### Tuesday, March 8

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  
 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, March 9

5:00 PM Pastoral Care 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  
 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6

### Thursday, March 10

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

### Friday, March 11

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

### Memorial Flowers

There are still openings for Memorial Flowers in 2011. If you would like to place flowers in the church please call the church office (ext. 10) or Judy Bishop (246-0951). Also, there are sign-up sheets posted throughout the church. **Apr. 3; May 1, 22, 29; July 17, 24; Aug. 21; Oct. 2, 9, 16**

### Remembering One Another

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

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### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY MARCH 6, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP  
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

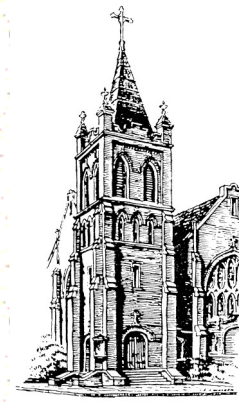
#### HIDING IN GOD

Psalm 57  
 Anthem: Psalm 150  
 Hymns: 32, 457, 90  
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM  
**CONFESSING CHRIST**  
 Matthew 16:13-20  
 Hymns: 164, 177, 295  
 Psalter: Psalm 29  
 Rev. Paul Settle preaching

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## The Second Presbyterian Church

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 Greenville, South Carolina

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### Letter From The Senior Minister Spring 2011 New Members' Class

On March 6, 2011, we will begin our new members' class for the spring. The purpose for this class is to provide information on the key beliefs of Second Presbyterian Church and to provide an opportunity for visitors to enter into our church membership. We ask that those seeking to join attend the class not only so that they can learn about our church but also so that we can get to know them and begin to incorporate them into our church life. One is not obligated to join by attending the class, however, some may wish to attend simply to learn about the Reformed faith and Second Church. At the end of the class the Session will be available to meet with prospective members, who join by presenting a credible faith in Jesus Christ and by agreeing to fulfill the membership vows as stipulated by the Presbyterian Church in America.

In recent years, I find that many Christians have underestimated the importance of church matters. Many may not understand the biblical basis and calling for Christians to enter into covenant relationship with a local congregation of believers. Let me give some reasons why it is important for you to be a member of a faithful church and perhaps why you should consider joining our congregation:

1. The very first thing we see after Pentecost in Acts 2:42ff is that Christians immediately began to gather together. They "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers." The early Christians did not stay at home and say, "I can be a Christian by myself," but they committed themselves to a local body of fellow Christians.
2. In Hebrews 10:25, God commands Christians not to neglect meeting together but to encourage one another, "and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." This teaches at least 3 things: 1) Christians are commanded by God to gather together corporately for the purpose of encouraging one another; 2) Christians gathering together is not to be an infrequent thing, but rather it is to be a regular occurrence; 3) Christians are to encourage one another, which requires knowing one another; and knowing one another implies regular commitment to the same local body of Christians - which again is what church membership signifies.
3. In Philippians 1:1, Paul states that he is writing "to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons." This implies that "all" the Christians ("saints" means those who have believed in Christ and are set apart for holiness) are committed to gathering together regularly in a church with officers (elders and deacons, cf. 1 Tim. 3) appointed or elected to oversee their affairs. When Paul writes to the