

ostensibly Reformed churches knew little of our doctrinal heritage, the conference was designed to raise a banner for Reformed teaching and to encourage doctrinal preaching in our churches. When asked if he really thought people would come to spend a weekend listening to Reformed preaching, Dr. Boice answered that only the doctrines of Reformed theology could answer the problems facing men and women today. Moreover, he recognized that practically every revival in church history arose from preaching the themes emphasized in Reformed theology: man's radical depravity, the redeeming blood of Christ, and the sovereignty of God's grace. Since we seek a revival in our own times, Boice reasoned that the best course of action is to preach the great themes that God has blessed throughout church history.

What Makes the *Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology* special? One reason is that it is a preaching conference set within the context of sacred worship. This makes the PCRT spiritually intense. This is a sacred convocation in which we sit in the Lord's presence and devote ourselves to His Word. Second, the PCRT takes a vital theme and works through it from top to bottom. Therefore, attendees leave having a strong biblical grasp of the doctrine and its place in their lives. Third, the people who come to the PCRT are extremely motivated for God's Word. This creates an electricity that the speakers can definitely feel. Fourth, there is the singing. Every year, when the organ starts playing *A Mighty Fortress* to open the conference, I think the roof is going to blow off the church! In short, the PCRT is an occasion for great spiritual excitement, and it is the Word set within the worship of God that creates this excitement.

The cost to attend the PCRT this year is \$125, although members of Second Presbyterian Church receive a discounted cost of \$95. I know this is a fair amount of money and that it may be prohibitive for some, although compared to other national conferences, the PCRT is by far the least expensive. But as a national conference the PCRT simply has considerable expenses. My obligation every year is to break even financially – this is not a profit making venture. I think you will find the conference a worthwhile investment that will bring real blessing to your life.

Lastly, please consider how you might assist our church in hosting this conference. We will undoubtedly have a considerable need for volunteers to assist the deacons (which is also one way to defray the registration costs!). Our church coordinator is Mrs. Jill Mann, who has long been hard at work on this event. Please contact her to see how you may help with the conference. You may also contact Mel Duncan or Judy Grant in our church office.

I hope you will consider attending the 2011 PCRT here at Second Church. Please also pray for God to watch over my travels and to bless my preaching and that of the other speakers. May God use this conference to have a mighty effect in the lives of those who attend!

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

Mar. 13	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Mar. 13	Parents' Meeting (7th grade—college)
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. 25-26	Churchwide Work Day
Mar. 27	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee meeting
Mar. 31	Jessamines



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 13. Turn clocks ahead 1 hour.

#### Mark Your Calendars!

PCRT	April 1-3
Nursery Workers' Banquet	April 10
Graduation Banquet	May 4
CAT Kids Program	May 11
Blood Drive	May 11
New Members' Luncheon	May 15
General Assembly	June 6-10
Vacation Bible School	June 20-24
Sr. High Summer Conference	July 10-16

#### Parents' Meeting

There will be a Parents' Meeting (7th grade through college) in the Chapel, immediately following the evening worship service on Sunday, March 13. If you have any questions please see Pastor Starkey.

#### Sports Banquet News

Congratulations to all the players, coaches, and parents for a successful basketball season. At the annual Sports Banquet on March 2, special recognition went to:

**Miss Sarah Altman**

for winning the Henry Elrod Award for outstanding senior girl  
and

**Mr. John Compton**

for winning the James Orders Award for outstanding senior boy.

#### 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). 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)

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

### 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.**

### A Message from the Church Historian

Before Second Church titled its listing of church members a "directory," it provided similar information in its "manual." The manuals for 1896, 1910, 1914, and 1924 are on display in a cabinet in the history room. The current display in the hallway case is about Chicora College, which was a Presbyterian college located in Greenville's West End until its move to Columbia in 1915. The hallway case topic of display will be changed to correlate with the doctrine of adoption, which is the subject for the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology at the church, April 1-3.

### A Rare Creation Opportunity

The Creation Study Group invites you to attend a seminar in the sanctuary at 4:30-5:30 PM, Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Jobe Martin will present "Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution." As a renowned, featured speaker at the South Carolina Home School Conference, he comes to us in this special program for Middle and High School students who attend Public, Christian and Home Schools, and who are unable to attend the Conference. Students and all who hear him will learn, laugh and be amazed as they discover how Creation proclaims the Creator! Since this program replaces our customary, quarterly meeting, adults are also invited. Younger children are welcome, but the program does target the older age groups. Admission is free for students. We will welcome free-will donations from adults. Please see yellow CSG posters and fliers and share the news with your friends.

### Treasurer's Report

#### FEBRUARY 2011 & YTD Financial Status

	Actual		
	Jan. 2011	YTD 2011	YTD Budget
Offerings	69,018	144,426	161,058
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	64,599	128,028	136,361
Mission Disbursements	30,176	30,176	21,697
Total Outlays	94,775	158,204	158,058
Net Offerings	(25,757)	(13,778)	

Contributions in February, 2011 were \$69,018 versus budget of \$80,529. Contributions for 2 months ending February, 2011 were \$144,426 versus \$126,521 for the same period in 2010. Operating expenses for February, 2011 were \$64,599 versus the budget of \$65,948. Three months of Missions and Benevolences were paid in February. Large cash outlays (approx. \$100,000) will be made for the renovations in March, 2011. If you are behind in your contributions for 2011, we encourage you to catch up. Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Holbrook or David Rainey.

### Young At Heart

Monthly meeting—Monday, March 21, 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. \$6.00 for catered lunch payable at the door. Watch for more details and come join us.

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, March 13**  
 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:45 AM New Members' Class  
 9:50 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 Parents' Meeting (7th grade—college)  
 7:15 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

**Monday, March 14**  
 6:30 PM Session meeting

**Tuesday, March 15**  
 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training  
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

**Wednesday, March 16**  
 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, March 17**  
 9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

**Friday, March 18**  
 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, March 19**

### Register Now!

*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  
**Registration brochures are located around the church.**

### 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 and/or give her a call.

**Mrs. Catherine Elrod**  
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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
 THE LORD'S DAY  
 MARCH 13, 2011**

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

**CORRUPT RULERS CAST DOWN**  
 Psalm 58

Anthem: Now Thank We All Our God  
 Hymns: 110, 347, 62  
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
 6:00 PM

**THE HIGH COST OF SPIRITUAL LIVING**

Luke 14:25-35  
 Hymns: 53, 247, 585  
 Psalter: Psalm 145  
 Rev. Paul Settle preaching

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## Letter From The Senior Minister 2011 PCRT: Adopted into the Father's Love

Two weekends ago I was preaching in Portland, Oregon for the beginning of this year's *Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology* (PCRT). Our 2011 conference theme is "Children of God: Adopted into the Father's Love." Our other stops this year are First Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI (March 18-20), Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA (Apr. 29-May 1), and most important to us, here at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville on April 1-3. Since 1974, this flagship conference of Reformed theology in America has been meeting annually in cities across America and since 2000, I have had the privilege of serving as its chairman. Over many years we have truly seen God's extraordinary blessing on this annual gathering.

I can think of three great reasons why you should consider attending this year's conference here at Second Church. First, the aim of this conference is to raise the banner of Reformed doctrine here in the Upcountry of South Carolina and in the surrounding regions. At a time when so many evangelical churches are focused on life-skills training and entertainment, we want to highlight the great biblical themes of theology and salvation. The PCRT conference was founded on the belief that we will only see renewed power in our churches when we renew our interest in God himself and the great truths of the Bible. So your attending this conference helps us in this vital cause of encouraging strong preaching and a doctrinal emphasis in many churches. Second, you are certain to benefit extremely from a weekend sitting under the teaching of some of the most able Bible teachers of our times as we study together one of the most significant and neglected of all doctrines – the doctrine of adoption. J. I. Packer wrote that if you want to see how much someone understands the Christian faith, ask them how much they make of the idea of being children of God who rely on the Father's love. Having participated in the first go-round of the conference this year, I can assure you that the content is extremely powerful and uplifting. Thirdly, you are certain to enjoy the fellowship of the Bible-ravenous Christians who attend the PCRT conference. This is one of my special joys in the PCRT season – spending time with fervent, joyful Christians who have brought their spiritual cutlery set so as to eat up everything that is served from the pulpit.

The speakers at the Greenville PCRT this year are David Wells, Derek Thomas, Joel Beeke, and me. David Wells is the senior-statesman of Reformed theology today. He is not only a profound theologian but a delightfully engaging Christian and a great preacher. Derek Thomas and Joel Beeke are familiar to our conference from previous years. They are not only dearly beloved friends of mine but greatly used servants of the Lord. Joel and I will be joining for the Friday pre-conference (9:00 am to 2:30 pm), the theme of which is Fathers, Sons, and Daughters. Since our conference theme focuses on God's family, we thought we would devote the pastoral preconference to the Christian family.

The PCRT was founded in 1974 as Dr. James Montgomery Boice looked with alarm upon the state of our churches. Realizing that many Christians even from