

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 5

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer, in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 (Elders renew their vows during pm service)
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir
 7:15 PM **CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 A-J Main Course * K-Z Side Dishes
Everyone please bring one 2-liter drink.

Monday, May 6

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM Missions' Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 7:00 PM CAT KIDS PROGRAM

Friday, May 10

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study

The Elders will renew their vows at the evening service, May 5, 2013.

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 119: 1-2

*"Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
 who walk in the law of the LORD!
 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
 who seek Him with the whole heart!"*

Upcoming Events

May 1 WIC Council
 May 1 Graduation Banquet
 May 4 Mother/Daughter Event
 May 5 Churchwide Fellowship Supper
 May 5 Elder Vow Renewal at evening service
 May 6 Diaconate Meeting
 May 8 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 May 8 Missions Committee Meeting
 May 8 CAT Kids Program
 May 12 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 May 13 Session Meeting
 May 14-15 WIC Circles
 May 15 Peru Mission Team Meeting
 May 15 Administration Committee Meeting
 May 15 CAT Kids Spring Fling
 May 18 WIC Shower for Rebekah Evans
 May 19 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 May 20 Young At Heart
 May 22 CE Committee Meeting
 May 22 Musical CAT Kids begins
 May 24 Jr. High Fellowship
 May 24 Sr. High Fellowship
 May 26 Ice Cream Social and Reception
 for Josh and Lori Sparkman
 May 27 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

Mark Your Calendars & Save the Date

June 10-14 Flute Camp
 Week of June 17 General Assembly in Greenville, SC
 June 20-29 Peru Mission Trip
 June 24-28 Vacation Bible School
 July 16-19 Richmond Hill, GA Mission Trip
 July 22-26 Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven
 July 29-Aug. 3 Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island, SC

Remembering One Another

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

Luella Henderson
 Countryside Health Care Center
 706 Pelzer Highway, Room 140
 Easley, SC 29641

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Dave Maney
Bobby and Jill Mann
Max and Hudson
Johnny and Cindy Mann
Carrie Anne

Missionary of the Week

PIEDMONT WOMEN'S CENTER

1. Pray that Piedmont Women's Center influences abortion-minded women and men to see the baby they have been given as a gift from God.
2. Pray that the staff and volunteers of Piedmont Women's Center will glorify God in all ways. Pray for a hedge of protection around our staff and that God will provide wise discernment through His Word.
3. Pray that God will encourage women who are quietly suffering from the repercussions of an abortion to seek help from our abortion recovery Bible study.
4. Pray that God will provide willing workers to help us make needed repairs at our facilities. *Our Grove Road location is in urgent need of a new roof.*
5. Pray that God will raise up church groups and businesses that will provide for the professional needs as well as the office equipment of PWC. *We are in dire need of computers and software for our facilities.*
6. Pray for the success of our annual Prayer Walk on May 18. Pray that many will come to the PWC locations and pray for PWC, our city, state, and nation. Pray for an end to abortion in our life-time.



Graduation Banquet



Wednesday, May 1, 2013
5:45 PM * Church Gymnasium
Speaker: Dr. Derek Halvorson
President of Covenant College
Join us as we honor our 2013 graduates:

Baptism

Hanna Michelle Lynn Lizak, covenant daughter of Mike and Laura Lizak received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, April 28, 2013. We are thankful for the Lizak family and pray for Hanna that she will love and serve the Lord all the days of her life.

Christian Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to Bobby and Johnny Mann and families in the death of their father, Bobby Mann, Sr. on Friday, April 26, 2013. Our prayers are with these families during this time of loss and grief.



CAT Kids Program



Wednesday, May 8, 2013
7:00 PM in the Church Sanctuary
(Immediately following the Family Night supper)
Come see what our covenant children have learned this year in CAT Kids.



Showering with Love
WIC

*cordially invites you to a
Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
for*

Rebekah Evans
Saturday, May 18, 2013
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall



Annual Mother-Daughter Event

It's Party Time!!

Ladies of All Ages
You are invited to the
WIC Mother-Daughter Luncheon
May 4, 2013
11:30 am

We are ALL daughters,
so come and join the fellowship!!
WIC will provide tea and coffee.
Please bring something to share:
sandwiches, cookies, brownies,
fruit or vegetable tray.
Hats and gloves are optional.
Sign up @ signupgenius.com
or call Jenny Spears @ 430-7396.



Worship at Perry

Second Pres will be leading a worship service at Perry Correctional on Saturday evening May 4th. If you are interested in attending and/or singing in a small choir, please contact Bill Watkins at 304-4737.

*Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morgan, Sr.
and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Andrews, Jr.
request the honor of your presence
to witness and celebrate the marriage of their children*

*Alexandria Marie Morgan
and*

Samuel Robert Andrews
Saturday, May 18, 2013, 3:00 pm
Gap Creek Baptist Church
381 Gap Creek Road, Marietta, SC 29661
(nursery provided)

*Reception immediately following outside
RSVP to Linda Morgan (254-8324 or miklinda@bellsouth.net)*

KINGDOM CHRONICLES

Vacation Bible School
June 24-28, 2013
Mark Your Calendars!



Seminary Spring Book Sale

GPTS will be holding their annual book sale on May 10-11, 2013 at the Taylors campus. You are welcome to contribute books (in good condition) on any subject matter for this event which benefits the Seminary. Donation boxes will be placed near the library entrance.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENT

Thursday, May 2, 2013
11:45 AM

Peace Center Plaza-South Main Street at Broad Street
PRAYER...For the Next Generation
LET US PRAY...For American's Children

Singing with:

Jered McKenna, Mitchell Road PCA
Rev. Jim Stephenson, Horizon PCA

Speakers:

Bobby MacDonald, President SC Christian Fund
Janice Butler, Exec. Director, Christian Learning Centers
Lenna Neill, CEO, Piedmont Women's Center
Rev. Juan Sharp, Resurrection Power Ministries

Gospel Reformation Network

Pre-Assembly Conference
June 17-18

at PCA General Assembly

"What Grace Does: Reclaiming the Whole Gospel for the Whole Man"
Speakers: Richard D. Phillips, Ligon Duncan, Jon Payne, Al Baker

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

You can learn more at gospelreformation.net
If you are interested in volunteering to help at this event
please see Mel Duncan.

according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the holy Scripture" (WCF 21.1).

How does the Bible regulate worship? Scripture shows us how to worship God through its commands and examples. Most essentially, this pertains to the elements of worship (the things we do as parts of the worship service). There should be a Scriptural command for everything we do and how we do it. Thus it is for our worship service, in which we are called to worship by God's Word, invoke God's blessing in prayer, sing praise to God, confess the faith, confess our sins and receive God's word of pardon, offer tithes and offerings, pray corporately, read God's Word and preach God's Word, administer the sacraments, and depart with God's benediction, all of which have biblical commands or precedents. Examples of elements that are popular today but are not authorized by Scripture (and conflict with biblical teaching) include comedy routines, sacred dance, video clips, and skits.

Our worship should be *biblical* not only in its rationale, but also in its content. The worship service should be pouring forth Bible. God loves to hear His own Word, and it is God's Word that brings life to His people. Therefore, we read the Scriptures, preach the Scriptures, sing the Scriptures, pray the Scriptures, and visualize the Scriptures through the authorized portrait of the sacraments.

Secondly, Reformed worship aims to be *God-centered*. The focus of our attention is on the One to whom we have come to worship. Therefore, we want to sing about God, read about God, give to God, preach about God, and meet with God in worship. To be sure, God has gifted and appointed human servants to lead in worship. But the job of the minister, or anyone else who plays a public role in worship, is to direct God's people to Himself. This, by the way, is why our ministers wear robes: we want to highlight not the person and the personality, but the office and its function of leading the people in worship of God.

A third principle of Reformed worship is that it is *redemptive* in its orientation. This means that we come as sinners into the presence of the holy God through blood of His Son. This is why the confession of sin and receipt of pardon is so important: we are coming into God's presence as redeemed sinners through the blood of the Lamb. Moreover, we come not to get a spiritual high arising from our own worship, but we come to meet with

God as His people, to receive grace through His own authorized means of the Word, prayer, and the sacraments.

A fourth principle is that Reformed worship is *historically rooted*. We love old things and we admit it. We see ourselves as members of a covenant people going back to Bible times, and we want to celebrate the ancientness of the Christian church, the culture of the Christian church, and the unity of the Christian church that spans time and space. In this way, we hope to transcend the divisions that often result when worship is shaped by a particular cultural style of music. Instead, we seek to unite people of varying cultural preferences by sharing together the musical culture of the Reformed church tradition. Our hymnal spans centuries, nationalities, historical movements, and spiritual experiences. Thus, when I travel to Africa and worship with Christians there, I can always join in because they sing the old hymns (not the latest form of consumer music from America). When we begin our worship as a church, we want to know that we are stepping out of world's culture and entering the society of the people of God.

I hope these brief comments help you to understand our approach to worship and, more importantly, help you to worship. I praise God for the heritage of sacred worship at Second Church. By these means, we desire to worship God in spirit and in truth, through the blood of His precious Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



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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

At the Corner of River and Rhett

Springtime

The new season has truly arrived in the West End and you can enjoy it all around our church grounds and especially in our courtyard. Help keep Second Church beautiful by picking up and tidying for yourself and others. With wedding season and General Assembly just weeks away we want to make our church truly a home.

Renewal of Vows

On May 5th at the 6pm Evening Worship service the ruling elders will "renew" their vows to uphold the teaching of the bible, as best contained and explained in the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*. This follows the custom in our presbytery of the teaching elders renewing their vows at the spring meeting of our presbytery.

Paul Settle

We congratulate Paul Settle who will receive a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Westminster Theological Seminary at their commencement program on May 23, 2013 in Glenside, PA. We marvel at how the Lord has used Paul as a driving force behind so many vital ministries. We are also grateful for his commitment to the teaching and equipping men for ministry within the church, Paul has served on governing board of WTS with distinction for many years. Congratulations Dr. Settle!

Graduation Banquet

We are delighted to have the new President of Covenant College, as our graduation banquet speaker this year. Dr. Halvorston is a Covenant alum and was chosen recently to take the helm of the "PCA's college" after an extensive search for a new leader. We look forward to hearing from Dr. Halvorston and honoring our graduates.

-The Editor



Thought for the Day

Old Churches Blog by Barry Waugh Pastor Profile Rev. G. G. Mayes, D.D. (1866-1942)

The third pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, was Rev. George Gregg Mayes. He was born Sept. 18, 1866, at Mayesville, South Carolina. Located northeast of Sumter, Mayesville was named for George's grandfather, Matthew Peterson Mayes, II, whose home became a hub of activity when the rails were laid to provide train service to the farms of the area.

George began his college education at Davidson in 1884, but he left the following year to complete his studies and graduate with honors from the University of South Carolina in 1888. Pursuing his sense of call to the ministry, he moved to Princeton, New Jersey, where he received both his master of divinity from the seminary and a master of arts from the university in 1891. His seminary education was assisted financially by a stipend from the Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, for the three years of his studies. Thomas Smyth, had been pastor of the Charleston congregation, 1834-1873, after having completed his divinity studies at Princeton Seminary. A classmate of Mayes in the seminary was Charles R. Erdman, who would go on to become chair of practical theology at Princeton Seminary, 1906-1936. Later in his life, Mayes would be honored by Presbyterian College as a board member, 1919-1937, and with an honorary doctorate in 1923.

The installation service on October 29, 1899 in the little frame church on the southeast corner of Rhett and Wardlaw was stretched to its limit by a large congregation gathered for the occasion. Rev. T. B. Craig of Fountain Inn presided over the service. Rev. Samuel C. Byrd of Columbia Theological Seminary preached the sermon titled "Christ, the Wisdom of God" from 1 Corinthians 1:24. The choir presented the music with the assistance of a "quartette" consisting of T. P. and W. C. Cothran, W. J. Cox, and Dr. J. W. Hewell. The celebration of the new ministry of Rev. Mayes was completed in the evening service when Rev. Craig delivered the sermon from Luke 22:27, "I am among you as one that serveth."

Rev. George Gregg Mayes, D.D., died at his home in Winnsboro early in the morning of Friday, October 23, 1942. He was seventy-six years of age. Just two weeks before his death, he preached the opening sermon at the meeting of the Synod of South Carolina held in Clinton. He was survived by Alethea, who would die in 1951, four daughters and one son, and nine grandchildren. Alethea and George Mayes are buried in the Sion Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Winnsboro.

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 5, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Revelation 13:11-18

Anthem: Abide With Me

Hymns: 542, 92, 655

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

BECAUSE HE LIVES

Hebrews 7:20-25

Hymns: 110, 455, 305

Psalter: Psalm 20

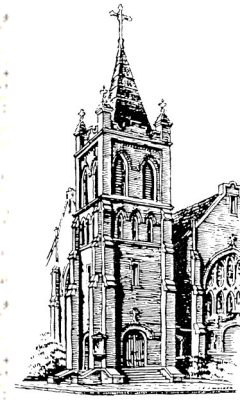
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Pastoral Letter Reformed Worship

In the New Members' Class I explain the convictions and practices that produce Reformed worship as we experience it at Second Presbyterian Church. I thought it would be good to share these thoughts with the congregation as well.

The most important conviction that undergirds our approach to worship is this: *our worship is directed to God Himself*. That is, our primary concern is not what people think – visitors, unchurched, or even the members – but what God thinks. As I like to say it, we are committed to consumer-driven worship, and we believe the consumer of our worship is the thrice holy Triune God. It is commonly believed today that God is sure to be pleased with any worship that is sincerely offered. To be sure, the sincerity of our hearts in worship is of great concern to God (see Isa. 29:13). But the Bible also says we are to "offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe" (Heb. 12:28). This says that our worship must have the heart quality of sincere reverence and awe, and also that the worship we offer to God must be acceptable to Him.

This raises a question: Does God tell us how He wants to be worshiped? The answer is: Yes, and He tells us this in the Bible. This expresses what is known in our theological jargon as *The Regulative Principle of Worship*. In other words, we believe that God's Word regulates worship. The Westminster Confession details this principle in classic language:

The acceptable way of worshiping the true God is instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshiped