

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 15

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 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**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

Monday, September 16

11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, September 17

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, September 18

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:45 PM **EVANGELISM EXPLOSION BANQUET**
Speaker: Rev. David Todd
 8:00 PM Called Session Meeting

Thursday, September 19

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study
 7:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

10:30 AM WIC Shower for Claresa Smith
 10:30 AM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice

Scripture Reading for the Week

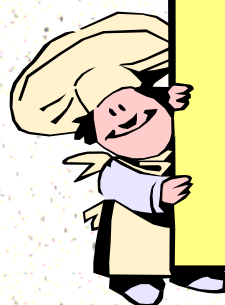
Psalm 121:5-8

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 15 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 Sept. 15 Deacon nominations end
 Sept. 16 Young At Heart resumes
 Sept. 17 WIC Bible Study resumes
 Sept. 18 Evangelism Explosion Banquet
 Sept. 18 Called Session Meeting
 Sept. 19 WIC Precepts Bible Study begins
 Sept. 21 WIC Baby Shower for Claresa Smith
 Sept. 22 Deacon Training begins
 Sept. 22 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 Sept. 25 CE Committee Meeting
 Sept. 27 Jr. High Fellowship
 Sept. 27 Sr. High Fellowship

The Covenant Choir and the Youth Choir will resume their rehearsals on Wednesday, September 25th. The Covenant Choir time will be 6:15-6:45 pm. The Youth Choir time will be 6:20-6:50 pm.



Evangelism Explosion Banquet

Wednesday, September 18
 Dinner: 5:45 PM
 Program: 6:45 PM
 Speaker: Rev. David Todd
 EE Regional Director

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date

CHURCH FALL PICNIC
Saturday, October 5, 2013
9:00 am-2:00 pm (lunch @ 11:30 am)
Herdklotz Park

Remembering One Another

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

Bobbie Houser
 2 Hoke Smith Blvd.,
 Room 203
 Greenville, SC 29615

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Bryon and Rebecca Senn
Welthy Senn
Paul Settle

Missionary of the Week

Our Seminaries

Pray for the ministry of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary:

The seminary's 27th Convocation was held on August 27th at the Taylors campus. For the fall semester, GPTS welcomes 16 new students including our own Jim McCarthy, SPC elders David Bragdon and Stuart Patterson currently serve on the board.

Pray for the ministry of Reformed Theological Seminary:

Now in its 47th year on August 18th Ligon Duncan was named the new Chancellor of the school(s). RTS has campuses in Atlanta, Charlotte, Houston, Jackson, Memphis, Orlando, Washington, Global (online). This year 2600 students are enrolled in the system. Former SPC Minister Dr. Gordon Reed served for many years of the Board of Visitors. Our own Scott Cook and Jeff Windt are studying at the Charlotte campus.

Pray for the ministry of Westminster Theological Seminary:

Dr. Richard Phillips currently serves on the Board of Trustees of WTS in Philadelphia which was founded in 1929. Our own Gabe Fluhrer is currently a PHD candidate. Additionally Dr. Paul Settle formerly served on the Board of Trustees for many years.

- Pray for Faithfulness in Teaching
- Pray for the Students being impacted by the Gospel
- Pray for the institutional issues like Affordable Care Act "Obama-Care" Mandates

Young At Heart Resumes

The Young At Heart monthly luncheon will resume Monday, September 16, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall with a catered lunch. The lunch will be \$7.00 per person, payable at the door. Pastor Starkey will bless us with a special message. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on a special time of fellowship.

WIC Bible Study Resumes

Tuesday, September 17, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall
Studying the Book of Deuteronomy.
Nursery will be provided.

WIC Baby Shower



It's a Girl!

All ladies are invited to a
WIC Baby Shower for
Claresa Smith

Saturday, September 21, 2013
10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Claresa is registered at Babies 'R Us, Buy Buy Baby and Target.
(They are using cloth diapers.)



It's a Girl!

Welcome Dr. Kruger

This Sunday SPC will welcome Dr. Michael Kruger (President of RTS Charlotte) to the pulpit. Dr. Kruger received his B.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, his M.Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary in California, and his Ph.D. from New College, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the author of *The Gospel of the Savior* (E.J. Brill, 2005), co-author of *Gospel Fragments* (Oxford University Press, 2009) and *The Heresy of Orthodoxy: How Contemporary Culture's Fascination with Diversity has Reshaped Our Understanding of Early Christianity* (Crossway, 2010). Most recently he has published in the areas of NT canon and textual criticism, including *Canon Revisited: Establishing the Origins and Authority of the New Testament Books* (Crossway, 2012), and *The Early Text of the New Testament* (Oxford, 2012; edited with Charles Hill).

DEACON NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, AFTER THE EVENING SERVICE.
Ballots and a list of eligible men for nomination are available from an usher or the church office. Copies of the nomination/election procedure are located on the shelf outside the library.

Men Eligible for the Nomination to the Office of Deacon

Andrews, Sam	Evans, Matthew	Kee, Kirby	McKenney, Ray	Strickland, Mark
Bassett, Brian	Evans, Spencer	King, John	Myers, Barry	Therrell, Billy
Bianchi, Joe	Farley, Alan	Korol, Jason	Outz, Ernest Ray	Traynham, Jerry
Bishop, Jim	Farley, Thomas	LaBombard, Louie	Owens, Tim	Upton, Nathan
Bouchillon, Aaron	Fields, Chuck	Laughter, Marcus	Pitts, Larry	Waugh, Barry
Braeckelaere, Bill	Griffin, John	Lock, David	Plating, Steve	Windt, Jeff
Briggs, Larry	Griffin, Matt	Ludwig, Hank	Player, Spencer	Woodard, Ken
Caldwell, David	Grubbs, Scott	Lusk, Roger	Rogers, Reed	Worley, Bryan
Carmichael, Stu	Guest, Andrew	Lynch, Chris	Russell, Tindell	Wright, Lloyd
Carter, Jordan	Hammett, Lewey	Mahon, Ron	Schvaneveldt, Stephen	Zimmerman, Dennis
Chivers, Richard	Harmon, Leon	Mann, Hudson	Scoggins, Chad	Zimmerman, Kye
Compton, Jimmy	Holbrook, Mark	Martin, Joe	Senn, Byron	
Dalton, Spencer	Holman, Bob	Martin, Sam	Shearer, Bob	
Dickerson, Larry	Hopple, Jim	Maycock, Ben	Shreve, Ethan	
Duncan, John	Huber, Ray	Maycock, Dan	Shreve, Tom	
Early, Gordon	Icard, Randy	Maycock, Daniel	Shuford, Jack	
Ecarma, Reggie	Johnson, Nathaniel	McCall, Rich	Stephens, Tony	
Evans, Daniel	Johnson, Timothy	McDaniel, Bill		

The above adult men are eligible because they have been a resident member in good standing of Second Presbyterian Church for 2 or more years. Members may choose up to 6 qualified men from this list for nomination.

Sunday School Class News

Our visiting minister, Dr. Michael Kruger (President of RTS Charlotte) will teach a special Sunday School class on the "Trustworthiness of Scripture" this week for the (combined) ACTS & Sr. High Sunday School classes **in the sanctuary**. Dr. Kruger is a leading scholar on how the New Testament Canon developed, an author and churchman. Children's Chapel will precede the class in the sanctuary. The ACTS Class and Fellowship Class **will switch meeting rooms beginning September 15th.**

2014 Budget

Planning and preparations will soon begin for the 2014 Church Budget. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see the Committee Chairman, Bobby Mann, David Rainey, or Jeremy Weaver.

From the Church Historian

Come by, visit the history room, and see our three new biographical displays. Continuing with the series about pastors in the case in the hallway is information about Second's fifth minister, Rev. Flournoy Shepperson, D.D. (1926-1940), which among other facts provides an answer to the perplexing question, "How did Second Church start Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church?" The next charter member display in the history room tells about a man who owned a textile mill not very far from Second Church, O. P. Mills (1840-1915). His old mill building has been remodeled and is currently used for residences. A new series of displays about members of our church who have gone into full-time ministry is also available for viewing. The first son of Second to be presented is Rev. Josh Martin of Reformed University Ministries. Josh serves at a university that has a tiger for its mascot, but which university since the tiger is the second most often used mascot in college sports?

Nursery News



Attention to all Parents who bring DIAPER BAGS to the Nursery:

Please be on the lookout for the new DIAPER BAG CUBBY HOLES!!!! They are located on the Right in the Nursery Hallway. Place your bag in the Cubby ABOVE your name. This will help the workers find your bag easily when they need it. Thank you for your cooperation.

GREAT ESCAPE 2013

Calvary Pres WIC Fall Retreat
October 11-12, 2013
Black Mountain, NC

Cost: \$75.00 per person
if paid by September 22,
\$85.00 for later registration.

Registration forms are located
throughout the church
Questions? Alice Barnett (906-0166)

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 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 Membership Class, meeting in Classroom C-209 at 9:45 am, is as follows:

- Sept. 8: The "Solas" of the Reformation (Pastor Phillips)
- Sept. 15: Finding Your Place at Second Pres. (RE Melton L. Duncan)
- Sept. 22: The Doctrine of Grace (Pastor Phillips)
- Sept. 29: The Law and the Gospel (Pastor Phillips)
- Oct. 6: Membership Vows (Pastor Spears)
- Oct. 13: Covenant Theology (Pastor Phillips)
- Oct. 20: Reformed Worship (Pastor Phillips)
- Oct. 27: Presbyterian Church History (Dr. Barry Waugh)
- Nov. 3: Elder Interviews for membership
- Nov. 10: Reception of New Members 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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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

SPC is blessed to have a number of *former Members / Associate Members* who are currently serving as Ministers of the Gospel.

Where are they now serving in ministry?

Paul Anderson
Pastor, Falls River, MA Presbyterian Church (OPC)

Kyle Brown
US Army Chaplain (OPC)

Curtis Dubose
Assistant Minister, Mitchell Road of Greenville (PCA)

Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III
Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, MS (PCA)

Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer
Pastor, Shiloh Presbyterian Church of Raleigh (OPC)

Rob Hamby
Assistant Minister, Providence Presbyterian Church of Dallas, TX (PCA)

Matthew Holst
Pastor, Geneva Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, GA (OPC)

Todd Matocha
Pastor, Bethel Presbyterian Church of Cardiff, Wales, UK (EPCEW)

Josh Martin
RUF Campus Minister, Louisiana State University (PCA)

David Oliphant
Pastor, Philadelphia Presbyterian Church of Landrum, SC (PCA)

David Osborne
Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church of Winterville, NC (PCA)

Dr. W. Duncan Rankin
Assistant Minister, Christ Church of Katy, TX (PCA)



Thoughts for the Day

Twenty-Five Responses to the presence of God in 1st Samuel

1. Weeping and despair in the presence (1 Samuel 1:10)
2. Worship (1 Samuel 1:10)
3. Self-sacrifice (1 Samuel 1:22)
4. Prayer (1 Samuel 2:1-10)
5. Rejoicing (1 Samuel 2:1)
6. Ministering to the Lord (1 Samuel 2:11)
7. Abusing the presence for selfish gain (1 Samuel 2:15-16)
8. Treating the presence with contempt, scorn and derision (1 Samuel 2:17)
9. Personal growth in the presence (1 Samuel 2:21)
10. Attentive listening to God (1 Samuel 3:1-14)
11. Presumption on God's presence (1 Samuel 4:3)
12. Resisting the presence (1 Samuel 4:7-11)
13. Falling on your face (1 Samuel 5:4)
14. Creation of ridiculous religious rituals (1 Samuel 5:5)
15. Terror (1 Samuel 5:6)
16. God afflicts those who come into his presence unworthily (1 Samuel 5:6)
17. Some people reject the presence of God and try to keep it away from them (1 Samuel 5:7)
18. Some try to "pay off" God with religious acts as though he needs things from us (1 Samuel 6)
19. Overly casual and careless manner forgetting who we are dealing with (1 Samuel 6:19)
20. Some marginalize the presence of God (1 Samuel 7:1)
21. But when the presence is missing or only has a minimal role, the people lament this and should seek it out (1 Samuel 7:1)
22. It was 20 years before the Presence was over-enthusiastically and naively welcomed back to the center of the nations life (2 Samuel 6:1-15)
23. Carelessly adopting alien modern innovations to promote or protect the presence (2 Samuel 6:3)
24. Welcoming the presence and receiving God's blessing as a result (2 Samuel 6:11)
25. Reverence and Dancing (2 Samuel 6:12-15)

-From UK Blogger Adrian Warnock

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

September 15, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

Mark 14:1-11

Hymns: 2, 80, 378

Anthem: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Dr. Michael Kruger preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

20/20 VISION

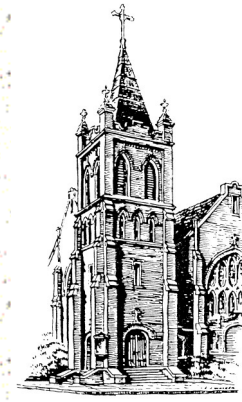
Matthew 5:8

Hymns: 457, 558, 585

Psalter: Psalm 33 (verses 1-11)

Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister Fall 2013 Membership Class

On September 8, we began our Membership Class for the fall. 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. Attending the class does not obligate you to join, and 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 profession of faith in Jesus Christ and 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.