

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, December 8

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL** (6th grade and under)  
 10:00 AM **Congregational Meeting to Elect Deacons and Receive and Support the 2014 Budget**  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 4:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM Christmas Music Rehearsal  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
**The Music of J. S. Bach**

### Monday, December 9

6:30 PM Session Meeting  
 6:00 PM Senior High Girls' B'ball game at home  
 8:00 PM Senior High Boys' B'ball game at St. Matthew

### Tuesday, December 10

10:00 AM WIC Circle 1 meets at the church  
 10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 Christmas party at Cooleys'  
 11:30 AM WIC Circle 5 Christmas party at Outz's  
 4:00 PM Midget Girls' Basketball practice  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

### Wednesday, December 11

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 4:30 PM I-Mites Basketball practice  
 5:30 PM Missions' Committee Meeting  
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 5:45 PM Gingerbread House Contest  
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir  
 6:20 PM Youth Choir  
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids  
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study  
 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6  
 6:45 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**  
 8:30 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

### Thursday, December 12

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

### Friday, December 13

12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Jr. High Christmas Party at Martins'

### Saturday, December 14

8:30 AM I-Mites Basketball game at W. Pres. II  
 9:30 AM Midget Girls' Basketball game at ARP  
 9:30 AM Jr. High Boys' Basketball game at home  
 2:00 PM Senior Girls' Basketball practice

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 7 Christmas Music rehearsal/choir party  
 Dec. 8 Called Congregational Meeting to elect Deacons and receive and support 2014 Budget  
 Dec. 8 Music of JS Bach at evening service  
 Dec. 9 Session Meeting  
 Dec. 10-11 WIC Circles Christmas parties  
 Dec. 11 Missions' Committee Meeting  
 Dec. 11 Gingerbread House Contest  
 Dec. 13 Jr. High Christmas Party  
 Dec. 15 The Lord's Supper at the evening service  
 Dec. 16 Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon  
 Dec. 18 Family Night Christmas Dinner and Program  
 Dec. 19 Jessamines Christmas Party  
 Dec. 20 Sr. High Christmas Party  
 Dec. 20 College & Career 20's & 30's Christmas Party  
 Dec. 22 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee  
 Dec. 23 Youth Christmas Caroling  
 Dec. 24 Lessons & Carols  
 Dec. 24-27 Church Office Closed  
 Dec. 25 No Wednesday evening activities  
 Dec. 29 Christmas Hymn Sing  
 Dec. 31 Church Office Closed  
 Dec. 31-Jan. 4 Church Gym Closed for Floor Refinishing

**The Ordination/Installation of New Deacons  
 will be Sunday, Jan. 5,  
 at the evening service followed by a  
 Reception in the Church Gymnasium.**

### Scripture Reading for the Week

Luke 1: 46-50

*And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation." (ESV)*

## Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in members. Also, send them a note of encouragement and/or give them a call.

**John and Margaret Hook**  
 2 Brynhurst Circle  
 Greenville, SC 29615  
 288-2573

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Al and Sandra Wills**  
**Nicole Wilson**  
**Jeff and Mariah Windt**  
**Jonah**

## Missionary of the Week

**LIAN AND CLARA TOMBING  
 INDIA**

- Pray for the construction of the kitchen building. Hopefully it will be completed by the end of December.
- Pray for the fund drive for the start-up capital. They are raising about 80% of their total goal of \$31,800. Please pray the Lord will provide by the end of December.
- The Lord has opened another door to plant one more church in Mualkoi Village. Please pray for this church plant and for the \$10,000 they need to raise.
- Pray for the General Assembly Mission Conference on December 12-15, 2013.

Join us for a special presentation of  
*"Music of J. S. Bach"*  
 Sunday, December 8, 2013  
 at our 6:00 evening worship service.  
 Please invite family and friends to share in this  
 special service to the glory of God.

### WIC Circles' Christmas Parties

**WIC Circle 3** will meet at the home of Grace Cooley on December 10th. Members may meet at the church parking lot at 10 am to car pool.

**WIC Circle 5** will meet at the home of Lynne Outzs on December 10th at 11:30 am.



### Gingerbread House Contest



Wednesday, December 11, 5:45 pm  
 Categories: Difficulty, Most Creative and Theme  
 Age Groups:  
 (3-7 yrs. ) (8-12 yrs. ) (13-17 yrs. ) (18 yrs.-adult)  
 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for each age group.  
 See Jessica LaBombard for packets.

### Jr. High Christmas Party

Friday, December 13, 2013 @ 6:30 pm  
 Home of Joe and Leslie Martin  
 9 Ottaway Drive, Greenville, SC 29605  
 271-2022

### Young At Heart

DECEMBER 16, 2013 @ 11:45 AM  
 FELLOWSHIP HALL  
 Our Christmas luncheon will be extra special! We will have a delicious luncheon for \$8.00 per person payable at the door. After the luncheon we will go to the sanctuary for a musical concert given by David and Julianne Diehl who have operatic trained voices. What a way to go into the Christmas season!

### Treasurer's Report

NOVEMBER 2013 & YTD Financial Status

Actual

	Nov. 2013	YTD 2013	YTD Budget
Offerings	108,110	949,274	975,081
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	82,206	788,350	851,808
Mission Disbursements	42,754	142,063	123,273
Total Outlays	124,960	930,413	975,081
Net Offerings	(16,850)	18,861	

- Contributions in November 2013 were \$108,110 versus budget of \$88,644.
- Contributions in Nov. 2012 were \$119,407. 2013 YTD contributions are behind budget by \$25,807 and \$36,202 ahead of YTD contributions in 2012.
- Operating expenses for Nov. 2013 were \$82,206 versus the budget of \$77,437.
- Missions and Benevolences for the 4th Quarter 2013 were be paid in November 2013.
- 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 Bobby Mann, Jeremy Weaver, or David Rainey.

### 2014 Offering Envelopes

The 2014 offering envelopes are being prepared. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 18. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes.

### Christmas Poinsettias Deadline Dec. 12

I would like to purchase \_\_\_ Poinsettia (s) at \$10.00 ea. Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Family Night Christmas Dinner  
 and Program  
 Wednesday, December 18 @ 5:45  
 Church Gym



### Jessamines' Christmas Party



Jessamine girls and moms are invited to the home of Sarah Grubbs on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 7 pm. We will celebrate the amazing gift of God's son as we sing Christmas carols, turn our hearts to Mary's song of praise in God's Word, share delicious desserts, and craft ornaments for our beloved shut ins. Please bring a favorite Christmas cookie and dessert to share. If you play a musical instrument (mom or daughter), bring it along to play during our Christmas carol singing. Kindly RSVP to Sharon Phillips at 864-569-8765. Merry Christmas!

### Sr. High Christmas Party

Friday, December 20, 2013 @ 6:30 PM  
 Home of Jim and Jordan McCarthy  
 6 Propst Court, Greenville, SC 29609  
 1-904-651-9923

### College & Career 20s and 30s

CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 Friday, December 20th, 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
 Gather with friends and celebrate the season at the home of Rob and Beth Gustafson  
 15 Grove Valley Way, Greenville, SC 29605  
 Bring your favorite holiday side dish or dessert!  
 RSVP: marjorieelizabethgustafson@gmail.com  
 Home: 864-438-1050

### Baptism

J. C. Edward LaBombard received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 24, 2013. We are thankful for the LaBombard family and pray for JC and for Millie that they will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.



following the example of the early church in Acts 6, that the Holy Spirit calls deacons to service through the acclamation of the church congregation. This week, we will continue this practice through the election of deacons. All these men have been nominated by the congregation, approved by the elders, completed an extensive training program designed to ensure their competence in both doctrine and the duties of this office, and then have each been interviewed by the Session. Most important for us this week are the biblical qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3:8-13: deacons should be reverent and honest, self-controlled, not self-serving, and sound in their faith. The godliness of their wives, if they are married, should commend them to the church, as well as the good order of their households. In sum, deacons who will oversee the people and property of the church should have demonstrated such ability in their sphere of their private lives. None of these men are perfect and all have areas for Christian growth, like the rest of us. But their election should signify the congregation's confidence in their commitment to Christ, their maturity as believers, and their established reputation for godliness.

Third, having considered our debt to the deacons and our need for new deacons, let me say a word to those who will be elected. No doubt, you will quickly realize that this is a serious commitment, but there are reasons for you to take up this obligation. First, it is no small thing for the church to set you forth to serve in such an important way. It is my view that one should be reverently open to callings to serve in the church. God calls us into service, and service as a deacon is one of the highest forms. Second, there are few more important things to which one could be called in this life. We are engaged together in work with eternal significance and that is of serious concern to the Lord God Almighty Himself. Should you not be willing to sacrifice in such a cause? Third, you will be greatly blessed through faithful service as a deacon. I believe that our deacons will tell you of a great satisfaction they receive through their work and of the valuable fellowship they experience within the Diaconate. Moreover, Paul concludes his description of deacons by writing this: "For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 3:13). What a rich treasure is revealed in those words!

Please pray for God to provide for our church through new deacons who will join the ranks of those already serving. For those not called to this office, please consider how you might offer your own gifts and energies to the work of the gospel in this church. Every member of our church has an important role to play, according to the gifts and graces that Christ has given to each of us. May God meet all our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips

### Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 8th, at 10:00 am to elect Deacons and to receive and support the 2014 budget.

### Deacon Election

The Session has approved the following slate of men to go before the congregation as nominees for election to the office of Diaconate. Please find enclosed a brief biography of each nominee.

Timothy Johnson, Tony Stephens, Jerry Traynham  
Kirby Kee, Louis LaBombard

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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

Forty year ago this week the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) was formed in Birmingham, Alabama – the date was Dec 4, 1973. Second Church Commissioners present and voting in favor of the new denomination were TE Gordon K. Reed, RE's: J. Ligon Duncan, Jr., C. Stuart Patterson, Douglas Patton. Also present was future SPC pastor Paul G. Settle who would serve the new church as its first "Coordinator" for Christian Education.

From *The Presbyterian Church in America: A Brief History* by Paul Settle:

At a time when many World War II veterans were gathering to remember the "dastardly deed" at Pearl Harbor, 32 years before, 382 Presbyterian elders were mourning the destruction of their beloved denomination, the PCUS by theological liberals. But they gathered to form a new, but continuing Presbyterian Church in America. **Why?** The answer is simple. They were there for the honor of Jesus Christ and the purity of His Church.

More than 40 years of praying and working for revival and renewal reached a climax in 1973, when nearly 50,000 members announced their formal separation from the PCUS. Since the 1930's, the leaders had become increasingly liberal. Bible-believing commissioners to presbyteries, synods and General Assemblies frequently but futilely protested the corruption. Their protests were directed against five areas of compromise and heresy.

- Compromise of the spiritual mission of the Church
- Union with non-Reformed bodies
- Violations of the Church's constitution
- Failure to exercise discipline
- Theological heresy

The PCA is not a *perfect* Church but it is a *true* Church of Jesus Christ: in her churches the Word of God is faithfully preached, the sacraments are administered according to the Bible, and loving discipline is exercised. The PCA is not the only work of God in this century, but it is surely one of the most significant.

True to the Bible and the Reformed faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.



-The Editor

## Announcements Continued...

*Lessons and Carols*  
*Tuesday, December 24, 2013*

*6:00 pm*

*We will marvel with the heavenly host  
as we hear the good news of our Savior's birth  
retold in Scripture and song.*

### Men's Fellowship Lunch

The Men's Bible Study and Lunch Fellowship  
has been cancelled for Friday, December 27th

### Gym Closed

The church gym will be closed  
Dec. 31st - Jan. 4th  
The Property Committee is having the  
floor refinished.

### Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2013 charitable contribution  
deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be re-  
ceived by the church no later than December 31.

### December Schedule

- ⇒ There will be no Wednesday night activities on:  
Wednesday, December 25th  
Wednesday, January 1st
- ⇒ The Church Office will be closed:  
December 24-27
- ⇒ The West End Herald will not be mailed the week of  
December 30th.

**Rivertree Concert @ Second**  
**Friday, December 20th @ 7:30 pm**

**The Second Presbyterian Church**

105 River Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

**WORSHIP AT SECOND**  
**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**December 8, 2013**

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

**THE CITY WITH FOUNDATIONS**

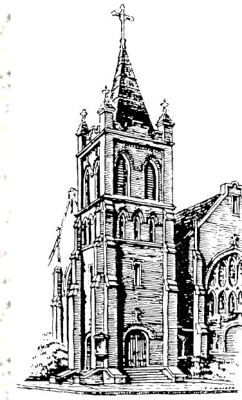
Revelation 21:9-14  
Hymns: 195, 342, 345  
Anthem: Cradle Hymn  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 PM

**THE MUSIC OF J. S. BACH**  
Presented by the Adult Choir

**THE TRUE LIGHT**  
John 1:9  
Message by Dr. Richard D. Phillips

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## Letter from the Senior Minister The Ministry of Our Deacons

At our congregational meeting this Lord's Day, we will be electing men to serve our church in the office of deacons. The Bible clearly lays out two classes of office in the church: elders to oversee and shepherd, and deacons to serve and lead in the ministry of good deeds. Our *Book of Church Order* describes the diaconal ministry as "one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need." In this ministry, the deacons minister to those in need, promote the grace of liberality in giving, collect and distribute gifts to those in need of benevolence, care for the property of the congregation, and make arrangements to facilitate the gatherings of the church congregation.

Our first response to this description of the deacons' ministry ought to be to express our collective gratitude for the labors of these faithful men. As pastor, I am especially aware of our debt to the work of the deacons; I can hardly imagine how we could conduct our services without their faithful service. I can assure you that our deacons make significant sacrifices of time and energy on behalf of our church. This inevitably means that their wives and children also make sacrifices. So let's make sure that they know how much they are appreciated. As you have opportunity, could you express your appreciation for the faithfulness and ability with which our deacons and their families serve our church?

My second reflection is to observe what an important thing it is for the Lord to provide us with new deacons. We believe,