

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 29

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
6:00 PM	Wee Worship Choir
7:15 PM	Christmas Hymn Sing

Tuesday, December 31

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

Church Office Closed

No Wednesday evening activities

*Happy New Year
from the Church Staff*

Friday, January 3

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

**REMINDER:
Church Gym Closed
December 30, 2013
thru
January 4, 2014**

Upcoming Events

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
Jan. 1	Church Office Closed
Jan. 1	No Wednesday evening activities
Jan. 5	Ordination/Installation of Deacons
Jan. 5	Fellowship Supper/Reception of Deacons
Jan. 8	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Jan. 8	Missions' Committee Meeting
Jan. 12	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Jan. 13	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
Jan. 14-15	WIC Circles
Jan. 15	Administration Committee Meeting
Jan. 19	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Jan. 20	Young At Heart
Jan. 22	CE Committee Meeting
Jan. 24	Jr. High Fellowship
Jan. 24	Sr. High Fellowship
Jan. 25	Calvary Presbytery
Jan. 26	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Scripture Reading for the Week

Isaiah 9: 6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. (ESV)

Remembering One Another

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

Gerry Rice
12 Galphin Drive
Greenville, SC 29609

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Dennis and Chris Zimmerman

Kye Zimmerman

Missionary of the Week

SPC MISSIONS

- **EVANGELISM EXPLOSION:**
Pray for the team as they visit.
Pray the Lord will prepare the hearts of the people they visit.
- **GOOD NEWS CLUBS:**
(Augusta Circle Elementary & Kroc Center)
Pray for the leaders, teachers and volunteers.
Pray for the children to be receptive to receive the Good News.
- **OUR SUPPORT MISSIONARIES:**
Pray for safety, provisions, and fruitfulness.
Pray for those that are away from their families during the Christmas season.

Some Resolutions by Jonathan Edwards

1. Resolved, that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to God's glory and to my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time...
2. Resolved to do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general...
5. Resolved, never to lose one moment of time; but improve it the most profitable way I possibly can...
7. Resolved, never to do anything that I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life...
9. Resolved, to think much on all occasions of my own dying, and of the common circumstances which attend death...
14. Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge...
21. Resolved, never to do anything that, if I should see it in another, I should count a just occasion to despise him, for, or think any way the more meanly of him.
22. Resolved, to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness in the other world as I possibly can, with all the power, mighty, vigor, and vehemence, yea, violence, I am capable of...
28. Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently that I may find, and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of them.
34. Resolved, in narrations never to speak anything but the pure and simple verity...
53. Resolved, to improve every opportunity... to cast and venture my soul on the Lord Jesus Christ, to trust and confide in him, and consecrate myself wholly to him; that from this I may have the assurance of my safety, knowing that I confide in my Redeemer.

Nursery Workers Needed

We need volunteers to work in the nursery for the next schedule. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Nursery Desk. We need workers/monitors for all time slots—8:30 Worship, Sunday School, 11:00 Worship and 6:00 pm Worship. Please prayerfully consider giving a little of your time to the precious covenant children at Second.

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.

Year-End Contributions

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

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting on January 12, 2014 at 10:00 am for the purpose of hearing a motion for "the congregation to nominate 2 new ruling Elders in 2014 and approve a schedule to nominate, train and elect." Information about how to nominate, deadlines, and training schedule will be distributed and made available at this meeting.

The Book of Church Order
"Elder"

This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop or pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office.

Deacon Ordination/Installation

Sunday, January 5, 2014
Evening Worship Service

There will be a dessert reception for the new deacons at the Church-wide Fellowship Supper immediately following the evening worship service. Please bring generous portions of your favorite dessert and share with the church family.

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 Men's Bible Study and Lunch Fellowship will not meet on Friday, December 27th.
- ⇒ The West End Herald will not be mailed the week of December 30th.
- ⇒ The church gym will be closed Dec. 31st-Jan 4th

MR. AND MRS. JON ANDREW GUEST
REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

HELEN ELIZABETH

TO

MR. SAMUEL ALLEN MARTIN



FRIDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN
AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
SECOND PREBYTERIAN CHURCH

Year by year our Father's mercies and graces are multiplied to us. One of our traditions at the Christmas season is to recount the Lord's many gifts to us – starting with the Greatest Gift (by far!!!), the gift of His Only and Beloved Son. But we also remember the many gifts our Father gives us with our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:32). And we count our Second Presbyterian church family as one of the greatest gifts our loving Father has given to us. You are our joy and our crown, our family and our friends, our field and our fellowship. When we are absent (thankfully not often), we miss you, your smiles, your encouragement, and your care and concern. Each of you is a special part of the intricate gift given to us. Some of you add color, some depth, some breadth, some excitement, some wisdom, some knowledge, some experience, some freshness, some strength, some tenderness, and some kindness and mercy. We love our church family and ask our heavenly Father to bring you His Peace and Love and Grace as we celebrate Christmas and the New Year, 2014!!!

Love in Christ,
Robert And Jenny



Baptism

Emily Kathryn Reese received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 22, 2013. We are thankful for the Reese family and pray that Emily, Owen, and Andrew will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.

**Christmas Hymn Sing
Sunday, December 29, 2013
immediately following the pm service.**

Save The Date

2014 MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET
February 14, 2014

WIC DAY OF PRAYER
February 15, 2014

CAJAMARCA, PERU MISSION TRIP
June 6-13, 2014

MISSION TRIP TO MTW CHEROKEE
June 7-14, 2014

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS
June 17-20, 2014

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ SECOND
June 23-27, 2014

SENIOR HIGH TRIP TO EDISTO ISLAND, SC
July 7-12, 2014

**MISSION TRIP TO CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN
IN ANDERSON, SC**
July 14-18, 2014

JUNIOR HIGH TRIP TO RIDGE HAVEN
July 21-25, 2014

*Mark Your Calendars and Plan Early!!
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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

Dearest Church Family,

Lynda and I are grateful for this congregation and it's a joy to be a part of such a loving covenant community. We appreciate the faithful Bible preaching and teaching we receive week after week and we revel in the glorious worship of the triune God on each Christian Sabbath. We love our elders' commitment to Westminster Calvinism and Presbyterian government. We are blessed with so many relationships we have made in the Lord here especially older saints who have lovingly shown us that our hearts must not be set on things below but on heaven above. We rejoice that our children are making Christian friendships and begun their first steps within Christian faith and experience. Second is a special place of which to be a part.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:5)

Each day as I leave the corner of River and Rhett Streets I often pray a particular prayer for Second. Asking God's blessing on the congregation, our pastor & officers, our building, our people's well-being and our collective work: done and undone, spiritual and temporal.

On behalf of my wife Lynda and our children Ford, Frances and Mary Elizabeth we would like to collectively wish you the congregation of Second Church the merriest of Christmases and happiest of New Years.

Your Friend,
Mel

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.



-The Editor

A Psalm for the New Year

A Prayer of Moses - a Man of God

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night. You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil. Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY

December 29, 2013

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE TEMPLE OF THE GLORY OF GOD

Revelation 21:22-27

Hymns: 30, 53, 62

Anthem: What Child-Is This?

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

BEING FOUND IN CHRIST

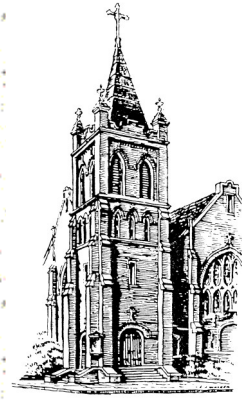
Philippians 3:7-11

Hymns: 499, 518, 706

Psalter: Psalm 38 (11-22)

Mr. Scott Cook preaching

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Christmas Letters from our Pastors

On behalf of our whole family, Sharon and I wish each and every one of you a wonderful Christmas celebration this year. Your love and support of our ministry in this church is a true gift to us and we are so grateful to serve this community of believers. In the busyness of the holiday, may the Lord enable us all to open our hearts with joy for the birth of our Savior and the salvation he has brought into our world. We rejoice to celebrate Christmas with you and hope that you will be blessed both in the gatherings of our church and with your families in your homes. May the Lord bless you.

In Christ's love,

The Phillips Family