

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 28

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
9:45 AM Membership Class
9:50 AM Children's Chapel
10:00 AM Diaconate Training
10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
6:00 PM Wee Worship
7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Tuesday, September 30

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, October 1

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
5:00 PM WIC Council
5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
6:15 PM Children's Choir (1st-4th grade)
6:15 PM Covenant Choir (5th-8th grade)
6:15 PM Youth Ensemble (Sr. High & College)
6:45 PM Diaconate Training (S-309)
6:55 PM CAT Kids
6:55 PM Covenant Kids
6:55 PM Sr. High Bible Study
6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
7:25 PM College & 20's Class
7:25 PM **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

- 9:30 AM WIC Bible Study

Friday, October 3

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

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 24 CE Committee Meeting
Sept. 24 Missions Committee Meeting
Sept. 24 Called Session Meeting
Sept. 25 Mission to Greenville (downtown)
Sept. 26 Jr. High Fellowship
Sept. 27 FALL CHURCH PICNIC
Sept. 28 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Sept. 28 Diaconate Training begins
Oct. 1 WIC Council
Oct. 8 Pastoral Care Committee
Oct. 8 Missions Committee
Oct. 9 Evangelism Explosion Training begins
Oct. 12 Worship & Music Committee
Oct. 13 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
Oct. 14-15 WIC Circles
Oct. 15 Administration Committee
Oct. 17-18 WIC Ladies Fall Retreat
Oct. 19 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
Oct. 20 Young At Heart
Oct. 22 CE Committee Meeting
Oct. 23 Calvary Presbytery
Oct. 24 Jr. High Fellowship
Oct. 24 Sr. High Fellowship
Oct. 26 REFORMATION SUNDAY
Oct. 26 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Oct. 29 REFORMATION PARTY

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 48:1-3

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress. (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.

Roy and Edna Heath
17 Green Hill Drive
Simpsonville, SC 29681
963-5824

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Lucille Lindsay

**Laura Lizak
Hanna**

David and Sharon Lock

Missionary for the Week



REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Rev & Mrs. Stephen Speaks

The start of the 2014 fall semester marks the 30th year of RUF at Clemson University. RUF seeks to minister to Clemson students by giving a heart-felt witness to the person and work of Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to cultivate mature relationships among students that manifest themselves in a love for others, a heart for service, and a deep intimacy with the Living God. We hope to see the Kingdom of God advance beyond the Clemson campus by being a loving witness and a helping neighbor for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We long to see hearts changed by the Gospel of grace and to see students live lives of significance during and after college.

FALL CHURCH PICNIC



Saturday, September 27

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Lunch-11:30 AM
(rain or shine)

Herdklotz Park

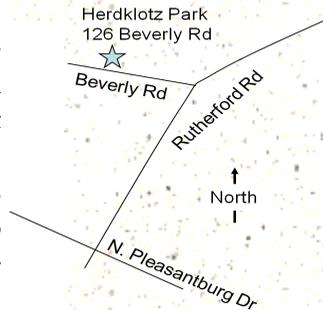
126 Beverly Road, Greenville

The Deacons will provide the meat and drinks.

Everyone please bring salads, side dishes and desserts.

There will be a dessert contest!

Come join us for food, fellowship and fun at the 2014 Fall Picnic. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM but come early. There are playgrounds and lots of room to run at the park, so bring your footballs and Frisbees.



Membership Class

Sunday, September 28th

9:45 am

Classroom C-209

"The Doctrines of Grace"

Pastor Phillips

Parking at Second next 2 weekends

—Saturday, September 27th is the Susan B. Koman Race for the Cure. Many thousands will be walking/running by the church/West End. City police will be blocking River Street but O'Neil/Rhett Streets will be left open.

—Sunday, October 5th is a walk for Homelessness through West End. This happens Sunday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. It is a smaller race and should not effect our services but just be aware of these events if you plan to be at the church during these times.

Reformation Party

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

We need booths, prizes, and candy.

If you would like to sponsor a booth see or call
Scott Cook, (ext. 25).

If you would like to donate candy and/or prizes,
please mark them for Reformation party and leave in the gym.

Elizabeth Johnson

and

Willy Madrid

were married the eleventh of January, 2014
in Trujillo, Peru.

They would like to celebrate their marriage
with family and friends at a wedding reception
on Friday, the tenth of October, 2014
from seven to nine in the evening
at Second Presbyterian Church (in the gym).

Elizabeth and Willy are registered at
Belk and Bed Bath & Beyond.

**Memorial Flowers: Dates Open
Oct. 12th; Nov. 2nd, 16th & 30th**



Evangelism Explosion Training

Have you ever wanted to tell a friend or relative about Jesus, but did not know how to start or what to say? Evangelism Explosion is an evangelistic training program designed to equip you to tell others the good news about Jesus Christ. The fall semester will begin Thursday, October 9, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Please call or see Ken Safford (419-8267) to sign up, or if you have any questions.

The Great Escape



SPC Women In the Church
Fall Retreat

October 17-18, 2014

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly

Black Mountain, NC

The cost for the Great Escape 2014 is \$85.00 per person,
if paid by October 1 (\$95 for later registrations).

Cost includes food and lodging based on double
occupancy (Standard rooms have two double beds).
Registration forms are available throughout the church.

If you have any questions you may contact
Alice Barnett (864-906-0166).

2015 Budget Planning

Planning and preparations will soon begin for the 2015 Church Budget. Please be in prayer for the church officers as they plan the finances for the upcoming year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see the Committee Chairman, Bobby Mann, or Jeremy Weaver.

Volunteers Needed

Greenville Presbyterian Seminary needs volunteers to work a few hours each week in the reception office and perhaps the library. If you are interested call 322-2717.

Church Calendar

Plan early and get your event on the church calendar!

Fall through Christmas is a very busy time in the life of the church. We are asking that you get your event on the church calendar early as dates fill up fast. Call the church office (232-7621, ext. 10) or email (jgrant@spcgreenville.org).



One main function of the creed was to combat heresy. In the early church there was particularly a tendency for people to deny that Jesus was fully a human being. From time to time the heresy appeared that God the Son merely occupied the man Jesus, rather than the Bible's teaching that the man Jesus is God the Son. In response, the Apostles' Creed emphasizes that God's eternally existing Son "was born of the virgin Mary." As the angel assured Mary, Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit so that her child would properly be called "the Son of the Most High" (Lk. 1:32). Therefore, just as we confess that God's Son was "conceived by the Holy Ghost" and "born of the virgin Mary," we also insist that it was God the Son who "suffered under Pontius Pilate" and was crucified, died, and was buried. Thus the Apostles' Creed confesses the essential truth that Jesus Christ our Savior is God's only Son and our Lord.

There are two phrases in the Apostles' Creed that sometimes confuse Christians. One is the confession that we believe in the "holy catholic church." This does not entail a recognition of the Roman Catholic Church as the one true church. The word "catholic" means "universal." What we are confessing is that there is one Christian church consisting of all true believers in the Lord Jesus, along with their children, and thus our commitment to the spiritual unity of the visible church.

The second confusing statement that most churches include in the Apostles' Creed states that Jesus "descended into hell." This does not stipulate any particular theory regarding the period between the death and resurrection of Jesus, but simply makes the point that God's Son truly came under the power of death and lay in the realm of death (in Greek, hell = hades, the realm of the dead). This statement seems to have been inserted into the Apostles' Creed in response to heresies that denied that Jesus ever really experienced death. While the statement that Jesus "descended into hell" is true – His body and soul did abide in death for three days – this is also the item that has the least biblical support. Given that the New Testament has virtually no information to give us regarding the location of Jesus' spirit during the period while His body lay in death (1 Pet. 3:19 is the only direct reference, and its meaning is debatable, to say the least), I think the Southern Presbyterian tradition of omitting the statement from the Apostles' Creed is a prudent one. Therefore, we do not include this statement in our profession of the Apostles' Creed.

Some people might understandably wonder why we at Second retain the older language that seems archaic today. Why don't we use an updated version of the Apostles' Creed, referring to the "Holy Spirit" instead of the "Holy Ghost", and even replacing "catholic church"



with "universal church"? First, there is nothing wrong with using a more up-to-date version of the Apostles' Creed. But there are also good reasons, I think, to retain the old language. One of the points of the Confession of Faith is to tangibly link us today with the Christians who have gone before us. I like the fact that we use the very words used by English-speaking Christians for hundreds of years. Moreover, it is important that we not surrender good and valuable words, like catholic, to those who would co-opt them in false teaching. If we surrender words, we surrender ideas, and that is greatly to be avoided. But doesn't our current practice of using old language require us to make explanations? Yes (hence this letter). But that is a good thing. It is important for us to understand what we are doing and the truths we are affirming. And the older language provokes us to ask and understand, and thus serve the purpose of the creed.

I know you will be blessed as you learn and proclaim this great statement of faith that unites all true Christians. As Christians, we are not just individuals. The Creed reminds us that we are part of something so much bigger than ourselves – one holy catholic and apostolic church, all over the world and from all centuries. As we proclaim our faith in our worship service, we join with all those other Christians in one voice. Imagine how much glory it gives to God when the whole church speaks in one voice, affirming our faith in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our Triune Savior God.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



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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

PARKING UPDATE

Evening and weekend enforcement is still in effect in the SPC parking lot. A reminder that anytime you park at SPC during non-business hours please show attendants your SPC car sticker id, or tell Lanier parking employees that you are a member. Daytime parking at SPC during business hours should only be in unnumbered spaces. Incidents should be reported to the Administrator.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We invite you to enjoy SPC social media online on your smart phone or portable device. Literally thousands of church family pictures from throughout the last year are archived at **Facebook.com/SPCGreenville** including recent church events, as well as daily church activities, missionary information and links to interesting items. **SermonAudio** has recently updated its "church app" making listening to preaching content from Dr. Phillips (very easy) to access on your smart phone, iPad or tablet. Download "SermonAudio" on GooglePlay or iTunes and then search for *Second Presbyterian Church Greenville, SC*. We also invite you to visit the recently redesigned **WestEndHerald.com** for pastoral letters and **RiverandRhett.com** for SPC local church history resources. We are grateful for the small army of social media volunteers who create, shape and edit content for SPC Media.

Christianity 101

"Free Will"

God has endued the will of man with that natural liberty, that is neither forced, nor, by any absolute necessity of nature, determined good, or evil. Man, in his state of innocency, had freedom, and power to will and to do that which was good and well pleasing to God; but yet, mutably, so that he might fall from it. Man, by his fall into a state of sin, has wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation: so as, a natural man, being altogether averse from that good, and dead in sin, is not able, by his own strength, to convert himself, or to prepare himself thereunto. When God converts a sinner, and translates him into the state of grace, He frees him from his natural bondage under sin; and, by His grace alone, enables him freely to will and to do that which is spiritually good; yet so, as that by reason of his remaining corruption, he does not perfectly, or only, will that which is good, but does also will that which is evil. The will of man is made perfectly and immutably free to do good alone in the state of glory only.

TRUTH FOR LIFE
Sunday School at Second
10:00 am

YOUNG ADULT & PRIMARY AGE CLASSES

~Senior High Class, Grades 9-12 - S-308
 Scott Cook teaching "A Way to Pray"

~Jr. High Class, Grades 5-8 - S-307
 Jeff Windt teaching Psalm Chapters 1-12

*SPC Greenville uses Great Commission Publications
 Curriculum (PCA) for the following classes:*

- ~3rd & 4th Grade - C-210 (Dr. Steve Schvaneveldt)
- ~1st & 2nd Grade - C-212 (Cindy Mann)
- ~4 & 5 Year Olds - C-213 (Cyndi Player)
- ~3 Year Olds - King's Kids Class, NURSERY
 (Doug & Susan McDaniel)
- ~2 Year Olds - Sunbeams Class, NURSERY (Debbie Martin)

ADULTS

- ~ACTS Class - *Intergenerational*
 Gresham Conference Room, Robert Spears teaching Daniel
- ~Chapel Class - *Intergenerational*
 Winn Chapel, Dr. Barry Waugh teaching
 Westminster Confession of Faith
- ~Fellowship Class - *Intergenerational*
 S-304, Rob Gustafson teaching 2 Timothy
- ~Westminster Class - *Intergenerational*
 Fellowship Hall, Bobby Mann teaching 1 Corinthians
- ~College & 20's Class - *Intended for those in their 20's & 30's*
 Scout Hut, John Duncan teaching "How to Study the Bible"

SPECIAL TEACHING

- ~Membership Class - *Anyone*
 C-209, Dr. Richard D. Phillips & Rev. Robert Spears
 teaching Basics of the Faith
- ~Diaconate Training - *Deacon Nominees*
 S-309, Melton L. Duncan teaching
 Westminster Confession of Faith

The Second Presbyterian Church

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 Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY
September 28, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE GLORY OF GOD IN SALVATION

Ephesians 2:7

Hymns: 4, 170, 546

Anthem: Saints of God, Wake the Earth
 Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
 6:00 PM

A HYMN TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD

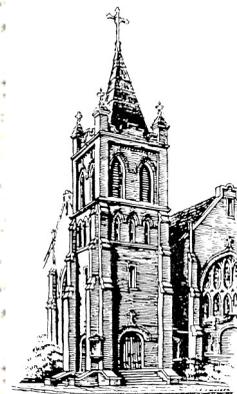
Psalm 78:39-72

Hymns: 125, 184, 366

Psalter: Psalm 60 (verses 6-11)

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Letter from the Senior Minister
Apostles' Creed

Every week in our morning worship service, we profess our faith together. This is an important part of our worship and is most appropriate for us to do. In some respects, this is my favorite portion of the worship service. In this dark world that suppresses the knowledge of God, we the people of God have the privilege of standing together and with one voice sounding forth the truth of God and salvation. We are just one congregation, but in my mind's eye I see us standing together with all the Christians throughout the world. We are not silent, but we confess the faith that has been handed down to us. Moreover, I see us standing together with all Christians of all times. When we profess the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed, we should be conscious that we are making public solidarity with the early church, faithful Christians in the middle ages, the Protestant Reformers, and our forebears the Puritans and the American pioneers. To confess the creed is to take a stand for God, Christ, and the gospel publicly. We do not "recite the creeds" but we sound them forth with one voice and full hearts.

Most frequently, Second Church confesses the Apostles' Creed. This confession of faith was developed in the early church to teach and safeguard the core truths of Christianity. It is apostolic not in that it was written by the apostles themselves - it was not - but in that it summarizes the main teachings of the apostles as acknowledged by the Church from its earliest days. In ancient times, many people were unable to read, and so a brief confession that they could memorize was a help. The Creed was also used as a form of baptismal examination. These were the truths you had to affirm to be accepted as a Christian. Similarly, knowing the Apostles' Creed is an aid to our witness of the gospel. These are the core truths that we believe about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So make sure you know what it all means and use the Apostles' Creed to share your faith.