

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 9

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**
 12:30 PM High School Lunch and Fellowship
 4:15 PM Called Session Meeting
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 6:00 PM Wee Worship
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, November 10

6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 11

10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 6:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

Wednesday, November 12

4:30 PM Mites Basketball practice
 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:30 PM Missions' Committee Meeting
 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)
 6:55 PM CAT Kids
 6:55 PM Covenant Kids
 6:55 PM Sr. High Bible Study
 6:55 PM WIC Circle 6
 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
 8:20 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice

Thursday, November 13

9:30 AM WIC Bible Study
 4:00 PM I-Mites Basketball practice
 5:00 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Friday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 15

2:00 PM Sr. High Girls' Basketball practice
 Jr. High Fellowship

Upcoming Events

Nov. 9 High School Lunch and Fellowship
 Nov. 9 Called Session Meeting
 Nov. 9 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Nov. 10 Session Meeting
 Nov. 11-12 WIC Circles
 Nov. 12 Missions Committee Meeting
 Nov. 14 Sr. High Fellowship
 Nov. 15 Jr. High Fellowship
 Nov. 16 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 Nov. 16 Called Session Meeting
 Nov. 17 Young At Heart
 Nov. 19 Administration Committee Meeting
 Nov. 20 College Friends Giving
 Nov. 23 New Members' Reception and Luncheon
 Nov. 23 Evangelism & Church Growth Committee
 Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Supper and Service
 Nov. 27-28 Church Office Closed
 Nov. 29 WIC Decorating for Christmas
 Nov. 30 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting

Mark Your Calendars!

⇒ Chancel Choir Christmas Music	Dec. 7
⇒ Churchwide Choir Reception	Dec. 7
⇒ Gingerbread House Contest	Dec. 10
⇒ Youth Christmas Caroling	Dec. 10
⇒ Good Grief Dinner	Dec. 11
⇒ Congregation Meeting-Deacon election	Dec. 14
⇒ Christmas Dinner/Program	Dec. 17
⇒ Lessons and Carols	Dec. 24
⇒ Christmas Hymn Sing	Dec. 28
⇒ No Wednesday night activities	Dec. 31

Plan early and get your event on the church calendar!

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.

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 111:1-3

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. (ESV)

Remembering One Another

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

Gerry Rice
 12 Galphin Drive
 Greenville, SC 29609
 244-4473

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Dan and Patty Maycock
Daniel, Benjamin, Samuel

Rich and Lois McCall

Bill and Rebekah McDaniel

Missionary for the Week

Bethany Christian Services November is National Adoption Month

Thousands of children in the U. S. foster care system are waiting to be adopted. Through adoption, these children can have a permanent family that provides the love, stability, and guidance they desperately need. Please join Bethany Christian Services this November in raising awareness and praying for children in foster care who are waiting for a family to call their own. Bethany's N.O.W. (No One Without) campaign is an initiative to ensure no child goes without a loving family. You can learn more about this program and how you can help at www.bethany.org.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

Nov. 6th	8:00 pm	Men	W. Pres.
Nov. 8th	9:30 am	Jr. High Girls	Christ Church
Nov. 8th	10:30 am	Jr. High Boys	Home
Nov. 8th	10:30 am	Mites	W. Pres. II
Nov. 8th	12:30 pm	I-Mites	Finlay Hall
Nov. 10th	7:00 PM	Sr. High Girls	TLC
Nov. 10th	7:00 PM	Sr. High Boys	OLR

Pack a Shoe Box

Operation Christmas Child
"The Power of A Simple Gift"
 Shoe boxes with instructions on how to pack a shoe box are located throughout the church. If you have any questions contact Pat Tyner (244-5688).
Boxes need to be in the church office by Nov. 16th.

Young At Heart

The November Young At Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon will be Monday, November 17th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of this delicious catered meal is \$8.00 per person payable at the door. The Handbell Choir from Shepherd's Care will join us to share God's love through the ringing of the bells. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special time of fellowship and thanksgiving.

You are invited to the wedding of
Amy Stevens
and
Garison Plourde
*Saturday, November 22, 2014 * 2:00 pm*
Second Presbyterian Church
Reception following in church gymnasium

New Members' Luncheon





All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members,
Sunday, November 23, 2014
 immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.
Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.
Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
Wednesday, November 26
Dinner : 5:45 PM - Gym
Service: 7:00 PM - Sanctuary


The Church Office will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 27th and Friday, Nov. 28th
for Thanksgiving.

A Great Event

Christ Church Presbyterian in Charleston, SC will host its second annual *Charleston Christmas Conference on Reformed Theology* December 5-7th, 2014. The theme is *The Nativity and the Cross*. Guest speakers include Dr. Carl Trueman and Dr. Harry Reeder. In addition, Mr. Michael Giuliani will direct a special conference Christmas choir and ensemble. *Reformation Heritage Books* will be present with hundreds of great titles. For those interested, there will be a pastor's pre-conference with Drs. Trueman and Reeder on Friday, Dec. 5th as well. Come join us for a terrific weekend in charming Charleston! For more information and registration please go to www.christchurchcharleston.org.



 **"Joy to the World"** 
December 7, 2014
 The Chancel Choir will present an evening of carols for choir and orchestra at the evening worship service.
 Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family and don't miss this Christmas celebration.

Gingerbread House Contest

 **Wednesday, December 10th** 
3 Tutorials (easy, medium, difficult) available December 3rd
in the Fellowship Hall @ 7:30 pm
 Contest packets available from Jessica LaBombard

The will be a Congregation Informational Budget meeting on Nov. 30, 2014.

Christmas Poinsettias

 It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. This year you may purchase a white Poinsettia for \$10.00. Orders will need to be in by Dec. 10th. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. **(Do not put in the offering plate.)** 

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



Parents may do all the right things in rearing their children, but without prayer their efforts will be in vain. We may say all the right things in our witness to unbelievers, but without prayer we will fail to open the hardened heart. The rule for all Christian work and for the entire Christian life is the one given to the prophet Zechariah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord (Zec 4:6). And Jesus has promised, "Your heavenly Father [will] give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him" (Lk 11:13).

Why does God insist that we pray in our service to Him? I can think of three answers at least. First, God wants us to always remember that we are wholly dependent on His grace. "Apart from me you can do nothing," Jesus said (Jn 15:5), but we are constantly tempted to think otherwise. Second, God desires the fellowship of our hearts. He does not so much desire us to do things *for Him* as to do things *with Him*. He wants our works to be His works, and so He provides for in answer to our prayers. Third, God will share His glory with no one, and it is as we rely on His answers to our prayers that we are constantly reminded that all the glory for all that we do belongs to Him and Him alone.

With this in mind, I want to urge you to be devoted to prayer. Start in your private life. I know that most Christians are weak in prayer, so I would suggest that you simply start setting aside regular periods of time to pray to the Lord. It doesn't have to be a long period of time, but it should be regular. A good approach to prayer is to follow the ACTS formula; begin with *Adoration*, as we praise God for who and what he is; next is *Confession* of our sin, including specific wrongs we know we have committed; then we *Thank* God for His blessing in our lives (most of us are far too thankless, little aware of the many ways God has heaped His goodness upon us) and finally we offer our *Supplications*, asking God's help for our personal affairs, for the needs of others, for God's power in the church, and for the cause of Christ in the world.

Most importantly, I urge you to support the prayer meetings of our church. There are no sweeter times of spiritual refreshment than those of corporate prayer. If you don't feel comfort-



able praying aloud, you do not have to, but you will benefit from your spiritual participation. One of the best gauges of a church's spiritual strength is the attendance of its prayer meeting, and I am confident that if we are to make a difference for Christ in Greenville it will be because we have committed ourselves to prayer. We have two weekly prayer meetings: Wednesday evening following the fellowship meal and Sunday afternoon at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. I know that not everyone can come to the prayer meetings every week, but if you can come I would urge you to do so. Not only do I know that you will be blessed, but I know that our prayers will make a difference. And your participation will not only encourage me greatly, and encourage others in our church, but it will be greatly blessed by God Himself.

May the Lord bless you this Lord's Day.

Yours in Christ,
Richard D. Phillips
Senior Minister



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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 - 6:55 PM
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

Letter from the Music Director

"I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you," these words of the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome summarize my attitude well as I consider the privilege of ministering among you as your director of music. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this particular work of God called Second Presbyterian Church, and though my family and I have been here only a short time we feel a great spiritual kinship with you, and continue to thank God for allowing us to be a part of this exceptional body of believers.

As the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who might be considering participation in our "holy-day" musical offerings. This Wednesday the Chancel Choir, in addition to our regular preparations for weekly Lord's Day worship, will begin to focus our attention on the upcoming seasons. If you have been wondering when a good time to join the choir would be, the answer is—now! The commitment of an hour and a half each Wednesday, from 7:30 to 9:00, is what is required, along with a willing spirit to use your voice and heart to proclaim the greatness of our glorious God! Bases are especially needed at the present time.

Please remember to invite friends and extended family to the Chancel Choir's musical presentation "Joy to the World," an evening of carols for choir and orchestra to be presented in our Sunday evening service on December 7. We would greatly appreciate your prayers, for all of our choirs, as we prepare for these particular seasons of worship and celebration. May the Lord Jesus be glorified in and through them all!

Gratefully, in Christ,

Verlyn Smoker
Director of Music

At the Corner of River and Rhett

Remembering Stuart Patterson

Charles Stuart Patterson went home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 27, 2014. His Memorial Service was held in our beautiful sanctuary on Reformation Day (appropriate enough). A number of our SPC ministers spoke about his remarkable testimony, including 9th Senior Minister: Dr. Gordon Reed, 10th Senior Minister, Dr. Paul Settle and our Pastor (12th) Dr. Richard Phillips and Associate Pastor, Robert E. Spears.

At 84 years old he had served the church in every way a member or officer can serve for SPC including:

- Chancel Choir Member (he may have been the longest overall male voice member).
- Teacher (taught through every book in the Bible in his Sunday School Class).
- The Board of Deacons (where he had served as Chairman).
- Session (where he was the most Senior Member).
- 4 Pulpit Search Committees (chairing the last 3).
- Trustee (which he led).

Within the Presbytery and General Assembly he was a churchman of the highest order including:

- A founding father of the PCA
- Presbytery Moderator
- Frequently serving as a Committee Chairman or Trustee.

Professionally and personally he was known for many things, among them:

- Dean of Faculty, Furman University
- NASA project scientist
- His fascination with numbers and puzzles
- Notably a Creationist.

He was a leader on the Boards of Trustees for Christian organizations among them:

- *Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary*
- *Bailey Manor Retirement Home*
- *Bethany Christian Services*
- *Creation Study Group*

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
Psalm 116:15

The Editor



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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

November 9, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

CHRIST OUR PEACE

Ephesians 2:14

Hymns: 195, 605, 691

Anthem: Grant Us Your Peace

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

IN THE DIVINE COUNCIL

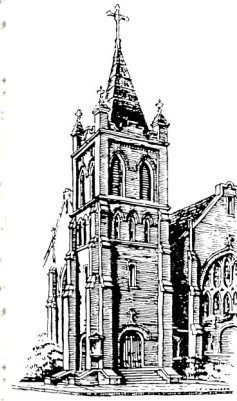
Psalm 82

Hymns: 48, 667, 166

Psalter: Psalm 65 (verses 6-13)

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Letter from the Senior Minister A Praying Church

"Behold, he is praying." These were the words given by our Lord Jesus to Ananias in Damascus to prove that Saul of Tarsus had truly been converted (Acts 9:11). "Behold, he is praying," was the best argument Jesus could give to show the reality of true faith. Charles Spurgeon comments, "If anyone should ask me for an epitome of the Christian religion, I should say it is in that one word - 'prayer.' If I should be asked, 'What will take in the whole of Christian experience?' I should answer, 'prayer.'" For this reason, one of the most important things that could be said about our church is that we are a praying church. Prayer is a sign of vibrant spiritual life in a congregation, and prayer is also a source of vibrant spiritual life in a congregation. For us to preach true doctrine, offer lovely worship, and perform good works, but without regular and fervent prayer, the reality will be that we are laboring in our own strength. But if we as private Christians and together as a church body devote ourselves to faithful, expectant prayer, then we can be confident that we labor in the strength of the Lord.

There is one vital thing I do both before and after every sermon I preach: pray. Before I preach, I pray for the power of God's Spirit to attend the proclamation of His Word. And after I preach, I make it a point to ask the Lord to bear fruit from the teaching of His gospel. The reason for these prayers is that I am so keenly aware that I lack the ability to persuade and move the heart unless God should use me. This principle is true for the entire realm of Christian service.