

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 16

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 3:45 PM Called Session Meeting
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, November 17

11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, November 18

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 5:00 PM I-Mites Basketball practice
 6:30 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Wednesday, November 19

6:30 PM Men's Bible Study
 4:30 PM Mites Basketball practice
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
 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 **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:25 PM College & 20's Class
 7:25 PM **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 PM Called Session Meeting
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 22

2:00 PM Amy Stevens/Garison Plourde wedding

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 111:4-5

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

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. 19	Called Session Meeting
Nov. 20	College Friends Giving
Nov. 22	Amy Stevens/Garison Plourde wedding
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 and Corporation Meeting
Dec. 1	Diaconate Meeting
Dec. 3	WIC Council
Dec. 3	Pastoral Care Committee
Dec. 3	Gingerbread House Contest tutorial
Dec. 3	Called Session Meeting
Dec. 7	Chancel Choir Christmas music
Dec. 7	Church-wide Choir Reception
Dec. 8	Session Meeting
Dec. 9-10	WIC Circles Christmas parties
Dec. 10	Gingerbread House Contest
Dec. 10	Youth Caroling
Dec. 11	Good Grief Dinner
Dec. 12	Fellowship Class Christmas party
Dec. 14	Congregation Meeting to elect Deacons/ receive and support 2015budget
Dec. 15	Young At Heart
Dec. 17	Family Night Christmas dinner and program
Dec. 19	College Christmas party
Dec. 20	Jr./Sr. High Christmas party
Dec. 21	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
Dec. 24	Lessons and Carols
Dec. 24	No regular Wednesday night activities
Dec. 24-26	Church Office Closed
Dec. 28	Christmas Hymn Sing
Dec. 28	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Dec. 31	No Wednesday night activities
Dec. 31	Church Office Closed

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.

Remembering One Another

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

Lila Riggins
 801 Musgrove Street
 Clinton, SC 29325

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Doug and Susan McDaniel
Andi
Mary Margaret McDowell
Jim and Betty McGoldrick

Missionary for the Week

Miracle Hill Ministries

In 1937, Miracle Hill Ministries began as a soup kitchen and small rescue mission in downtown Greenville. Since then, we have grown with the Upstate — expanding to meet the changing and diverse needs of homeless, hungry and destitute people. With your help we have become a significant provider of homeless services in South Carolina.

With locations in four upstate counties: Greenville, Spartanburg, Pickens and Cherokee – Miracle Hill operates four adult shelters, three children/youth shelters and eight thrift stores. We are home to two highly successful, Christ-centered addiction recovery programs: Renewal for women, and Overcomers for men. We also license foster care families in the Upstate and recently started a new family support program to provide family strengthening.

Basketball Schedule for the Week

Nov. 13th	7:00 pm	Women	Christ Church
Nov. 13th	8:00 pm	Men	W. Pres.
Nov. 15th	8:30 am	Jr. High Boys	Home
Nov. 15th	10:30 am	Jr. High Girls	St. George
Nov. 15th	1:30 pm	Mites	W. Pres. II
Nov. 17th	6:00 PM	Sr. High Girls	Home
Nov. 17th	8:00 PM	Sr. High Boys	W. Pres.

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes need to be in the church office by Nov. 16th.

Historical Room

Continuing the display series for charter members of Second Church, the case over the mantle in the history room has a display for Dr. W. S., Mary, and Sarah A. Pack. Come and learn about the early history of your church.

Young At Heart

The Nov. Young At Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon will be Monday, Nov. 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

Congregational Meetings

An Informational Budget Meeting has been scheduled for **November 30th** after the evening worship service. The Session has called a Congregation and Corporation Meeting **December 14th** at 10:00 am for the purposes of:
 1) Electing up to 9 Deacons to the Board of Deacons.
 2) Formally presenting the 2015 SPC Budget.
 3) Elect a new Trustee for the SPC Corporation.
 At the November Session meeting the Elders unanimously elected RE C. Douglas McDaniel to be its nominee for the open Trustee position.

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

"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 L LaBombard

A Great Event

Christ Church Presbyterian, Charleston, SC will host its second annual *Reformed Theology Conference* *The Nativity and the Cross* December 5-7, 2014
 Speakers: Dr. Carl Trueman and Dr. Harry Reeder
 Registration: www.christchurchcharleston.org

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 # _____



Jesus' first priority in prayer is that we should approach God as children approach a loving Father. This is possible only for those who are God's children through faith in Christ (cf. Jn. 1:12). But believers should never approach God fearing reluctance or disfavor on his part. He is our loving Father, and He delights to hear us when we pray.

Secondly, when we come to God in prayer, our first concern should always be to worship and adore Him: "Hallowed be your name," Jesus begins (Mt. 6:9). This means, "May your name be regarded as holy." It is a good practice always to begin a time of prayer by worshiping God. A good way to do this is by praising and thanking God for His attributes – love, holiness, truth, faithfulness, goodness, etc. – and for His great saving works. If all we did in prayer were to thank and glorify God for His wondrous gift of salvation, then prayer would be very worthwhile. Moreover, Jesus wants us to have a great concern for God's work in the world: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Mt. 6:10). We should pray for the success of the gospel, for the holiness and blessing of the church, for protection for missionaries, for the faith of children, for the godliness of marriages, and for our own witness to the world. Concerns like these should occupy a priority of concern in our private prayer lives.

Next, Jesus urges us to pray for our needs. He teaches: "Give us this day our daily bread" (Mt. 6:11). Notice that bread speaks to needs, not merely to wants. Notice, too, that it is daily provision that we are to seek. But Christians should unburden themselves with all kinds of care, including health, relationships, material needs, sorrows, and struggles. The apostle Peter urges us, "Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you" (1 Pet. 5:7).

Moreover, we need to confess our sins to the Lord and seek His forgiveness. Jesus is not teaching an automatic approach to forgiveness, whereby only the sins we remember and confess will be forgiven. Instead, he is teaching us to deal with our sins in relationship with God. We are to seek and gain the cleansing of our consciences for sins we have committed, knowing that "the blood of Jesus [God's] Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 Jn. 1:7). We are also to keep our consciences tender by not neglecting to face our sins and sinful tendencies. God cares very much about our holiness, and He wants us to bring our sins into His presence for



cleansing and also to empower us for repentance and new obedience. Additionally, Jesus wants us to realize that our own forgiveness obliges us to have a forgiving attitude toward others: "as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Mt. 6:12).

Finally, Jesus urges us to speak about our temptations. How important it is in our private prayers for us to discuss candidly with God the ways we tend to enter into sin. We should pray for God to strengthen us against temptations – especially ones we are aware of – and ask Him to help us to walk in the light. "But deliver us from evil," Jesus concludes (Mt. 6:13). Interestingly, in the Greek original there is a definite article here. Jesus says "deliver us from *the* evil." Surely this points to the presence of spiritual enemies, including Satan and also sinful structures in society.

Let me encourage you to look to the Lord's Prayer for a well-balanced, rightly prioritized prayer life. And let me encourage you to pray. What a difference it makes to our lives when we spend time with the Lord, and what a pleasure it is for Him to fellowship with our trusting hearts.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



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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



The Biggest Heresy In America

Thanks to a recent survey by *Ligonier Ministries* and *Lifeway Research* we now know the biggest heresy in America. Pushing errors regarding the trinity and the church into second and third place is the denial of the Bible's teaching about the doctrine of sin, especially in the related areas of *human depravity and human inability*. I say "related" because what we believe about human depravity impacts what we believe about human ability; what we are determines what we can or cannot do.

Regarding human depravity, the research showed:

- 67% agree "Everyone sins at least a little, but most people are by nature good."
- 40% agree "God loves me because of the good I do or have done."

Regarding human inability, the statistics were:

- Only 16% agree with the doctrine that says "people do not have the ability to turn to God on their own initiative."
- 71% of Americans agree that "an individual must contribute his/her own effort for personal salvation."
- 64% of Americans agree "a person obtains peace with God by first taking the initiative to seek God and then God responds with grace."

In summary, the vast majority believe that:

Though we sin a little, by nature we are good.

We can do good and God rewards our good deeds by loving us.

We have the ability to turn to God on our own initiative.

Salvation involves us taking the initiative that God then responds to.

~By David Murray

At the Corner of River and Rhett

Second Church by the Numbers

- 1 Faith, Lord, Baptism
- 2 Morning Worship Services
- 3 Youth & Children's Choirs
- 4 Daughter Churches
- 5 "Solas"
- 6 WIC Circle Bible Studies
- 7 Area Counties (Membership)
- 12 Senior Ministers in our History
- 13 Sunday School Classes
- 15 Staff Members
- 21 Missionaries
- 21 Deacons
- 24 Elders (including Emeritus)
- 30 Children in the Nursery
- 32 Choir Members
- 33 Widows
- 40 Zip Codes (Membership)
- 45 CAT Kids
- 50 College Age (18-22)
- 60 Ushers
- 100 Volunteers in the Nursery
- 105 River Street
- 122 Seniors (Over 65)
- 137 Children Under 18
- 236 Men
- 276 Women
- 279 Family Units
- 600 Membership



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY**

November 16, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE NEW HUMANITY

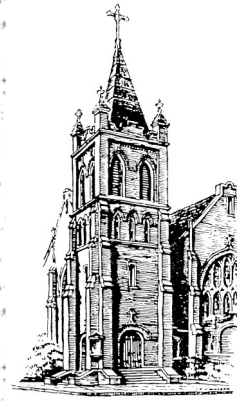
Ephesians 2:14-16
Hymns: 168, 353, 378
Anthem: O God Beyond All Praising
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

LIVING THE PILGRIM LIFE

Genesis 13
Hymns: 598, 128, 602
Psalter: Psalm 66 (verses 1-6)
Mr. Scott Cook preaching

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**Letter from the Senior Minister
The Lord's Prayer**

The longer I live as a Christian and serve as a pastor, the more impressed I am with the value of careful attention to Jesus' teaching on prayer in the Sermon on the Mount, commonly known as The Lord's Prayer. Many, if not most, Christians struggle with prayer. Two reasons come to mind. The first is that we live in a time when prayer is not strongly emphasized, in part because most of us do not have great troubles in life, at least outwardly so. The second reason is a perennial one, namely, the warfare between the flesh and the spirit. Prayer simply is difficult and it requires attention and effort. This is precisely why I find the Lord's prayer to be so helpful.

Jesus prefaces his prayer with two warnings. The first is that our prayer life should be primarily private: "When you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues," etc. (Mt. 6:5). Jesus is not opposed to public prayer, especially in church. But the heart of our prayer life is to be private, and prayer should never be offered merely for show. The second warning is that we must pray intelligibly: "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think they will be heard for their many words" (Mt. 6:7): Prayer is not made more effective by meaningless fervor or repetition; we should speak to God intelligibly when we pray.

What important words come next, as our Lord declares: "Pray then like this." What follows is not merely a formula for prayer – although we rightly follow this teaching verbatim, especially in congregational settings. What is most important are the priorities and ideas that Jesus notes.