

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 23

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 12:30 PM **NEW MEMBERS' LUNCHEON**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Tuesday, November 25

5:00 PM I-Mites Basketball practice
 6:30 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Wednesday, November 26

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:45 PM **THANKSGIVING DINNER & PROGRAM**
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice



*Happy Thanksgiving from the
Church Staff*

Thursday, November 27

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 28

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

9:30 AM WIC Decorating Church for Christmas
 2:00 PM Senior High Girls' Basketball practice

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 111:6-9

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!.. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

Nov. 21 Deacons End of the Year Fellowship
 Nov. 23 New Members' Reception and Luncheon
 Nov. 23 Evangelism & Church Growth Committee
 Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Dinner and Program
 Nov. 27-28 Church Office Closed
 Nov. 29 WIC Decorating for Christmas
 Nov. 30 Congregation and Corporation Meeting
 Dec. 1 Diaconate Meeting
 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 2015 budget
 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 and/or give her a call.

Mamie Riggins
 The Haven, Room 311
 355 Berkman Lane
 Greenville, SC 29605
 232-5945

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Ray and Mariann McKenney
Cassandra and Nelson
Ron and Carolyn McNeely
Luke Meyers

Missionary for the Week

Rev. Paul Anderson
Faith Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Fall River, Massachusetts

Next month, in a special election, I am on the city ballot for Mayor of Fall River, MA, home of our Grace Presbyterian Church. A special election will be held on Tuesday, December 16th to recall the current mayor, and I am one of ten candidates (including the present scandal-ridden mayor).

Being in the way, the LORD led me to do this after a Rhode Island Bar continuing education conference on Ethics presented 3 hours with no mention of God, or even Morals. I have been consistently sounding the truth to the people through letters to the editor and op-ed pieces in the Fall River *HeraldNews.com* newspaper. Try as I have, my submissions to the Religion page to expand the forum of discussion haven't been printed. So I thought I'd try to get through another way.

Our Lord has greatly guided me in positive paths. Our sister Portuguese church was praying this very month for revival for our city, and Pastor Tony said "Paul, you are an answer to prayer!"

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

Nov. 20	6:00 pm	Women	Christ Church
Nov. 20	7:00 pm	Men	AYMC
Nov. 22	11:30 am	Mites	W. Pres. II
Nov. 22	12:30 pm	Jr. High Girls	St. George
Nov. 22	12:30 pm	I-Mites	Finlay Hall
Nov. 24	6:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	TLC
Nov. 24	7:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	Home

End of Year Fellowship

A Reminder to All Deacons and their Families:
END OF YEAR FELLOWSHIP
 At the home of Kevin and Shannon Mobley
 805 Knollwood Drive, Greenville, SC 29607
 Home phone: 422-2583
Friday, November 21st at 7:00 pm
Bring your favorite appetizer or sweet treat to share!

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



A Reminder from the Church Nursery

We are happy to have your children in the nursery, but in order to avoid the spread of illness, please do not bring children into the nursery with any of the following symptoms: infectious runny nose, coughing, rashes, diarrhea, impetigo, pink eye, active chicken pox, measles, mumps, fever greater than 100 degrees (any time within the past 24 hours, even if they appear improved). They must be fever free for a minimum of 24 hours to use the nursery (without the help of fever reducing medication). If your child is being treated with antibiotics, he should be on the drug for at least 24 hours before coming to the nursery. Spreading sickness through the nursery can set off long periods of sickness in other families. We want the church nursery to be a safe environment for everyone, so please err on the side of caution during this season of sickness. Thank you!

Church Directory

Hank Ludwig will be taking pictures of our new members at the New Members Luncheon this Lord's Day. The church directory will be updated the first of the year with the new members. If you need to update your picture please stop by and see Hank at the luncheon. Also, if you need to update new addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. please contact the church office at 232-7621, ext. 10 or email your new information to jgray@spcgreenville.org.

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.

WIC Decorating Day

The WIC ladies will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 29th at 9:30 am until. All ladies in the church are asked to please come help beautify the church for this Christmas season. If you have any questions, please give Pat Shuford a call (244-0615).

 **"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

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.

 **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 # _____

Church membership also involves supporting the church in its work. Under normal circumstances, each member should be actively involved in some form of service, whether it is teaching children's Sunday School or helping in the nursery, ushering, visiting the sick, and inviting friends and neighbors to church. We all have spiritual gifts, and they belong not to us but to one another, and our gifts are to be employed in the church for the work of the gospel. We are "individually members one of another." (Rom. 12:5) Moreover, we should all be faithful in evangelism and fervent in personal and corporate prayer.

Church membership involves financial support of the church. God's Word teaches us to support the Lord's work by giving regularly, proportionately and joyfully: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income." (1 Cor. 16:2) Our regular pattern should be to tithe, which means giving a tenth of our gross income to support the church. But many of us will be able to give more, "for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

Submit. God has ordained elders and shepherds to oversee the church, and this requires that church members submit to this spiritual authority. "Obey your leaders and submit to them," says the Bible, "for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account." (Heb. 13:17) This surely implies that you should be praying for your pastors, elders, and deacons, who have a heavy obligation and are subject to spiritual attack. I especially want to echo Paul's request that you pray "also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel... that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak." (Eph. 6:19-20)

Study: Our church membership vows include the promise to "study the purity and peace" of the church. This means that members are called to lead lives that will honor our Lord Jesus Christ, and that will encourage our brothers and sisters to mature in their faith. It is important how you live! Moreover, we are to study – that is, to actively cultivate – the peace of the church. Paul writes that we must bear with one another, "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3) We should loathe few things more than that any of us should disturb the purity and peace of the church,

and we should gladly suffer all manner of personal loss for the sake of the spiritual well-being of the church and its members.

None of these vows involve a special or onerous obligation. These are the normal commitments every Christian should happily make. And we will not find any of this burdensome. Rather, as we live together in Christ, thinking more highly of others than ourselves and being zealous for the gospel, God will bless us all together with righteousness, peace, and joy, and he will use our church for things that will last forever.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Phillips



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.**

CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

Persecution of Christians in the Middle East

Iranian Christians thank us for our ongoing prayers for believers in prison in their country. They rejoice that Homayoun Shokouhi was granted conditional release on 10th November but request prayer for Masoud Rezai who was summoned on 9th November to serve a five-year sentence.

Homayoun, his wife Fariba and son Nima were among seven believers arrested in Shiraz on 8th February 2012 when their fellowship meeting was raided. An associate was also arrested at the same time in his home. In June 2012 the eight were found guilty of "attending a house-church, **spreading Christianity**, having contact with foreign ministries, propaganda against the regime and disrupting national security." Homayoun and three others were sentenced to 3 years and 8 months' imprisonment. One of these others, Mohammad-Reza, was released conditionally on 18th May 2014.

If you or I were arrested for "spreading Christianity" would there be enough evidence to convict us?

Following an application of his family to the Shiraz court, Homayoun, was released conditionally on Monday 10th November 2014 after serving two years and eight months of his sentence in Adel-Abad prison. Those who remain detained are Mojtaba and Vahid.

...In a separate incident, nine members of the 'Church of Iran' were arrested in Shiraz in October 2012 when their prayer meeting was raided. One detainee was released shortly afterwards; the others were formally convicted and given sentences ranging from one year to six years' imprisonment (though one's conviction was subsequently dropped). An appeal was rejected on 29th March 2014 and subsequently four of those convicted – Shahin, Mohammad, Soroush and Mehdi – began serving their sentences.

On 9th November Masoud was called to Adel Abad prison, Shiraz, to serve his sentence of five years. The two others, Eskander and Bijan, expect to be summoned soon to serve their sentences.

Iranian Christians give thanks for Homayoun's release.

Source-Middle East Concern News

DEACON NOMINEES

Please be in prayer for the following men as they stand for election to the Board of Deacons on December 14th.

Alan Farley
Leon Harmon
Marcus Laughter
Roger Lusk
Joe Martin
Steve Plating
Chad Scoggins

During the fall Deacon Training Class these men have studied the Biblical Basis for the Office of Deacon, Westminster Standards, PCA Book of Church Order, and SPC Policy Manual. They have completed an English Bible test and prepared a paper on the biblical basis for the office of Deacon.

WORSHIP SERVICE IN LOCAL PRISON

On Saturday, December, 6, 2014, Second Church will be participating in a Christmas Party for the inmates at Perry Correctional Institute. Food will be served and the Gospel preached. We need volunteers who would be willing to help serve food, hand out gift bags, and sing carols. Unlike previous years where the four different dorms have had parties on four different days, this year all four dorms will cycle through in one day. Therefore, volunteers will need to work in shifts. If you can commit to serving on either a morning or afternoon shift, please contact Bill Watkins at wm.watkins.jr@gmail.com or 864-304-4737. Bill needs a list of all potential volunteers by Friday, November 21.

The Editor



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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY November 23, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

ACCESS TO GOD

Ephesians 2:17-18

Hymns: 629, (359; 628), 634

Anthem: We Lift Up Our Hearts and Voices
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

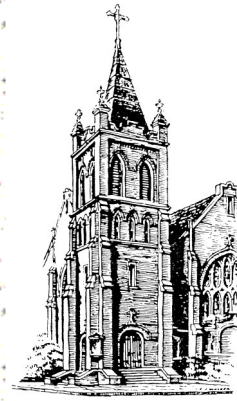
EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

THE TRUE GUARDIAN OF MY SOUL 2 Timothy 1:7-14

Hymns: 604, 131, 98

Psalter: Psalm 66 (verses 7-12)
Mr. Rob Gustafson preaching

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November 17, 2014

Letter from the Senior Minister Membership Vows

This Lord's Day we are delighted to introduce new members into our congregation. It is my prayer that all those who have joined will be greatly blessed through this church and that they will be a blessing to us and a help to the work of the gospel here.

Married couples find that it is helpful to attend weddings, since they are reminded of the vows they gave one another. In a similar way, I hope all church members pay attention to the vows taken by the new members this Sunday. We sometimes are tempted to think that it is the new members who will take our church forward in ministry, but the reality is that it is the faithfulness of all members – old and new – that enables us to be effective in serving God. Let me therefore remind us all of our membership vows, solemn promises that are most fitting for Christians to make.

Support: The first promise is to support the church in its worship and work. Members support the church in its worship by attending regularly and participating in a spiritual and whole-hearted manner. The Bible tells us not "to give up meeting together." (Heb. 10:25) I can tell you that it encourages the preacher to have the members present and actively participating! But it encourages everyone to see their brothers and sisters faithfully gathering as a church. Allowing for illness or works of necessity and mercy, Christians ought to support the morning and evening worship services on the Lord's Day, as well as activities that occur throughout the week whenever possible. Our attitude should be, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:10)