

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 30

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 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 Congregation Informational Budget Mtg.

Monday, December 1

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, December 2

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

Wednesday, December 3

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care 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 **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:25 PM College & 20's Class
 7:25 PM **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 PM Gingerbread House Tutorial
 8:00 PM Called Session Meeting
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice

Thursday, December 4

4:00 PM Jr. High Girls' Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal

Friday, December 5

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

Saturday, December 6

2:00 PM Senior High Girls' Basketball practice

Upcoming Events

Nov. 27-28 Church Office Closed
 Nov. 29 WIC Decorating for Christmas
 Nov. 30 Congregation Informational Budget 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 & Corporation Meeting
 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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! (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.

Caroline Ryer
 The Willows, Room 301
 110 Willow Place
 Easley, SC 29640
 423-5876

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Kevin and Shannon Mobley
Caroline, Mary Grace, Ellie, Samuel, Josiah, Levi
Henry and Elizabeth Montgomery
Robert Moore

Missionary for the Week

Rev & Mrs. Ray Call
Church Planting
Uruguay

- Pray that our children can adjust to a new culture.
- Pray for a location to minister and how it will relate already to existing ministries.
- Pray for a home to rent to meet our families' needs.
- Ask the Lord to open hearts to the gospel which he has already done in our travel and in the neighborhood we are staying.
- Pray for our health as we have been sick.

 **Basketball Schedule for 12-1-12-8** 

Dec. 1	6:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	Home
Dec. 1	8:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	Home
Dec. 4	6:00 pm	Women	Christ Church
Dec. 4	7:00 pm	Men	Christ Church
Dec. 6	8:30 am	Jr. High Girls	AYMC
Dec. 6	9:30 am	Jr. High Boys	AYMC
Dec. 6	10:30 am	Mites	W. Pres. II
Dec. 6	12:30 pm	I-Mites	Finlay Hall
Dec. 8	6:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	TLC
Dec. 8	7:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	OLR

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).

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!

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.

Perry Correctional Worship

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, carols will be sung, gift bags will be handed out and the Gospel will be preached. Please be in prayer for this worship service and for the volunteers who are serving the Lord in this prison ministry.



Deacon Nominees

Please be in prayer for the following men as they stand for election to the Board of Deacons on December 14th. A bio of each of these nominees will be included in next week's Herald.



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

Thank You

*To the Congregation,
We are so grateful for every visit, phone call and especially every prayer during Dad's illness and after his home going. Every word, every act of kindness no matter how small, meant more than we can ever put into words. We love you all.
Jane Stillman, Sue Godwin, Chuck Patterson*

 **"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 # _____



In our thanksgiving celebrations, we retell the story of the sacrifices made by these intrepid believers. On September 6, 1620, the Pilgrim ship *The Mayflower* set sail from Plymouth, England, striking land off Cape Cod on November 11. Cramped in wet and cold quarters, many of the people were sick. Included in the passengers were three pregnant women, one of whom gave birth during the stormy voyage and another of which had a son while the passengers were waiting to disembark in America (and one of whose descendants is my own wife!). The Pilgrims sustained themselves during this exceedingly dangerous voyage by praying to the Lord for his help, reminding us of *God's power* to deliver His people through every kind of trial.

After landing in their new home, dubbed Plymouth, New England, the Pilgrims faced the immediate danger of fiercely cold winter. They began life in their new home with a prayer service and then began building hasty shelters. It soon became clear, however, that they were unprepared for the danger of starvation during the winter that soon began. Many were afflicted by sickness and almost half of the original Pilgrims died before spring arrived. How, then, did any of them survive? The answer reveals *God's sovereignty*.

The Pilgrims, it turned out, had landed in the midst of a great nation of Native Americans. The habitable land on which they had begun building had been the Indian village of Patuxet, which had been completely wiped out by a disease brought to the New World by Europeans. Therefore, not only were the Pilgrims facing death by starvation but they also would have to fear potentially hostile natives on whose land they had stumbled. How could God deliver them from such deadly danger so far from any source of help or support? The answer arrived one December day when two Native Americans strolled into their village. As Pilgrims scrambled for their muskets, one of the Indians astonished them by speaking clearly in their own language. His name was Squanto, and he introduced his friend as Samoset. Squanto had grown up on this very land and had only recently returned after having been enslaved by English traders, from whom he had learned to speak our language. After a period of slavery, he had been purchased and set free by Spanish monks who had taught him about Jesus Christ. Into the midst of the Pilgrims had emerged the last thing anyone could ever have expected: a friendly, English-speaking, Christian native who possessed a detailed knowledge of the area! Even the Pilgrims, with their great faith, were astonished.



Squanto stayed with the Pilgrims and provided the help that enabled the community to survive. He showed them where herring had begun their migration. He taught them to fish with traps and to stalk game in the forest. He showed them which berries could be picked and taught them to plant corn with natives seeds purchased from a local tribe. He interceded for the Pilgrims among nearby Native Americans so as to avoid hostile attacks.

If there was ever a display of God's sovereignty, it occurred right in the founding days of our nation, among heroic Christians who risked all for the worship of the Lord. But, above all, in addition to God's holiness, power, and sovereignty, the Pilgrim story reminds us today of *God's faithfulness*. He does not forget His people and He makes provision for our needs. God's greatest provision was the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. No wonder that when the Pilgrims had survived their first year in the New World and had taken in their first year's harvest, that they invited guests from the surrounding tribes and gave a special thanksgiving feast to the Lord. We repeat that tradition this week. As we do so, let us as Christians endeavor that our nation would not forget the faithful God to whom we give thanks. And let us pray that there would be a renewal of that Pilgrim spirit as we trust God to meet all our needs as we seek to live before Him and worship Him according to His Word.

May the Lord bless you all this Thanksgiving!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



November Prayer Requests

Salinas Family (Mexico)

- Our reformation play was rescheduled because of rain delays. We were disappointed, but God used this delay. Three people made professions of faith when we performed the play the following Sunday. We praise God for those converts.
- Please be praying with us and Sarah Grace about another home for the needy and abused children. The first home is full with 13 children, but the need continues and we have seen how good it is for them to be in a home environment as opposed to an institution. Pray that God would open the doors in the proper time.

Ellison Family (Peru)

- We praise God that the Bethesda Medical Clinic in Trujillo celebrated its 1st year in September and we have seen over 1500 patients. Continue to pray for the medical ministry.
- Our plans to open the kindergarten are going full speed ahead, with the final phases of construction under way and most of our paperwork and documentation soon to be presented. We hired our first director a few weeks ago, a sweet believer with years of experience in education. We are excited about the possibility of the impact our school will have on the neighborhood. People near our church come by all the time asking when we will open and to be sure to let them know so they can register their children. We will soon hire our additional staff and get our curriculum lined up for the year which begins in March. We will offer classes for 3, 4 and 5 year old children, which is a state requirement. Our plan is to grow like most private schools do in Peru, by adding a few grades each year as money and construction allows. With the blessing we have of hosting construction teams each year, we hope to build on little by little.
- Pray for those who can sponsor students in the school. The tuition will be \$45.00 a month.

~From Missions Committee

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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 History and Legacy of Thanksgiving

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." —Psalm 100:4-5

Thanksgiving, as introduced by European explorers and settlers in the "New World," was a time set aside specifically for the purpose of giving thanks to our Creator for His manifold blessings.

The earliest record of a Thanksgiving in America is 1541 by Spanish explorer Coronado at Palo Duro Canyon in what is now Texas. French Protestant colonists at Charlesfort (now Parris Island, South Carolina) held a Thanksgiving service in 1564. In 1607, the Jamestown settlers held Thanksgiving at Cape Henry, Virginia, and there are many other records of such hallowed observances.

The first call for an annual Thanksgiving was at Berkeley Plantation, Virginia, in 1619, when Captain John Woodlief and 38 settlers aboard the ship Margaret, proclaimed, "We ordain that the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned for plantation in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God."

Henry Laurens, from South Carolina and a leader in framing the Articles of Confederation was elected the fourth President of the Continental Congress in 1777.

Laurens first official act as President was to Proclaim a Day of Thanksgiving. In his first letter to the States President Laurens wrote:

Dear Sir, The Arms of the United States of America having been blessed in the present campaign with remarkable success, Congress has resolved to recommend that one day, Thursday the 18th December next be set apart to be observed by all inhabitants throughout these States for a general thanksgiving to Almighty God. And I have it in command to transmit to you the enclosed extract from the minutes of Congress for that purpose.



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WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY

November 23, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

CITIZENS AND CHILDREN

Ephesians 2:19

Hymns: 194, 526, 525

Anthem: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

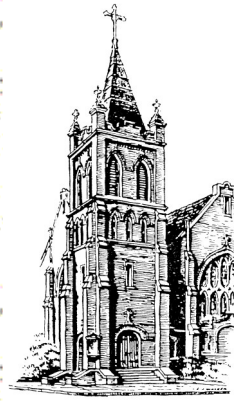
THAT THEY MAY KNOW

Psalms 83

Hymns: 196, 45, 61

Psalter: Psalm 66 (verses 13-20)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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Corner of River and Rhett Streets
Greenville, South Carolina

November 24, 2014

**Letter from the Senior Minister
Learning the Attribute of God
Through Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is the distinctly American holiday that we celebrate as a nation, continuing a tradition of giving thanks to God that goes back literally to our earliest days as a country. It says much about the wonderful heritage of our nation that we look back to our founding to see so many instances of God's marvelous saving help, for which our forebears gladly gave praise to him and offered him thanks. As Christians, we believe that it is through the Holy Scriptures that we gain our primary and authoritative understanding of God. But, guided by the Bible, we can also learn of Him through His wonderful acts in history, including the history of America. So what does Thanksgiving tell us about the attributes of our God?

The people who celebrated the first Thanksgiving were Christian "pilgrims" who endured unimaginable sufferings in order to worship God as they believed he should be worshiped. It is hard to imagine any such people today who would literally give up everything because they refused to offer corrupted worship to the Lord. Part of a broader Puritan movement that opposed the compromises of the Anglican Church under the rule of Elizabeth I, the Pilgrims fled to Holland when her successor, King James I (of the King James Bible), whose intolerance of true religion had prompted their mistreatment. In time, the opportunity of a fresh start in the New World prompted the Pilgrims to take up the incredibly difficult proposition of moving to and settling in the wilderness of what is now America. In this way, the Pilgrims remind us of *God's holiness*. Hebrews 12:28 says, "let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."