

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 1

- 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

Monday, February 2

- 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:00 PM WIC Council
- 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- 5:45 PM FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
- 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 yrs. old - Kindergarten)
- 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 Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, February 5

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

Friday, February 6

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

Saturday, February 7

- 2:00 PM Senior High Girls' Basketball practice

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 30 WIC Game Night in Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 30 Jr. High Fellowship
- Jan. 31 WIC Shower for Haley Maycock
- Feb. 2 Diaconate Meeting
- Feb. 4 WIC Council
- Feb. 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Feb. 8 Membership Class begins
- Feb. 8 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Feb. 9 Session Meeting
- Feb. 10-11 WIC Circles
- Feb. 11 Missions Committee Meeting
- Feb. 13 Valentine Banquet
- Feb. 15 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- Feb. 16 Young At Heart
- Feb. 18 Administration Committee Meeting
- Feb. 22 Communicants Class begins
- Feb. 22 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- Feb. 25 CE Committee Meeting
- Feb. 25 Sports Banquet

Upcoming WIC Dates

WIC Annual Presbytery Meeting
Redeemer PCA, Travelers Rest, SC
Feb. 28th * 10 am - 12 noon
Second Pres. WIC would love to have a big turn out since Redeemer PCA is so close.

WIC Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, March 7th
10-11:30 am
Church Fellowship Hall

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 8:1-2
O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. (ESV)

Remembering One Another

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

Florence Dickerson
 The Haven, Room 213-B
 355 Berkman's Lane
 Greenville, SC 29605

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Sonny and Jan Price
Ken and Jo-Ellen Pujdak
 Victoria
David and Jane Rainey
 Ben Rainey



Missionary
for the Week
Bethany.org

Adoption:

Adoption is a beautiful way to grow your family. You can provide a loving, nurturing home for a vulnerable child. Bethany helps families welcome an infant, an older child, or a child from another country into their family.

Pregnancy counseling:

Bethany is here to provide pregnant women with support and guidance as they seek to make the best choice for themselves and their unborn child. There is no cost for this service.

Temporary care:

Through Bethany's Foster Care program and Safe Families ministry, Bethany seeks to provide temporary care for children. Their ultimate goal is to ensure that they have a safe, loving family through either reuniting them with their biological family or finding an adoptive family for those who cannot return to their biological parents. Thousands of children need a loving family who will walk with them during a time of crisis and welcome them unconditionally into a caring home.

Basketball Schedule

Jan. 29 7:00 pm Women Christ Church
 Tournaments are in progress.
 Check the website for teams, times, and places.

WIC Game Night

GAMES
 Friday, January 30th
 6:00 pm
 Church Fellowship Hall
 For females of all ages
 Supper will be provided
 Bring your favorite game!
Fun
 Questions? Call Alice Barnett (906-0166)
 Join us for this time of great fellowship, fun and good eating...come relax and have a "girls night out!"

Showering with Love

WIC
 cordially invites all ladies to a
 Wedding Shower for

Haley Maycock
 Saturday, January 31, 2015
 10:00 am - 11:30 am
 Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite recipe.

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Sports Banquet
 Wednesday, February 25, 2015 @ 5:45 pm
 Mark your calendars and join us as we honor our athletes and teams for their 2014-15 sports participation.

Please contact the church if you have a change of address. (jgrant@spcgreenville.org) The church is charged extra postage for returned Heralds.

Join the Men's Chorus

Calling all musical men. On Sunday evening, February 8, a men's ensemble will be singing the offertory for the evening service. Any man who would like to join his voice with this group is welcome to do so—High School and College age young men are also welcome. We will be rehearsing on Sunday evenings February 1 and 8 from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. Please call, text or email Verlyn Smoker if you would like to be a part of this vocal ensemble. He can be reached at 864-979-9378 or vsmoker@spcgreenville.org.

Communicants Class Begins

A Communicants Class will be held beginning Sunday, February 22. The class will meet at 10:00 on Sunday mornings in classroom S-307. Parents who judge their child ready to meet with the Session for communicant membership should bring their child to the class. If you have any questions please call the church office, ext. 14.

2015 Offering Envelopes

There are still 2015 offering envelopes on a table outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes this week.



Young At Heart

The Young At Heart will have a Valentine Luncheon this month at the Red Lobster on February 16th at 11:45 am. Please make your reservations with Judy Brigman (242-2939) or Jenny Spears (430-7396) by **February 9th.**

New Baby

If you would like to prepare and take a meal to Tyler and Alexandra Upton after the birth of their daughter, Afton, please see Janice Leathers or Heidi Upton.



ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET
"Let's Fall In Love"
Friday, February 13, 2015
6:30 pm * Church Gym
Cost: \$10.00 per person (12 years old and up)
 Nursery provided for children under 12
 Please make reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 11 with Ken Safford or Robert Spears.
 You may also pay online or bring your check to the church office.
 Make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church.

Membership Class

Begins Sunday, February 8, 2015 @ 9:45am
 Room C-209
 (3rd floor down the hall from the church office.)
 Taught by Pastor Phillips
 The class will meet each Sunday for 8 weeks.
 Attending the class does not obligate one to join the church, however, you are requested to take the class before joining the church.

Please join us to
CELEBRATE MAMIE'S 90th BIRTHDAY!
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015
Drop in from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Community Room
 The Haven in the Village in Chanticleer
 355 Berkman's Lane, Greenville, SC 29605

BIRTHDAY CARD WISHES WELCOME
 In lieu of gifts, donations may be made to the Widows' Fund, Second Presbyterian Church.
 Please mark you donation: Widows' Fund



2. In Hebrews 10:25, God commands Christians not to neglect meeting together but to encourage one another, "and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." This teaches at least 3 things: 1) Christians are commanded by God to gather together corporately for the purpose of encouraging one another; 2) Christians gathering together is not to be an infrequent thing, but rather it is to be a regular occurrence; 3) Christians are to encourage one another, which requires knowing one another; and knowing one another implies regular commitment to the same local body of Christians – which again is what church membership signifies.

3. In Philippians 1:1, Paul states that he is writing "to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons." This implies that "all" the Christians ("saints" means those who have believed in Christ and are set apart for holiness) are committed to gathering together regularly in a church with officers (elders and deacons, cf. 1 Tim. 3) appointed or elected to oversee their affairs. When Paul writes to the church in Philippi, he writes to the Christians who have committed to one another there and to their leaders.

4. In Hebrews 13:7, Christians are commanded, "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls." This clearly assumes what we know as church membership, since this command can only be fulfilled by believers who are under the authority of elders in a local church body. Hebrews 13:7 tells believers to "remember your leaders... and imitate their faith." Living as believers under godly shepherd-leaders, especially those who are "keeping watch over your souls," is one of the chief biblical provisions for your perseverance and growth in faith.

In short, just as salvation involves a covenant relationship with God, the life of faith also involves a covenant relationship with other believers under Christ's authority in the church. To this end, my constant prayer is that Second Presbyterian Church would not only be a place where God's Word is faithfully taught but also where God's people are faithfully shepherded. The more I grow in experience, the more I see how important the second of these is, together with the first. If you have been attending Second Church regularly, I would therefore ask you to consider your calling to join the church. The schedule of the



upcoming Membership Class, meeting in Classroom C-209 at 9:45 am, is as follows:

- Feb. 8: The "Solas" of the Reformation (Pastor Phillips)
- Feb. 15: The Doctrines of Grace (Pastor Phillips)
- Feb. 22: Law and the Gospel (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 1: Covenant Theology (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 8: Finding Your Place at Second Presbyterian (RE Melton Duncan)
- Mar. 15: Reformed Worship (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 22: Membership Vows (Pastor Spears)
- Mar. 29: Presbyterian History (Dr. Barry Waugh)
- Mar. 22/29: Session interviews for membership
- Apr. 12: Reception of New Members and New Members' Luncheon

If you have any questions about our church or church membership, I am simply delighted to answer them. I look forward to getting to know many of our recent visitors better during this class, with thanks to God for the way He is increasing the numbers at our church.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rick Phillips

Christian Interest Item

HYMNS AT A FUNERAL: Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill died 50 years ago. His funeral was one of the great pageants of the 20th century. Marching bands, military processions, worship in glorious St. Paul's Cathedral, the reverent attendance of prime ministers, royalty and presidents. Among them was Dwight Eisenhower, who served alongside Churchill as both general and chief executive and whose eulogy of his "old friend" (and frequent sparring partner) was broadcast to America.

Churchill had chosen "O God Our Help in Ages Past," Isaac Watts' paraphrase of Psalm 90, for the joint worship with FDR at their 1941 Atlantic Charter summit on HMS Prince of Wales off the coast of New Foundland. On New Year's Day 1942 Churchill, with tears streaming down his cheeks, had stood beside FDR in George Washington's pew at Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The priest had explained it was the first time the southern congregation had sung this hymn associated with Lincoln and northern victory, but the current world crisis necessitated national unity. Churchill would later say its inclusion in his funeral was a tribute to his American mother.

"Who Would True Valour See," also called "To Be a Pilgrim," was the only hymn written by John Bunyon, the Puritan author of the classic allegory of Christian salvation, "Pilgrim's Progress." "Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might" was written by an English clergyman in 1863 and presumably was a hymn that Churchill would have recalled from his youth. All the hymns at his funeral were written by Englishmen, except of course "Battle Hymn" by American Julia Ward Howe.

All four hymns speak of courage, perseverance, faith, conflict and reliance on God's strength. Read the lyrics sung by the standing mourners at St. Paul's Cathedral on a chilly January day in 1965, and ponder if they don't echo and explain the life and fortitude of Winston Churchill.

This article appeared on *The Institute on Religion & Democracy Blog* written by Mark Tooley (slightly adapted).

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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

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY
"The Sympathy & Service Committee"

Kirby G. Kee, Chairman, Sympathy & Service
Michael J. Carey, Sympathy & Service
Michael A. Morgan, Sympathy & Service
Leon Harmon, Sympathy & Service
Roger Lusk, Sympathy & Service
Steve Plating, Sympathy & Service

Duties of the Sympathy and Service Committee from the
SPC Policy Manual

- Administer to the needs of the poor, sick, and needy of our church and community, as the needs arise.
- Keep abreast of the needs of the community and make recommendations to the Board for participation in community projects.
- Co-operate with denominational efforts to help others through the World Relief Commission, Love Gift, Emergency Assistance, etc.
- Co-operate with the various agencies of the Presbytery in meeting special needs within the bounds of presbytery.
- Be responsible for the general promotion of church fellowship in co-operation with the proper Sessional committee.
- Be responsible for visitation and evangelism as these functions may relate to the Deacons.
- Set up and be responsible for participation in a blood bank program.
- Provide a financial and legal counseling service for members of the congregation (especially widows, divorced women, single persons). Godly, trained women should ordinarily be present when such counseling sessions are with women. When extensive spiritual counseling seems necessary, the Deacon shall call on the Pastor or a Ruling Elder for assistance.

The Editor



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

February 1, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

CHRIST IN YOU
Ephesians 3:17

Hymns: 394, 508, 188

Anthem: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

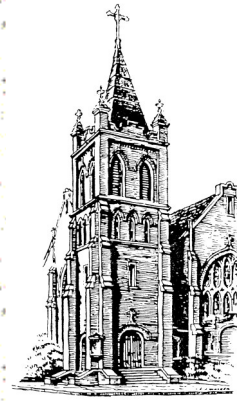
EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

MY SOUL TO YOU, O LORD
Psalm 86

Hymns: 703, 78, 532

Psalter: Psalm 69 (verses 20-29)
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister
2015 Membership Class

On February 8, we will begin our Membership Class for the spring. The purpose for this class is to provide information on the key beliefs of Second Presbyterian Church and to provide an opportunity for visitors to enter into our church membership. We ask that those seeking to join attend the class not only so that they can learn about our church but also so that we can get to know them and begin to incorporate them into our church life. Attending the class does not obligate you to join, and some may wish to attend simply to learn about the Reformed faith and Second Church. At the end of the class the Session will be available to meet with prospective members, who join by presenting a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ and agreeing to fulfill the membership vows as stipulated by the Presbyterian Church in America.

In recent years, I find that many Christians have underestimated the importance of church matters. Many may not understand the biblical basis and calling for Christians to enter into covenant relationship with a local congregation of believers. Let me give some reasons why it is important for you to be a member of a faithful church and perhaps why you should consider joining our congregation:

1. The very first thing we see after Pentecost in Acts 2:42ff is that Christians immediately began to gather together. They "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers." The early Christians did not stay at home and say, "I can be a Christian by myself," but they committed themselves to a local body of fellow Christians.