

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 2

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 (All Adult Sunday School in sanctuary)
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
 7:30 PM Homemade Ice Cream Social

Monday, August 3

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

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**
 6:55 PM Youth 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

Thursday, August 6

Gym closed for floor refinishing
 August 6th-9th

Friday, August 7

10:30 AM Playdate: Legacy Park
 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Saturday, August 8

2:00 PM Wedding of Elizabeth Chloe/Scott Farley

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 37:1-4

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

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Upcoming Events

July 29 CE Committee Meeting
 July 31 SPC Family Night Out-Greenville Drive
 August 2 Homemade Ice Cream Social
 August 3 Diaconate Meeting
 August 5 WIC Council
 August 5 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 August 6-9 Gym closed for floor refinishing
 August 7 Playdate: Legacy Park
 August 9 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 August 10 Session Meeting
 August 11 WIC Circles
 (Circles 4 & 6 will not meet in August)
 August 11 Playdate: Cleveland Park
 August 12 Missions Committee Meeting
 August 16 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 August 19 Administration Committee Meeting
 August 19 Musical CAT Kids Program
 August 20 Parenting Seminar
 August 23 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
 August 26 CE Committee Meeting
 August 26 Regular CAT Kids/Covenant Kids resume
 August 27 Parenting Seminar
 August 29 WIC Annual Meeting
 August 30 Rally Day
 August 30 Installation of WIC Officers

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

World Missions Conference: September 25-27

**Memorial Service for
 Pastor Paul Hilary Anderson
 Saturday, August 1, 2015, 11:00 am
 Second Presbyterian Church**

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.

Betty McGoldrick
 627 Ashley Commons Court
 Greer, SC 29651
 968-0032

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Al and Anne Anderson
Sam and Alexandria Andrews
Aaron and Olivia Angell
Caroline Elizabeth

Missionary for the Week

Christ Church of Charleston - Dr. Jon Payne

Please pray for:

- Maturity under the proclamation of Christ through word and sacrament.
- Faithful witnesses— obedient to our Lord's command to be salt & light, and make disciples in Charleston & the nations.
- True conversions.
- Sanctification and a growing piety in our homes, marriages, and congregation.
- Future officers who are called, qualified, trained, and possess a shepherd's heart.
- Long-term facilities: Land and/or an established building downtown or south of the IOP connector in Mt. Pleasant. Pray that God provides the necessary resources to buy property in a very expensive area.
- For God to use our feeble efforts to do "far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us" (Eph. 3:20).
- Pray for reformation and revival in Charleston.

SPC Family Night Out



Greenville Drive Game
Drive vs. Lexington Legends
July 31 @ 7:00 PM
Register online for tickets (\$10.00)
@ spcgreenville.org

Playdate: Legacy Park

Friday, August 7th
Meet at the park at 10:30 am
and bring a picnic lunch
for extended fellowship time.



This park has a small amount of play equipment but lots of grassy space for free play so bring balls, bubbles, jump ropes, etc. for some fun in the sun!

The gym will be closed August 6-9 for floor refinishing.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday, August 2
Immediately following the evening worship service.
"Bring your favorite homemade ice cream to share."
Don't miss our last Ice Cream Social of the summer.

Serving in Our Nursery

A new nursery schedule is being prepared that will start at the beginning of September and run for 6 months. Workers are scheduled for one service every 6 weeks. This is a great way to serve Christ's kingdom! If you would like to be included in the new schedule please let Lori Schyaneveldt know right away.
lorischvaneveldt@gmail.com or 404-6072

Child Evangelism Fellowship

During the month of September the Child Evangelism Fellowship, the ministry which leads Good News Club will once again be partnering with participating Chick-fil-A restaurants in the area for a "tea and cookies promotion" to help raise funds and promote the Good News Clubs. For every half-dozen cookies or gallon of tea purchased at Chick-fil-A, a donation will be given to the ministry. Please mark your calendars and participate in this important ministry.



"...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done."
Psalm 78:4

WIC Annual Meeting



All college-age and above ladies in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Saturday, August 29
Fellowship Hall
10:00 am

Agenda:
Election of Officers
Yearly Reports of WIC Activities
Recognition of New Members
Refreshments will be served.

Contact Rebekah Johnson (430-3408)
if you have any questions.

Play Date: Cleveland Park



NEXT PLAYDATE
Tuesday, August 11th
11:00 am
Cleveland Park

Meet at the smaller children's play area. Bring additional sports equipment and outside toys if desired. There is usually the snow cone vendor there for a treat. Bring a picnic lunch if you want to fellowship after play time.

Mark Your Calendars
PARENTING SEMINAR
August 20 and 27
Dr. Richard D. Phillips



RALLY DAY
Sunday, August 30
10:00 am
Church Sanctuary



Musical CAT Kids Program

Wednesday, August 19th
Supper: 5:45 pm; Program: 7:00 pm
Come see what our covenant kids have learned this summer.

All Adult Summer Sunday School



10 am on Sundays
All Adults (9th grade and up)
meet in the Sanctuary
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND
Satan as Destroyer and Ensnarer (Chap. 5)
Mr. Scott Cook teaching

Men's Chorus

On Sunday evening, August 30, a men's ensemble will be singing 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 Sundays **August 16th and 23rd** 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.



according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture" (WCF 21.1).

How does the Bible regulate worship? Scripture shows us how to worship God through its commands and examples. Most essentially, this pertains to the elements of worship (the things we do as parts of the worship service). There should be a Scriptural command for everything we do and how we do it. Thus it is for our worship service, in which we are called to worship by God's Word, invoke God's blessing in prayer, sing praise to God, confess the faith, confess our sins and receive God's word of pardon, offer tithes and offerings, pray corporately, read God's Word and preach God's Word, administer the sacraments, and depart with God's benediction, all of which have biblical commands or precedents. Examples of elements that are popular today but are not authorized by Scripture (and conflict with biblical teaching) include comedy routines, sacred dance, video clips, and skits.

Our worship should be *biblical* not only in its rationale, but also in its content. The worship service should be pouring forth the Bible. God loves to hear His own Word, and it is God's Word that brings life to His people. Therefore, we read the Scriptures, preach the Scriptures, sing the Scriptures, pray the Scriptures, and visualize the Scriptures through the authorized portrait of the sacraments.

Secondly, Reformed worship aims to be *God-centered*. The focus of our attention is on the One to whom we have come to worship. Therefore, we want to sing about God, read about God, give to God, preach about God, and meet with God in worship. To be sure, God has gifted and appointed human servants to lead in worship. But the job of the minister, or anyone else who plays a public role in worship, is to direct God's people to Himself. This, by the way, is why our ministers wear robes: we want to highlight not the person and the personality, but the office and its function of leading the people in worship of God.

A third principle of Reformed worship is that it is *redemptive* in its orientation. This means that we come as sinners into the presence of the Holy God through the blood of His Son. This is why the confession of sin and receipt of pardon is so important: we are coming into God's presence as redeemed sinners through the blood of the Lamb. Moreover, we come not to get a spiritual high arising from our own worship, but we come to meet with God as His people, to



receive grace through His own authorized means of the Word, prayer, and the sacraments.

A fourth principle is that Reformed worship is *historically rooted*. We love old things and we admit it. We see ourselves as members of a covenant people going back to Bible times, and we want to celebrate the ancientness of the Christian church, the culture of the Christian church, and the unity of the Christian church that spans time and space. In this way, we hope to transcend the divisions that often result when worship is shaped by a particular cultural style of music. Instead, we seek to unite people of varying cultural preferences by sharing together the musical culture of the Reformed church tradition. Our hymnal spans centuries, nationalities, historical movements, and spiritual experiences. Thus, when I travel to Africa and worship with Christians there, I can always join in because they sing the old hymns (not the latest form of consumer music from America). When we begin our worship as a church, we want to know that we are stepping out of the world's culture and entering the society of the people of God.

I hope these brief comments help you to understand our approach to worship and, more importantly, help you to worship. I praise God for the heritage of sacred worship at Second Church. By these means, we desire to worship God in spirit and in truth, through the blood of His precious Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



Guidelines for Prayer Requests

Church Prayer Email

When emergency items of prayer came up for many years the church had a "Prayer Telephone Chain" where elders would call elders. In the early 2000's Kitty Swillen organized a WIC prayer email list for items (primarily related to women in the church). In 2010 the Church Administrator created a church-wide email list and jointly administered the prayer requests with Kitty, Judy Grant and Cyndi Player. In 2015 the church started using an email management program to help assist in the endeavor. This program allows members to opt out of receiving emails and/or updating email addresses. The email is tied to membership and has been expanded to include promotional information about ministry events.

New guidelines for prayer emails have been approved by the Pastoral Care Committee.

- Prayer will be for the benefit of the membership.
- Items will be brief. (ideally 3 lines)
- Medical information will be general.
- Medical information will relate to an emergency or significant life event.
- The goal of the prayer email is not to supplant the Intercessor, which is the primary prayer list in the church.

For prayer, emails will be sent for the following reasons....

- Members who have been hospitalized.
- Updates on members who have been hospitalized.
- Birth of a covenant child.
- Death of a church member.
- An item requested by the Senior Minister to be distributed via email.

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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

Treasurer's Report

JUNE 2015 & YTD

Actual

	June 2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget
Offerings	116,699	656,063	673,000
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	91,422	476,132	498,958
Mission Disbursements	52,493	66,519	76,038
Total Outlays	143,915	542,651	574,996
Net Offerings	(27,216)	113,412	

- Contributions in June 2015 were \$116,699.
- Contributions YTD June 2015 were \$656,063 versus \$532,633 for YTD June 2014.
- Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC.
- If you have any questions, please contact Bobby Mann or Jeremy Weaver.

MTW Cherokee Mission Report

Dear Praying Friends,
Our first Bible Study began on Thursday, July 23rd. We praise God for this opportunity and are looking forward to spending time in God's Word. Most of the people who know about the study are individuals in their late teens and early twenties who have been a part of Sonshine Bible Days, a ministry of Carriage Lane PCA which has been an ongoing ministry for the past 18 years.

Please pray for these items:

- Pray that the truth of God's Word would be clearly presented and for His will to be accomplished.
- Pray for Scott as he prepares for and leads the study.
- Pray that God would move in the hearts of the people He has to attend.

Blessings, Rev. Scott and Ruth Hill, MTW Cherokee, NC

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

August 2, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THREE TEMPTATIONS
Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:17

Hymns: 19, 51, 172

Anthem: Christ Hath a Garden
Dr. Benjamin Shaw preaching

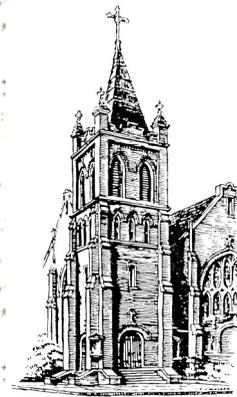
EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER
Colossians 3:13-16

Hymns: 82, 494, 645

Psalter: Psalm 85

Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching



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Pastoral Letter from the Senior Minister Reformed Worship

In the Membership Class I explain the convictions and practices that produce Reformed worship as we experience it at Second Presbyterian Church. I thought it would be good to share these thoughts with the congregation as well.

The most important conviction that undergirds our approach to worship is this: *our worship is directed to God Himself*. That is, our primary concern is not what people think – visitors, unchurched, or even the members – but what God thinks. As I like to say it, we are committed to consumer-driven worship, and we believe the consumer of our worship is the thrice Holy Triune God. It is commonly believed today that God is sure to be pleased with any worship that is sincerely offered. To be sure, the sincerity of our hearts in worship is of great concern to God (see Isa. 29:13). But the Bible also says we are to “offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe” (Heb. 12:28). This says that our worship must have the heart quality of sincere reverence and awe, and also that the worship we offer to God must be acceptable to Him.

This raises a question: Does God tell us how He wants to be worshiped? The answer is: Yes, and He tells us this in the Bible. This expresses what is known in our theological jargon as *The Regulative Principle of Worship*. In other words, we believe that God's Word regulates worship. The Westminster Confession details this principle in classic language:

The acceptable way of worshiping the true God is instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshiped