

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 9

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 Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, August 10

6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

10:00 AM WIC Circle 1 & 3 meet at the church
 11:00 AM Playdate: Cleveland Park
 2:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'

Wednesday, August 12

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:55 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:00 PM Musical CAT Kids
 7:25 PM College & 20's Class
 7:25 PM **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Friday, August 14

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

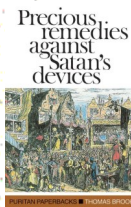
Psalm 37:5-7

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! (ESV)

Upcoming Events

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 Festival of Hymns
 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
 August 30 Homemade Ice Cream Social and Farewell Reception for Jeff & Marian Windt

All Adult Summer Sunday School



10 am on Sundays
All Adults (9th grade and up)
meet in the Sanctuary
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th
Satan as Destroyer and Ensnarer (Chap. 5)
Mr. Scott Cook teaching

MARK YOU CALENDARS!

World Missions Conference: September 25-27

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in members. Also, send them a note of encouragement and/or give them a call.

Henry and Elizabeth Montgomery
 564 S. Buckhorn Road
 Greenville, SC 29609
 244-4542

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Beth Atwood
Jessie
John and Margaret Atwood
Nathan, Carly, Audra
Lee Axley

Missionary for the Week

Marc and Aline Mailoux
MTW International

Prayer concerns:

PRAISE:

- For encouraging teaching trips to Haiti and Africa.
- For travelling mercies over the past several months of travel.
- For marvelous granddaughter Elea!

REQUESTS:

- For August ministry in France where we'll be filling-in for a pastor in a Cévénole town with more foreign tourists at worship than native French.
- For new ministry support.
- For spiritual welfare of our children, especially sleep deprived Anaïs, struggling with the demands of a colicky baby.

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!

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.

Musical CAT Kids Festival of Hymns

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 30
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.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

This will also be a Farewell Reception for
Jeff, Mariah, Jonah and Elijah Windt.

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



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



WIC Annual Meeting



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

Saturday, August 29
Conference Room @ 10:00 am

Agenda:
Election of Officers
Yearly Reports of WIC Activities
Recognition of New Members
Contact Rebekah Johnson (430-3408)
if you have any questions.

The following slate of WIC Officers has been nominated for 2 years of service in Second Church WIC by the WIC Nominating Committee and approved by the WIC Council. The election will take place at the August Annual Meeting. The Officers will serve September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

President Elect :	Cindy Duncan
Vice President:	Laurie Farley
Secretary:	Liz Myers
Historian:	Margaret Butler (1 yr.)
MNA Coordinator:	Elizabeth Madrid
Circle 4 Coordinator:	Jean Pennington
Circle 5 Coordinator:	Pat Shuford
Circle 6 Coordinator:	Christina Bianchi

Basketball Sign-ups



Church League Basketball sign-ups for the 2015-2016 season are now open through the month of August.

Sign-ups will be done through our church website at spcgreenville.org. On the Home page is a link for Basketball information that will take you to an online form to register for basketball and pay the fees. **Please sign up early to help us with planning!** Games will begin in November and run through February. Contact Tim Johnson for more information.

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.

WIC Bible Studies

Attention Ladies: Two new Bible Studies will begin Thursday, September 17 at 9:30 am. Precepts Bible Study in Philippians will meet in the Conference Room of the church each Thursday for 9 weeks from 9:30-11:30 am. This is an inductive Bible Study and requires approximately 5 hours of preparation each week. If you would like to join this group please let Mary Russell (329-1670 or erussell1670@charter.net) know by September 2 as books need to be ordered.

The Lamb of God, seeing Jesus in the Old Testament, by Nancy Guthrie, will be taught each Thursday for 10 weeks from 9:30-11:30 am and will meet in the choir room. If you would like to join this group, please contact Gail Whigham (242-1583 or gwhigham@charter.net) as books need to be ordered.

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for floor refinishing.**



creed. Instead, I stand shoulder to shoulder with the saints of all ages as we join our voices in *proclaiming* the great Christian faith. By confessing our faith together we glorify God, we implant important truths in our minds, and we make a point of standing together with the one, universal Christian Church of all ages, joined by the faith we confess. The creed is therefore a highlight of worship for me, and I hope it will be for you, too.

Question: Speaking of creeds, why do we omit the phrase, "He descended into hell," from the Apostles' Creed?

Answer: It is true that we use a form of the Apostles' Creed that omits this phrase, an omission that is common in Southern Presbyterian church history. The reason is that this item was a late addition to the Apostles' Creed and, while we would affirm a correct understanding of it, this phrase has some unhelpful ambiguity as to its meaning. Moreover, unlike all the other events of Jesus' life in the creed – born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, died and was buried, and rose from the grave – the Bible provides no clear teaching on the experience of Jesus' soul during his three days in death. It thus has seemed best to us, along with many others, to omit this phrase from the Apostles' Creed. (While I'm on the Apostles' Creed, *catholic* means *universal*, not *Roman Catholic*).

Question: What about the phrase, "We believe in one baptism for the remission of sins?" Does that suggest baptismal regeneration or some similar error?

Answer: The Nicene Creed is the oldest recorded confession of the church, arising out of the Council of Nicaea and its aftermath, and is a great statement of faith of the early church. We should try to interpret it correctly before we presume to revise it. The statement relating baptism to the washing of our sins is a direct quotation from the Bible (Acts 22:16). We should note, however, the creed relates baptism to the remission of sins by a preposition ("for") that is general in nature. We teach that baptism is a symbol of the washing of our sins, and declares this by confessing our belief in "baptism for the remission of our sins."

Question: Is the benediction biblical? Doesn't the benediction make the minister out to be a sort of priest invoking God's blessing on the congregation?

Answer: Yes, the benediction is biblical, but, no, it does not involve the priestly invocation of blessing. The biblical precedent



for benedictions is found in the apostolic letters (in fact, our benedictions are taken from these letters), which often end in words of pastoral blessing (*benediction* means "word of blessing"). Our benedictions are not *invocational* – that is, the minister does not have authority to make the blessing so. Rather, the benediction is declarative: God's blessing is declared upon the believing congregation from the Word of God. The benediction also takes the form of a prayer by the minister for the congregation, as is evident with the words that I always use in my benedictions: "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

Question: Why do we confess our sins as a congregation? Isn't the use of a prayer of confession just rote repetition?

Answer: Again, it is not rote repetition for me. Worship always requires us to invest our hearts, and this is especially true of the prayer of confession. This is a most important part of our corporate worship, because we as a church are coming into the presence of the holy God for the sacred ordinance of gathered worship, and we can only be accepted through the atoning blood of Christ. The confession of sin preaches the good news that however bad we know we are, through the blood of Christ even such wretched and wicked sinners as you and me are received into God's love and can expect God's blessing in our time of worship.

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



Guidelines for Prayer Requests

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.

Friendship Dinners



Sign-up NOW to participate in SPC's exciting **FRIENDSHIP DINNERS**

Sign-up deadline is August 23rd.

Objective:

To initiate and deepen relationships within the Second Presbyterian Church Family. Groups of 6-8 people (singles and couples) will share a meal together once a month for consecutive months.

Information sheets and sign-up cards are available throughout the church.

Questions? Contact Alice Barnett, 864-906-0166.

Corner of River and Rhett

River and Rhett

August is back-to-school month and it's also in many ways the beginning of the Church Year. Let me begin by saying how blessed Second is to have the many volunteers who make ministry happen. I want to draw attention to Rebekah Johnson, who in addition to her role as WIC President has hosted Play Dates for the young families all summer. Also Jenny Spears, Hudson Mann & Ashley Maralit who have created some summer ministry events on Wednesdays for younger children. Thank You So Much!

Let me highlight just a few of the many August Activities.

This Coming Sunday - O. Palmer Robertson

We are so happy to have O. Palmer Robertson with us this week. He was born in 1937 and is a graduate of Belhaven College and Westminster Theological Seminary. He has pastored congregations in Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Maryland, and has taught in Westminster, Reformed, Covenant, and Knox Seminaries in the U.S.A. He is now Principal and Director of African Bible University in Kampala, Uganda. Palmer Robertson is a well-known conference speaker in many parts of the world, and the author of numerous books and commentaries. He will be speaking during the Sunday School hour to us on the topic of Christ in the Psalms.

Parenting Seminar

Will be held on consecutive Thursdays Aug 20th & 27th, beginning each night at 6pm with a catered dinner. The popular life skills seminars presented by Dr. Phillips return on the subject of parenting. The cost is \$10 per person per session. A nursery will be provided.

Basketball Sign-Ups

Church League Basketball will begin earlier this season. The Deacons are asking that families register online before the end of this month.

Friendship Dinner

Take advantage of these informal gatherings in member homes to get to know Second Church folks a little better. Register at Library Kiosk or online. Deadline is August 23rd.

Rally Day

A very special Rally Day program is planned for this year. We will introduce some new Sunday School Teachers.

Special Day of Fasting and Prayer

Calvary Presbytery declares Wednesday, August 26, 2015 as a special day of fasting and prayer for the congregations.

The Editor



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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

August 9, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00

REDEEMED HUSBAND

Ephesians 5:25-35
Hymns: 35, 529, 703
Anthem: O Be Joyful

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

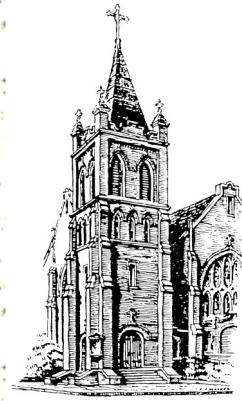
EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

THE RESURRECTION BODY

1 Corinthians 15:35-43
Hymns: 168, 290, 358
Psalter: Psalm 86 (verses 1-11)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Pastoral Letter from the Senior Minister Questions About Worship at Second Church

Occasionally I am asked questions about our worship service and I am always happy to give an answer. (Let me say, in general, that I never mind being asked honest questions about the church, theology, or Christian living. Please don't ask me about South Carolina college football, however, as I'm trying to maintain a pastoral relationship with Clemson and Carolina supporters alike!). Here are some common questions about worship; I hope my answers are a help to those who have been wondering:

Question: Why do our ministers wear robes?

Answer: Our ministers wear robes during worship services because they are exercising a formal office in the Church. Policemen, soldiers, and even doctors and nurses wear uniforms when on duty, and our ministers are likewise officers on duty, having been set apart for the ministry of Word and sacrament as they lead the church in sacred worship. The Puritan Thomas Watson wrote: "As a king speaks by his ambassadors, know that in every sermon preached, God calls to you; and to refuse the message we bring is to refuse God himself." In keeping with the long tradition of Reformed churches, the robes serve to remind church members of this divinely-given authority, rather than an authority based on the preacher's personality, charisma, or public stature.

Question: Isn't the reciting of creeds merely an exercise in tradition? How is this relevant today?

Answer: I don't know about you, but I never "recite" the