

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 6

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, December 7

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, December 8

12:00 PM WIC Circle 3 Christmas Lunch at Grace Cooley's
 12:30 PM WIC Circle 5 Christmas Lunch at the church
 4:30 PM I Mites Basketball practice
 5:30 PM Mites Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 6:30 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

Wednesday, December 9

5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 5:15 PM Youth Ensemble (7th-12th grades)
 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 & 5 year olds)
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (1st-6th grades)
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant Kids
 6:55 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 6 Christmas Fellowship
 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:25 PM College & 20's Bible Study
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 8:30 PM Sr. High Boys' Basketball practice

Thursday, December 10

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal

Friday, December 11

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study
 6:00 PM Sr. High Christmas Party at the Cooks'
 6:30 PM ACTS SS Class Christmas Party at the Spears'

Saturday, December 12

6:30 AM Senior High Girls' Basketball practice
 Basketball games (see schedule in Herald)

Upcoming Events

Dec. 2 NO WIC Council
 Dec. 3 WIC Thursday Bible Study Luncheon
 Dec. 3 Jessamines
 Dec. 5 Perry Correctional Christmas Party
 Dec. 7 Diaconate Meeting
 Dec. 8 WIC Circle 3 Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 8 WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 9 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Dec. 9 WIC Circle 6 Christmas Fellowship
 Dec. 9 Missions Committee Meeting
 Dec. 10 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Dec. 11 ACTS SS Class Christmas Party
 Dec. 11 Sr. High Christmas Party
 Dec. 13 Congregation Meeting to elect Deacons and receive and support 2016 budget
 Dec. 13 "Sing the Songs of Bethlehem" by Chancel Choir
 Dec. 13 Reception following Choir Concert
 Dec. 14 Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 14 Session Meeting
 Dec. 15 Churchwide Christmas Caroling
 Dec. 16 Family Night Christmas dinner and program
 Dec. 18 College & 20's Christmas party
 Dec. 20 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Dec. 23 No Wednesday night activities
 Dec. 24 Lessons and Carols
 Dec. 24-28 Church Office Closed
 Dec. 27 Christmas Hymn Sing
 Dec. 30 Church Office Closed
 Dec. 30 No Wednesday night activities

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 112: 7-9

*He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
 His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on
 his adversaries. He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
 his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.*

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.

John and Cindy Duncan
McDow, Blair, Knox, Lindsay

Melton and Lynda Duncan
Ford, Frances, Mary

Polly Duncan
Peggy Ann

Missionary for the Week

Rev. Seth Starkey
Belhaven University RUF
Jackson, MS

Seth was born and raised in Greenville, SC. He graduated from Newberry College in 2007 and 10 weeks later began his studies at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. During seminary he became the ministerial intern at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC and continued in that role until his graduation from RTS in 2010. Following graduation, he was ordained as the Assistant Minister at Second Presbyterian. Seth is married to the former Laura Lee Patterson from Knoxville, TN. She graduated from UT Knoxville in 2005. They have two sons, Sam and Charlie. The Starkeys are thankful for the great privilege of impacting the lives of college students through the ministry of RUF.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

Dec. 7	6:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	Home
Dec. 7	8:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	ARP
Dec. 10	6:00 PM	Women	ARP
Dec. 12	11:30 AM	Jr. High Boys	Christ Church
Dec. 12	12:30 PM	Midget Boys	St. Matthew
Dec. 12	12:30 PM	I-Mites	Finlay Hall
Dec. 12	1:00 PM	Mites	W. Pres. I

2016 Offering Envelopes

The 2016 offering envelopes are being prepared. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 18. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes.



Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2015 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than December 31.

December Schedule

- ⇒ There will be no Wednesday night activities on:
Wednesday, December 23
Wednesday, December 30
- ⇒ The Church Office will be closed:
December 24-28
- ⇒ The West End Herald will not be mailed the week of:
December 28.

**Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 13th
10:00 am
To elect Deacons and
receive and support the 2016 budget.**

 **“Sing the Songs of Bethlehem”** 
December 13, 2015
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. There will be a reception in the church gym immediately following the service.

Young At Heart

**December 14, 2015 @ 11:45 am
Fellowship Hall**

Our Christmas luncheon will be extra special! We will have a delicious luncheon for \$8.00 per person payable at the door. Our own Rev. Paul Settle will bless us with a Christmas meditation. What a way to go into the Christmas season!

Christmas Caroling

There will be an opportunity for church members to go caroling this year to shut-ins within the congregation. Mark your calendars for the night of Tuesday, December 15th. Notify Mel Duncan (mduncan@spcgreenville.org, 232-7621 ext 14) if you would like to participate. Let Mel know if you would be willing to drive. Groups will be organized by geography and then meet at the church afterwards for refreshments.

WIC Council will not meet in December.

*Lessons and Carols
Wednesday, December 24, 2015
6:00 pm
We will marvel with the heavenly host
as we hear the good news of our Savior's birth
retold in Scripture and song.*

Christmas Parties

- WIC Thursday Bible Study Luncheon**
Dec. 3 @ 12:00 PM in the Choir Room
- WIC Circle 3 Christmas Luncheon**
Dec. 8 @ 12:00 PM at the home of Grace Cooley
- WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon**
Dec. 8 @ 12:30 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall
- WIC Circle 6 Christmas Fellowship**
Dec. 9 @ 7:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall
- ACTS Sunday School Class Christmas Party**
Dec. 11 @ 6:30 PM at Robert and Jenny Spears'
- Sr. High Christmas Party**
Dec. 11 @ 6:00 PM at Scott and Christina Cooks'
- College & 20's Class Christmas Party**
Dec. 18 @ 6:30 PM at Robert and Jenny Spears'

*Family Night Christmas Dinner and Program
Wednesday, December 16th @ 5:30 pm, Church Gym
Dinner: 5:30 pm * Program: 7:00 pm*

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. 9th. 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 # _____



following the example of the early church in Acts 6, that the Holy Spirit calls deacons to service through the acclamation of the church congregation. On December 13, we will continue this practice through the election of deacons. All these men have been nominated by the congregation, approved by the elders, completed an extensive training program designed to ensure their competence in both doctrine and the duties of this office, and then have each been interviewed by the Session. Most important for us are the biblical qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3:8-13: deacons should be reverent and honest, self-controlled, not self-serving, and sound in their faith. The godliness of their wives, if they are married, should commend them to the church, as well as the good order of their households. In sum, deacons who will oversee the people and property of the church should have demonstrated such ability in their sphere of their private lives. None of these men are perfect and all have areas for Christian growth, like the rest of us. But their election should signify the congregation's confidence in their commitment to Christ, their maturity as believers, and their established reputation for godliness.

Third, having considered our debt to the deacons and our need for new deacons, let me say a word to those who will be elected. No doubt, you will quickly realize that this is a serious commitment, but there are reasons for you to take up this obligation. First, it is no small thing for the church to set you forth to serve in such an important way. It is my view that one should be reverently open to callings to serve in the church. God calls us into service, and service as a deacon is one of the highest forms. Second, there are few more important things to which one could be called in this life. We are engaged together in work with eternal significance and that is of serious concern to the Lord God Almighty Himself. Should you not be willing to sacrifice in such a cause? Third, you will be greatly blessed through faithful service as a deacon. I believe that our deacons will tell you of a great satisfaction they receive through their work and of the valuable fellowship they experience within the Diaconate. Moreover, Paul concludes his description of deacons by writing this: "For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 3:13). What a rich treasure is revealed in those words!



Please pray for God to provide for our church through new deacons who will join the ranks of those already serving. For those not called to this office, please consider how you might offer your own gifts and energies to the work of the gospel in this church. Every member of our church has an important role to play, according to the gifts and graces that Christ has given to each of us. May God meet all our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips

Please be in prayer for the following men as they stand for election to the Board of Deacons on December 13th.

David Caldwell
Phil Larson
Hunter Leigh
Hank Ludwig
Ernest Ray Ouzts
Spencer Player
Ken Pujdak
Kye Zimmerman

A biography of each of the nominees has been inserted in this week's Herald.



Deacon Nomination and Election Procedure

The Session calls all communing members of Second Presbyterian Church in good standing to give prayerful consideration in preparation for participation in the important responsibility given to the church of electing godly men to the office of deacon. You may vote for up to 8 men.

All deacon nominees must meet the requirements of Holy Scripture, the PCA Book of Church Order, and Second Presbyterian Church (SPC). Deacons must be men who are:

- believers who hold the deep truths of the faith with clear conscience (1 Tim. 3: 9)
- worthy of respect (1 Tim. 3:8)
- temperate in consumption (1 Tim 3:8)
- sincere (1 Tim. 3:8)
- honest (1 Tim. 3:8, BCO 9-3)
- of spiritual character (BCO 9-3)
- exemplary in life (BCO 9-3)
- brotherly in spirit (BCO 9-3)
- warm towards other members (BCO 9-3)
- of sound judgment (BCO 9-3)
- member of Second Presbyterian Church for at least 2 years at the time of election (SPC)

Each member should carefully and prayerfully evaluate all potential nominees against the above list of requirements.

The top vote-getters will be elected (provided they receive a majority of the eligible voters present). There will be a run-off if 8 men are not elected on the first ballot.

**Congregational Meeting for Election
Dec. 13 @ 10:00 am**

**Ordination/Installation of Deacons
at the evening worship service
Jan. 3, 2016 @ 6:00 pm**

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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

1892, The year SPC began

The "town of Greenville" had become a city and was thriving in the Post-Reconstruction era and Greenville began to grow. An African American church, Springfield Baptist, was built, the Southern Railroad began operations through Greenville, a large cotton seed oil mill was built on Augusta Street, a horse drawn street railway began operations and the first real bridge was built for people on Main Street to cross the Reedy River. It was in this era that our first daily newspaper began, *The Greenville Daily News*, and a large textile mill, Camperdown, was built on the river in downtown Greenville.

A few years before a second mill, the Huguenot Mill, was built within the City, telephone service was inaugurated, home mail delivery had begun and the City School District was created. Greenville Senior would be the first "public high school" in the city. By 1890, a second City Hall had to be built along with a City Hospital. In the late 1890s, Greenville hosted a U. S. Army training camp called Camp Wetherill where soldiers were trained to serve in Spanish-American War.

During the decade of the 1890's all of the historic downtown Protestant churches were planting new churches in the West End. First Baptist, Pendleton Street Baptist, Buncombe Street Methodist, St Paul's Methodist, Christ Church Episcopal, St Andrews Episcopal began, and a Daughter Church of First Presbyterian was planted in the West End - The Second Presbyterian Church.

Noteworthy in 1892

- ◆ Only 27 years since American Civil War ended.
- ◆ Charles Spurgeon's last year preaching at Metropolitan Tabernacle in London.
- ◆ Queen Victoria was in her 7th decade of reign.
- ◆ Benjamin Harrison was President of the United States.
- ◆ "Pitchfork" Ben Tillman was Governor of South Carolina.
- ◆ Author JRR Tolkien was born.

In 2017 Second Presbyterian will celebrate its 125th anniversary as well as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The Editor 

The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY

December 6, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

THE FIRST DAY

Genesis 1:3-4

Hymns: 194, 394, 304

Anthem: The Holy Son of God
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

Luke 9:12-17

Hymns: 198, 96, 211

Psalms 96

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



The Second Presbyterian Church
Corner of River and Rhett Streets
Greenville, South Carolina

November 30, 2015

Letter from the Senior Minister
The Ministry of Our Deacons

At our congregational meeting on Sunday, December 13, we will be electing men to serve our church in the office of deacons. The Bible clearly lays out two classes of office in the church: elders to oversee and shepherd, and deacons to serve and lead in the ministry of good deeds. Our *Book of Church Order* describes the diaconal ministry as "one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need." In this ministry, the deacons minister to those in need, promote the grace of liberality in giving, collect and distribute gifts to those in need of benevolence, care for the property of the congregation, and make arrangements to facilitate the gatherings of the church congregation.

Our first response to this description of the deacons' ministry ought to be to express our collective gratitude for the labors of these faithful men. As pastor, I am especially aware of our debt to the work of the deacons; I can hardly imagine how we could conduct our services without their faithful service. I can assure you that our deacons make significant sacrifices of time and energy on behalf of our church. This inevitably means that their wives and children also make sacrifices. So let's make sure that they know how much they are appreciated. As you have opportunity, could you express your appreciation for the faithfulness and ability with which our deacons and their families serve our church?

My second reflection is to observe what an important thing it is for the Lord to provide us with new deacons. We believe,