

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, February 14

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:45 AM Membership Class
- 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 15

- 11:30 AM Young At Heart at The Red Lobster

### Tuesday, February 16

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
- 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

### Wednesday, February 17

- 5:15 PM Youth Ensemble (7th-12th grades)
- 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 & 5 year olds)
- 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (1st-6th grades)
- 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
- 6:45 PM Elder Training
- 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
- 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant Kids
- 6:55 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies
- 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

### Friday, February 19

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

### Saturday, February 20

- 6:30 AM Senior Girls' Basketball practice
  - 10:00 AM WIC Shower for Carrie Looper
- Basketball tournaments ongoing

## Upcoming Events

- Feb. 10 Missions Committee
- Feb. 12 Valentine's Banquet
- Feb. 14 Membership Class begins
- Feb. 15 Young At Heart at The Red Lobster
- Feb. 17 Administration Committee
- Feb. 20 WIC Shower for Carrie Looper
- Feb. 21 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- Feb. 24 CE Committee
- Feb. 24 Sports' Banquet
- Feb. 26 Senior High Bonfire at the Loopers'
- Feb. 28 Communicants' Class begins
- Feb. 28 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
- March 2 WIC Council
- March 5 WIC Prayer Breakfast
- March 7 Diaconate Meeting
- March 8-9 WIC Circles
- March 9 Pastoral Care Committee
- March 9 Missions Committee
- March 13 Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 13 Worship & Music Committee
- March 14 Session Meeting
- March 16 Administration Committee
- March 19 Looper/Stephens Wedding
- March 20 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- March 21 Young At Heart
- March 23 No Wednesday activities
- March 24 Maundy Thursday Service
- March 25 Good Friday Lunch and Service
- March 25 Church Office Closed
- March 27 Easter Services
- March 30 CE Committee

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 9:1-2  
*I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
 I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.  
 I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name,  
 O Most High. (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.

**Rubye Benchoff**  
 304 Dupont Drive  
 Greenville, SC 29607  
 235-9958

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Erin Harvell**  
**Olin, Adger, Pennington**

**Edna Heath**

**Emil Henning**

## Missionary for the Week

### CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP (CEF)



**Greenville 2015-16 Good News Clubs**

8,840 Children

544 Salvations

1697 Volunteers

117 School Clubs in 100 schools

10 Community Clubs

Second Pres. sponsors two Good News Clubs: Augusta Circle Elementary and The Kroc Center. Pray for the leaders, teachers, volunteers and children.

**Basketball Schedule for the Week**

Feb. 13      9:30 AM      I-Mites      Finlay Hall

Tournaments are in progress.  
Check the website for teams, times, and places.

**RED LOBSTER**  
FRESH FISH - LIVE LOBSTER

**Young At Heart**

The Young At Heart will have a Valentine Luncheon this month at the Red Lobster on Feb. 15th at **11:30 am**. Reservations must be made with Judy Brigman (242-2939). We will meet at the Red Lobster, order from the menu and have a wonderful time of fellowship. Young At Heart is open to all ages.

**ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET**  
**Wednesday, February 24th**  
**5:30 pm**

*Mark your calendars and join us as we honor our athletes and teams for their 2015-16 sports participation.*

**Showering with Love**

*WIC cordially invites all ladies to a Bridal Shower for*  
**Carrie Looper**  
*Saturday, February 20, 2016*  
*10:00 am - 11:30 am*  
*Fellowship Hall*

**ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET**  
**“When I Fall in Love”**  
**Friday, February 12, 2016**  
**6:30 pm \* Church Gym**  
**Cost: \$10.00 per person**  
**(12 years old and up)**

Nursery provided for children under 12.  
You may make reservations with Ken Safford or Robert Spears, pay online or bring your check to the church office.  
Make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church.

**Upcoming Dates**

April 15	Sr. High Camping Trip
April 23	WIC Ladies' Tea
April 24	New Members' Reception/Luncheon
May 1	Elder Vow Renewal
May 4	Graduation Banquet
May 11	CAT Kids Program
May 25	Musical CAT Kids begins
June 3-11	Mission trip to Peru
June 5	All Adult Sunday School begins
Week of June 16	Mission Trip to Calvary Home
June 13-17	Vacation Bible School
June 20-24	General Assembly-Mobile, AL
June 27-July 2	Sr. High trip to Edisto Island
July 4	Annual Church Picnic
July 25-29	Jr. High trip to Ridge Haven
August 10	Musical CAT Kids Program
August 28	Rally Day

*Mark Your Calendars and Plan Early!!*  
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**Please contact the church if you have a change of address, cell or home phone number, email, etc. (jgrant@spcgreenville.org) We are updating the data base for our new online church directory.**

**Membership Class**

Begins Sunday, February 14 @ 9:45am  
Fellowship Hall 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.

**Communicants Class Begins**

A Communicants Class will be held beginning Sunday, February 28. 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 contact Melton L. Duncan, 232-7621, ext. 14.

**Ladies of Second Presbyterian**

You are cordially invited to attend the  
**WIC Prayer Breakfast**

*“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” COLOSSIANS 4:2*  
**(New Date) Saturday, March 5, 2016**  
**10:00 AM \* Church Fellowship Hall**  
Contact Laurie Farley (864-918-9186) with questions.

**2016 PCA Women's Conference**

**“TRANSFORMED”**  
Christ Covenant PCA in Matthews, NC  
October 28-29, 2016

Join us as we seek to be TRANSFORMED through studying Romans 11:33-12:2 together. The conference will feature keynote speaker, Nancy Guthrie, worship, workshops and other opportunities to connect. Early registration begins February 1st and is \$75.00. For group travel/hotel information please email Cindy Duncan.  
CindyADuncan@gmail.com  
For more information about the conference go to:  
<http://www.pcadm.org/transformed2016/>



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 the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am, is as follows:

- Feb. 14: The “Solas” of the Reformation (Pastor Phillips)
- Feb. 21: The Doctrines of Grace (Pastor Phillips)
- Feb. 28: Law and the Gospel (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 6: Covenant Theology (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 13: Reformed Worship (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 20: Membership Vows (Pastor Spears)
- April 3: Presbyterian History (RE Melton L. Duncan)
- April 10: Finding Your Place at Second Presbyterian (RE Melton L. Duncan)
- Apr. 17/24: Session interviews for membership
- Apr. 24: 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



**CHURCH INFORMATION**

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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



**SPC Bible Reading Plan**

Each week in the Herald we will provide the upcoming week’s schedule for the SPC Bible Reading Plan taught during the Sunday School hour by Pastor Spears. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year. The complete schedule is available from Pastor Spears or from the church office.

February 14	Leviticus 5-7
February 15	Leviticus 8-10
February 16	Leviticus 11-13
February 17	Leviticus 14-15
February 18	Leviticus 16-18
February 19	Leviticus 19-21
February 20	Leviticus 22-23



“There simply is no substitute for our children hearing the Word of God read from our lips, with its doctrines explained clearly so they can understand, and the message applied to their hearts. It is not sufficient for fathers to send their children to church, Sunday school, Christian camp, or private Christian school. You must read the Bible to your children yourself. Obviously, our children must see some correspondence between the Bible and our lives. But even as we work out our own Christian growth, we must read God’s Word to and with our children.”

-Richard Phillips



Corner of River and Rhett

### Why Church Membership is Important?

#### What is it?

According to the Bible, church membership is a commitment every Christian should make to attend, love, serve, and submit to a local church.

#### Where is it in the Bible?

Throughout Old Testament history, God made a clear distinction between his people and the world (see Lev. 13:46, Num. 5:3, Deut. 7:3).

Christ says that entering the kingdom of God means being bound to the church "on earth" (Matt. 16:16-19; 18:17-19). Where do we see the church on earth? The local church.

The New Testament explicitly refers to some people being inside the church and some people being outside (1 Cor. 5:12-13). This is much more than a casual association.

The church in Corinth consisted of a definite number of believers, such that Paul could speak of a punishment inflicted by the majority (2 Cor. 2:6).

Not only does the New Testament speak of the reality of church membership, but its dozens of "one anothers" are written to local churches, which fill out our understanding of what church membership should practically look like.

#### Why is it important?

Biblical church membership is important because the church presents God's witness to himself in the world. It displays his glory. In the church's membership, then, non-Christians should see in the lives of God's changed people that God is holy and gracious and that his gospel is powerful for saving and transforming sinners.

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#### WORSHIP AT SECOND

#### THE LORD'S DAY

February 14, 2016

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00

#### THE CREATION OF MAN

Genesis 2:4-7

Hymns: 112, 303, 168

Anthem: Above All Praise and All Majesty

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

#### THE ONE ANOTHER COMMANDS VII

#### BEARING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

Galatians 6:1-10

Hymns: 353, 707, 356

Psalm 103 (verses 1-13)

Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching



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### The Second Presbyterian Church

Corner of River and Rhett Streets  
Greenville, South Carolina

February 8, 2016

### Letter from the Senior Minister

#### 2016 Spring Membership Class

On February 14, 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.