#### **Church Calendar**

#### Sunday, May 1

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, May 2

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, May 3

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, May 4

5:00 PM WIC Council

5:30 PM **2016 GRADUATION BANQUET** 

Speaker: Mr. Ike Reeder

7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 6

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

#### **Upcoming Dates**

June 5	All Adult Sunday School begins
June 13-17	Calvary Home Mission Week
June 19	First Ice Cream Social
June 20-24	General Assembly-Mobile, AL
June 27-July 2	Sr. High trip to Edisto Island
July 2	Annual Church Picnic
July 11-15	Vacation Bible School
July 17	Ice Cream Social
July 18-22	Jr. High trip to Ridge Haven
July 29-Aug. 6	Peru Mission Trip
August 10	Musical CAT Kids Program
August 21	Homemade Ice Cream Social
August 28	Rally Day
Mark Your Calendars	and Plan Early!! www.spcgreenville.org

#### **Upcoming Events**

April 27	CE Committee Meeting
April 28	Calvary Presbytery @ Fellowship PCA
May 2	Diaconate Meeting
May 4	WIC Council
May 4	Graduation Banquet
May 8	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
May 9	Session Meeting
May 10	WIC Circles
May 11	Missions Committee Meeting
May 11	CAT Kids Program
May 12	WIC Shower for Irene Siemen
May 15	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
May 16	Young At Heart
May 17	Narnia Book Club begins
May 18	Administration Committee Meeting
May 18	CAT Kids Spring Fling
May 22	Congregational Meeting to elect Elders
May 22	Installation/Ordination of New Elders Evening Worship Service
May 25	CE Committee Meeting
May 25	Musical CAT Kids begins
May 27	Sr. High Bowling Night
May 29	Safety Sunday
May 30	Church Office Closed

#### **Scripture Reading for the Week**

#### Psalm 31: 3-5

For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. (ESV)

#### **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.

Hank and Ginger Ludwig

Roger and Debra Lusk

Willy and Elizabeth Madrid

#### **Missionary for the Week**



#### ROGER AND LAURA DYE CHURCH PLANTING LATIN AMERICA

#### Pray for Ecuador: Earthquake and the Gospel:

Thank you for your prayers. God is good and faithful to the pastoral families of our coastal region. None of them have suffered any harm. To the contrary, they have opened their homes to serve as designated receiving areas to distribute food and supplies to those who have lost everything. There is much sorrow for the deceased and the property damage. Please pray that God would give us words of wisdom to comfort these couples and families.

> —Alfredo Figueroa Family Life Guayaquil, Ecuador

#### **Young At Heart**

The monthly Young At Heart luncheon will be Monday, May 16 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered lunch is \$7.00 per person payable at the door. This month the Shepherd's Care Handbell Choir will delight us with a special program. Don't miss our last spring event. Great food and wonderful fellowship!!

#### **New Baby**

Congratulations to Mark and Christy Strickland in the birth of their new daughter, Caroline Ruth on April 13, 2016. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

#### **Calvary Presbytery**

The 130th Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held on Thursday, April 28th at Fellowship PCA. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am. Please be in prayer for God's blessing on this meeting and for the commissioners attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

#### Welcome

While Dr. Phillips is at PCRT Conference this weekend we welcome to the pulpit at the morning worship services, Rev. Roland Barnes, Senior Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Statesboro, GA. He was organizing pastor of this church body which began as a mission in April 1981 and was organized in February 1984. Rev. Barnes is married to his wife of 40 years, Peaches and has 7 grandchildren. (tpcstatesboro.com)

Dr. Craig Shepherd, Senior Pastor of Arden Presbyterian Church, Arden, NC will be in the pulpit at our evening worship service. Dr. Shepherd served 8 years with campus ministry and 13 years with MTW in Bulgaria as a church planter. He and his wife Lisa have been blessed with 5 children (4 sons and a daughter). (ardenpresinfo.org)



#### **Graduation Banquet**



Wednesday, May 4, 2016 5:30 PM \* Church Gymnasium Speaker: Mr. Ike Reeder, Covenant College

Join us as we honor our 2016 graduates:

Gran Baxa **Easley Home Education** Blair Duncan Wade Hampton High School

Riverside High School Medora Hoopes

Amy Looper Home School Noah Maralit Home School

Upstate Home School Co-op Sarah Martin Matthew Phillips Upstate Home School Co-op Ethan Russell Upstate Home School Co-op Upstate Home School Co-op Sam Styles

Lindsay Vanderwey Home School

Deanna Worley Winthrop University

If you are graduating in May or December, 2016, and have not contacted the church office please do so **ASAP**.



#### **CAT Kids Program**



Wednesday, May 11 Supper: 5:30 PM Program: 7:00 PM

Come and see what our covenant children have learned this year in CAT Kids.



#### **CAT Kids Spring Fling**



Wednesday, May 18 6:45 PM At the church

Musical CAT Kids will begin Wednesday, May 25th

#### **Vacation Bible School**

If you are interested in helping with VBS this year (July 11-15), please notify Jill Mann at bjmhmann@att.net. We need teachers/helpers in all areas.



#### **National Day of Prayer**



65th Annual National Day of Prayer

### **WAKE UP AMERICA**

Join Family and Friends May 5, 2016 @ 11:45 am FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY 200 West Washington St., Downtown Greenville We are joining an army of thousands across the land praying for our country, and for peace around the globe.



#### **Showering with Love**



WIC cordially invites all ladies to a Wedding Shower for

Irene Vogt Siemen

Thursday, May 12, 2016 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Fellowship Hall



#### **Good News Spectacular**

TD CONVENTION CENTER MAY 21, 2016 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



For children ages 4-12 and their families

#### Bring a friend and have a spectacular day!

A free one day community event filled with games, inflatables, popcorn, live interactive shows, crafts and more fun for the entire family.

If you volunteered to make bracelets for this event please turn them in to the church office ASAP.



Church membership also involves supporting the church in its work. Under normal circumstances, each member should be actively involved in some form of service, whether it is teaching children's Sunday School or helping in the nursery, ushering, visiting the sick, and inviting friends and neighbors to church. We all have spiritual gifts, and they belong not to us but to one another, and our gifts are to be employed in the church for the work of the gospel. We are "individually members one of another." (Rom. 12:5) Moreover, we should all be faithful in evangelism and fervent in personal and corporate prayer.

Church membership involves financial support of the church. God's Word teaches us to support the Lord's work by giving regularly, proportionately and joyfully: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income." (1 Cor. 16:2) Our regular pattern should be to tithe, which means giving a tenth of our gross income to support the church. But many of us will be able to give more, "for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

Submit. God has ordained elders and shepherds to oversee the church, and this requires that church members submit to this spiritual authority. "Obey your leaders and submit to them," says the Bible, "for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account." (Heb. 13:17) This surely implies that you should be praying for your pastors, elders, and deacons, who have a heavy obligation and are subject to spiritual attack. I especially want to echo Paul's request that you pray "also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel... that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak." (Eph. 6:19-20)

Study: Our church membership vows include the promise to "study the purity and peace" of the church. This means that members are called to lead lives that will honor our Lord Jesus Christ, and that will encourage our brothers and sisters to mature in their faith. It is important how you live! Moreover, we are to study – that is, to actively cultivate – the peace of the church. Paul writes that we must bear with one another, "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3) We should loathe few things more than that any of us should disturb the purity and peace of the church, and we



should gladly suffer all manner of personal loss for the sake of the spiritual well-being of the church and its members.

None of these vows involve a special or onerous obligation. These are the normal commitments every Christian should happily make. And we will not find any of this burdensome. Rather, as we live together in Christ, thinking more highly of others than ourselves and being zealous for the gospel, God will bless us all together with righteousness, peace, and joy, and he will use our church for things that will last forever.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Phillips

The Session has received the following non-communing members into communicant membership by profession of faith:

- Frances Duncan covenant daughter of Melton and Lynda Duncan
- Jacob Korol covenant son of Jason and Christine Korol
- Eli Maralit covenant son of Joseph and Ashley Maralit
- Josiah Schvaneveldt covenant son of Stephen and Lori Schvaneveldt

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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**

Below is the upcoming week's schedule for the SPC Bible Reading Plan. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year.

May 2	Psalm 133
May 3	Psalm 106-107
May 4	2 Sam. 5:11-6:23; 1 Chr. 13-16
May 5	Psalm 1-2; 15; 22-24; 47; 68
May 6	Psalm 89; 96; 100; 101; 105; 132
May 7	2 Sam. 7; 1 Chr. 17
May 8	Psalm 25; 29; 33; 36; 39



The Session has received the following members into communicant membership:

- Mark Abate
- Travis Gaulden
- Jeremy and Stephanie Hill

  Non-communing children: Felicity (7) and Billy (6)
- Marian Huddleston
- Noah McConnell
- Mark and Kimberly Robertson
- Stephen and Sarah Spinnenweber
- Jacks and Deborah Tingle
- Jacks Tingle, Jr.
- Dave and Mary Weiland

An information sheet for your church directory will be inserted in an upcoming Herald.

#### Corner of River and Rhett

#### REGISTER TODAY FOR NEW SPC PARKING TAGS

Due to changes in managing the church parking lot, the church will be issuing new parking tags and it is very important that any vehicle parked in the church lot have a new tag. Please register online at <a href="mailto:spcgreenville.org">spcgreenville.org</a> under the sign-ups section or fill out a paper form found outside the church library. There will be *no charge* for the new parking tags.

#### Narnia Book Club

Beginning Tuesday, May 17, 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, Alice Barnett will lead a book reading of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" and will continue on most Tuesdays throughout the summer (with the exception of Circle Tuesdays and the week of VBS). The last day of reading will be on September 6. "We'll get as far as we get although I don't believe we will make it through all 7 books of the Narnia series. Keep in mind that this won't be anything fancy.....no radio drama, no special effects, no serious discussions, etc. Just a pretty straightforward reading like Story-hour at the library. Anyone is welcome to attend regardless of age or gender." Coffee will be served and maybe some cookies or muffins on occasion.

#### **Peru Mission Giving**

Support Peru Mission Team by giving to the church team or individual team members. You can go to spcgreenville.org / Signups / Give 2016 Summer Missions. You can also write your check to Second Presbyterian Church, ATTN Summer Missions (if making an individual donation please include name.)

#### Second Presbyterian Team

Elizabeth Madrid (Leader)
Steve Moore (Co-Leader)
John Smoker
Olivia Angell
Aaron Angell
Christina Bianchi
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# ORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP 8:30 & 11:00

A SURE AND CERTAIN FAITH John 1:1-4

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Mark 2:13-17

Hymns: 101, 145, 155

Psalm 107 (verses 17-32)

Dr. Craig Shepherd preaching

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## Letter from the Senior Minister Membership Vows

This past Lord's Day we were delighted to introduce new members into our congregation. It is my prayer that all those who have joined will be greatly blessed through this church and that they will be a blessing to us and a help to the work of the gospel here.

Married couples find that it is helpful to attend weddings, since they are reminded of the vows they gave one another. In a similar way, I hope all church members paid attention to the vows taken by the new members this past Sunday. We sometimes are tempted to think that it is the new members who will take our church forward in ministry, but the reality is that it is the faithfulness of all members – old and new – that enables us to be effective in serving God. Let me therefore remind us all of our membership vows, solemn promises that are most fitting for Christians to make.

Support: The first promise is to support the church in its worship and work. Members support the church in its worship by attending regularly and participating in a spiritual and whole-hearted manner. The Bible tells us not "to give up meeting together." (Heb. 10:25) I can tell you that it encourages the preacher to have the members present and actively participating! But it encourages everyone to see their brothers and sisters faithfully gathering as a church. Allowing for illness or works of necessity and mercy, Christians ought to support the morning and evening worship services on the Lord's Day, as well as activities that occur throughout the week whenever possible. Our attitude should be, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:10)