

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, November 6

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 10:00 AM Diaconate Training  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 12:30 PM Membership Class Lunch  
 3:00 PM Called Session Meeting  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
           International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

### Monday, November 7

6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

### Tuesday, November 8

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church  
 1:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church  
 5:30 PM Mites Basketball practice  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church

### Wednesday, November 9

5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 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)  
 6:15 PM Youth Choir (7th-12th grades)  
 6:45 PM Diaconate Training  
 6:50 PM WIC Circle 6  
 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant Kids  
 6:55 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies  
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**  
 7:25 PM College & 20's Class  
 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 8:15 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball practice

### Thursday, November 10

4:00 PM Minors Basketball practice  
 5:00 PM Jr. High Boys Basketball practice

### Friday, November 11

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 111:10

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 2	WIC Council
Nov. 4	College & 20's Bonfire @ the Loopers'
Nov. 6	International Day of Prayer
Nov. 6	Called Session Meeting
Nov. 6	Membership Class Lunch
Nov. 6	Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov. 7	Diaconate Meeting
Nov. 8-9	WIC Circles
Nov. 9	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Nov. 9	Missions Committee Meeting
Nov. 13	New Members' Luncheon
Nov. 13	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Nov. 14	Young At Heart
Nov. 14	Session Meeting
Nov. 16	Administration Committee Meeting
Nov. 18-19	WIC Fall Retreat
Nov. 18	Sr. High Movie Night @ the church
Nov. 20	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Nov. 20	College & 20's Friends Giving
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Supper and Service
Nov. 24-25	Church Office Closed
Nov. 26	WIC Decorating for Christmas
Nov. 27	Congregation Informational Budget Meeting

## Mark Your Calendars!

⇒ Kirby Kee Fold & Fellowship SS	
Class Christmas Party	Dec. 2
⇒ Sr. High Christmas Party	Dec. 2
⇒ Good Grief Christmas Dinner	Dec. 8
⇒ Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal	Dec. 8
⇒ College & 20's Christmas party	Dec. 9
⇒ WIC Baby Shower (Haley Maycock)	Dec. 10
⇒ Diaconate Election	Dec. 11
⇒ Chancel Choir Christmas Music	Dec. 11
⇒ Christmas Dinner/Program	Dec. 14
⇒ Churchwide Christmas Caroling	Dec. 21

## 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.

**Woody and Georgie Campbell**  
 27 Riverview Drive  
 Greenville, SC 29611  
 269-4400

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Tony and Barnetta Stephens**  
  
**Mark and Christy Strickland**  
**Alex, Mack, Caroline**  
  
**Gregg and Laura Styles**  
**Sam**

## Missionary of the Week

### International Day of Prayer—Nov. 6, 2016

Join us at 5:15 pm in the Chapel as we join millions of people around the world praying for the Persecuted Church.

- Pray for both the repentance and redemption of those engaged in evil against the Church and for God's intervention against their evil schemes.
- Pray for disruption to the terror cycle and that God would change the hearts of all those who persecute Christians.
- Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters who live in fear daily under threat and for those who are imprisoned and sentenced to death because they have turned to Jesus.
- For God's protection to be upon the persecuted Christians in every way, guarding their bodies, minds and spirits.

**Basketball Schedule for the Week**

Nov. 3	8:00 pm	Women	St. Matthew
Nov. 3	9:00 pm	Men	AYMC/FBC 1
Nov. 5	10:00 am	I-Mites	Home
Nov. 5	11:00 am	Mites	AYMC/FBC 1
Nov. 5	1:30 pm	Jr. High Boys	W. Pres. 1
Nov. 5	2:30 pm	Minor Boys	St. James
Nov. 7	6:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	OLR
Nov. 7	7:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	St. Matthew
Nov. 10	8:00 pm	Women	St. Matthew
Nov. 10	9:00 pm	Men	W. Pres. 1

**College & 20's Class Bonfire  
Friday, November 4, 6-9 pm  
Home of Jimmy and Tammy Looper**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
November 6th.  
Don't forget to turn your clocks  
back 1 hour Saturday Night.**

**Young At Heart**

The November Young At Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon will be Monday, November 14th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of this delicious catered meal is \$8.50 per person payable at the door. Rita Stanley will give us a testimony of God's Grace on Bailey Manor. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special time of fellowship and thanksgiving.

**Thanksgiving Dinner & Service  
Wednesday Nov. 23  
Dinner :  
5:30 PM - Gym  
Service:  
7:00 PM - Sanctuary**

**The Church Office will be closed  
Thursday, Nov. 24th and Friday, Nov. 25th.**



**New Members' Luncheon**

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, Sunday, November 13, 2016 immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium. Meat and drinks will be provided by the church. Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.

**Church Directory**

John Smoker will be taking pictures of our new members at the New Members Luncheon on Nov. 13th. If you need to update your picture please stop by and see John at the luncheon. Also, if you need to update new addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. please contact the church office with your new information.  
232-7621, ext. 101 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org

**The Men's Fellowship Lunch on Friday, November 25th has been cancelled.**

**WIC will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sat., Nov. 26th. Come join them as the ladies beautify the church for this Christmas season.**

**There will be a Congregation Informational Budget meeting on Nov. 27, 2016.**

**United in Love**

**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH**

This month Bethany Christian Services will be celebrating and supporting those touched by adoption. If you or someone you know is a birthparent, adoptee, or adoptive parent, Bethany Christian Services' Post-Adoption Contact Center is available to support ALL who have been touched by adoption. Visit [bethany.org/pacc](http://bethany.org/pacc) to learn more.

**Adoption: A Beautiful Doctrine** **SPC Women In the Church**

**Annual Fall Retreat  
November 18-19, 2016**

**ADOPTION**

*"No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home."*

**Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC**

**30 Days of Prayer for World Missions**

The 30 Days of Prayer for World Missions calendars are now available on the counter outside the library. This November calendar is put out by MTW and is a tool for you to use to pray for MTW missionaries and ministries throughout the month, particularly for those in restricted-access countries where believers are often persecuted for their faith. The calendar also highlights the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 6**, giving you the opportunity to join the worldwide body of Christ in prayer for the persecuted Church. Join us at 5:30 pm in the Chapel as we join together to pray for the Persecuted Church. Be sure and pick up one of these calendars as we join together during the month of November in prayer for World Missions.

**Christmas Poinsettias**

It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. This year you may purchase a **RED** Poinsettia for \$10.25. Orders will need to be in by Dec. 7th. 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. (Please do not put in the offering plate.)

I would like to purchase \_\_\_ Poinsettia (s) at \$10.25 ea. Total: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_



opportunity to refine it." It is crucial that we never fall prey to the old canard that "perception is reality." Perception is not reality. Perception is a part of reality but it is not reality. A crucial reminder - When electing public officials, we are not electing a Pastor. We are electing a President or state/local office bearer. Furthermore, it must be remembered that at times, God's common grace produces leaders that though unsaved have a dependable and reliable character.

**Content:** Do they know their stuff? While I fully understand the current climate manifested by a desire to elect an "outsider," (which has proven effective at times in the past) the undeniable fact is that governing in the public square whether an "insider" or an "outsider" requires a clear and knowledgeable grasp of the issues and challenges attendant to the office being sought. I lament the loss of the "public servant" in our government but I also understand that men and women who serve as civil magistrates must know what needs to be done and how to get it done. It is imperative that they "know their stuff." Have they demonstrated the ability to work with others while holding to principled positions?

**Competency:** Are they effective leaders? Have they developed and displayed the skills to effectively lead others to achieve a noble mission together? In other words, can the proposed candidate produce unity when confronted by situations where a multiplicity of perspectives, a diversity of desires and a disparity of objectives are competing for supremacy?

**Convictions:** What are their heart-felt beliefs? Attempting to ascertain a leader's true convictions is a crucial component of deciding before the Lord if a candidate is worthy of our vote. Confessional convictions will ultimately be authenticated or exposed as superficial as a leader's operational convictions are observed. For example, if you desire to know what a candidate truly believes, take note of where they invest their time, abilities and resources. Another instrument to determine a candidate's true convictions is to note how he responds to adversity in life. Adversity is a test and a test reveals three things - what you know; what you don't know; what you need to know. So when adversity comes, what does the candidate do - learn, or die in a pile of self-pity? When adversity tests a leader, their response will tell you what their deepest convictions are and give you an indicator of how they will respond to the "pressure cooker" of public service and the temptations of power.



**Core:** The foundation and capstone of candidate assessment. So how do we assess the core of a candidate's life and abilities and avoid being judgmental? The answer is simple, yet profound. A prayerful assessment of a candidate's past provides clarity for interpreting a candidate's promises in the present as well as anticipating how and what they will propose in the future. It is a truism because it is true. The best interpreter of the present and the best prognosticator of the future is a man's past. Furthermore, by examining the history of a candidate to know their core you also obtain an effective instrument to assess the four preceding components of the paradigm. One's history ultimately reveals the core of a candidate and in so doing brings light to determine the authenticity of their character, content, conviction, and competences. So, when assessing a candidate take the time to learn their past, to interpret their present and anticipate their future. But, it is also important to leave room for growth if the candidate's history has revealed a patterned commitment to being a humble and intentional learner.

#### A FINAL EXHORTATION - PRAYER

The simple fact is that the responsibility of selecting leaders for the public square is of such importance that they must never be made without focused seasons of intercessory prayer seeking guidance from God's word and "wisdom from above." In God's Providence, many have died for us to have this privilege of voting. Use it wisely, and then, cast your vote under the eye of God.

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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 - 5:30 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.

Nov. 7	Matthew 24
Nov. 8	Matthew 25
Nov. 9	Matthew 26; Mark 14
Nov. 10	Luke 22; John 13
Nov. 11	John 14-17
Nov. 12	Matthew 27; Mark 15
Nov. 13	Luke 23; John 18-19



#### Pack a Shoe Box

##### Operation Christmas Child

Share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your simple gift can make an eternal difference. Shoe boxes with instructions on how to pack a shoe box are located throughout the church. If you have any questions contact Pat Tyner.

**Return filled boxes to church office by November 13th.  
Remember to include \$7.00 for postage.**

#### THE SHOEBOX

After shoeboxes are packed, sent off with prayer and prepared for overseas shipment, they travel by plane, boat and truck to countries where local churches receive them with joy. Every gift-filled shoebox provides these churches with an opportunity for evangelism and discipleship in places they otherwise might never be received. As a result, the Gospel is transforming children, families and entire communities. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this process. National collection week is coming up November 16-23.

## Corner of River and Rhett

### Second Presbyterian Home Groups

The Session has approved a new ministry in the life of SPC called Home Groups. These elder led home-based Bible Fellowship Groups will take place in members' homes throughout greater Greenville beginning in early November. It is our hope these groups will allow newer members and members who want to connect more deeply an opportunity for fellowship and community.

If you have not been contacted by the Home Group Leader nearest you with meeting information, please contact the church office.

#### HOME GROUPS

**West Group:** (*Easley*) Elder Doug McDaniel  
Host: Mark & Beth Baxa, Nov. 3, 6-8 pm, Supper provided  
Study Material: *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges  
Teachers: Mark Baxa and Leon Harmon

**Northwest Group:** (*Furman area*) Elder Bill Wheeler  
Host: Scott & Sarah Grubbs, Nov. 4, 7-9 pm, Post-Supper  
Study Material: *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer  
Teacher: Nathan Sasser

**Northeast Group:** (*Taylors*) Elder Keith Pratt  
Host: David & Sarah George, Nov. 4, 6-8 pm, Supper provided  
Study Material: *Habits of Grace* by David Mathis  
Teacher: Keith Pratt

**Central Group:** (*Augusta Road*) Elder Al Wills  
Host: Kirby & Helen Kee, Nov. 3, 6-8 pm, Supper provided  
Study Material: *Jesus the Evangelist* by Richard Phillips  
Teacher: Kirby Kee

**East Group:** (*Pelham*) Elder Bill Watkins  
Host: Rick & Sharon Phillips, Nov. 4, 7-9 pm, Post-Supper  
Study Material: *Children of the Living God* by Sinclair Ferguson  
Teacher: Chad Bailey

**Southeast Group:** (*Mauldin*) Elder Hugh Player  
Host: Kevin & Shannon Mobley, Nov. 3, 7-9 pm, Dessert only  
Study Material: *Simplify Your Spiritual Life* by Donald Whitney  
Teachers: Scott Cook and Kevin Mobley

### The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

#### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

November 6, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00

#### CANAAN CURSED

Genesis 9:18-28

Hymns: 17, 461 / 131, 677

Anthem: From All That Dwell Below the Skies  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 PM

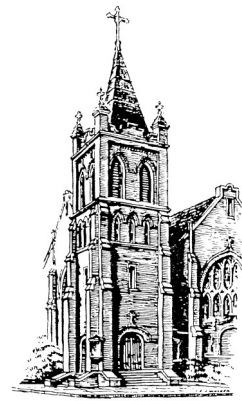
#### EXALTED ABOVE ALL GODS

Psalms 97

Hymns: 63, 604, 88

Psalms 119 (verses 97-104)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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### A Five-Fold Paradigm for Voting with Christian Wisdom by Harry Reeder

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Speaker at 2017 Greenville Conference  
on Reformed Theology at SPC

When it comes to politics, the most frequently asked question is "who are you going to vote for?" As a pastor I seldom answer that question. I prefer answering another question which equips people to not simply know how to vote in one election but how to evaluate voting in any election. Therefore, the more crucial question is "how should I, as a Christian, prepare to vote with prayerful deliberation and wisdom?"

Given the position I have taken (for multiple reasons) to not publicly endorse candidates, I feel it is important to pastorally share a Biblical process by which candidates for public office should be evaluated. So, in light of the multiple texts in God's Word designed to guide us in evaluating leaders in general and civil magistrates (public officials) in particular, I thought it best to give a brief distillation consisting of a five-fold paradigm to prayerfully make a decision in exercising the providential blessing, duty and privilege to vote for elected officials.

#### THE FIVE-FOLD PARADIGM

**Character:** Who are they? In considering a candidate the prevailing issue is character. In God's word when electing Elders multiple texts give us the qualifications that are essential. In I Timothy 3 there are 17 such qualifications. Of the 17, 15 of them deal with character and conduct. Who are they? In particular who are they when no one is looking or when adversity strikes? When under trial do they intentionally focus upon developing character that reveals to be a trustworthy leader? What is their track and what do they do in private to pursue character formation? "Circumstances do not determine your character; they reveal it and become the