

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 25

11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**

5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel

6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28

No Wednesday Night Activities

Friday, December 30

Church Office Closed

*Happy New Year
From the Church Staff*

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 113:1-3

Praise the LORD!

*Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!
Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and
forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised! (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

Dec. 21	Churchwide Christmas Caroling
Dec. 21	No Wednesday Night Activities
Dec. 23-26	Church Office Closed
Dec. 24	Lessons and Carols
Dec. 28	No Wednesday Night Activities
Jan. 4	WIC Council
Jan. 4	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Jan. 8	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Jan. 8	Deacon Ordination & Installation
Jan. 8	Reception for New Deacons
Jan 10-11	WIC Circles
Jan. 10	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
Jan. 11	Missions Committee Meeting
Jan 13-15	2017 SPC WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE
Jan. 15	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Jan. 16	Young At Heart
Jan. 18	Administration Committee Meeting
Jan. 25	CE Committee Meeting
Jan. 28	Calvary Presbytery at Bailey Manor

**If you have a date for the January
calendar please contact the church
office this week:
232-7621, ext. 101
jgrant@spcgreenville.org**

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.

Margaret Hook
2 Brynhurst Circle
Greenville, SC 29615
288-2573

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Don and Tammy Welker

Bill and Pat Wheeler

Gail Whigham

Missionary of the Week

SPC MISSIONS

- **EVANGELISM EXPLOSION:**
Pray for the team as they visit.
Pray the Lord will prepare the hearts of the people they visit.
- **GOOD NEWS CLUBS:**
(Augusta Circle Elementary & Kroc Center)
Pray for the leaders, teachers and volunteers.
Pray for the children to be receptive to receive the Good News.
- **OUR SUPPORT MISSIONARIES:**
Pray for safety, provisions, and fruitfulness.
Pray for good health.

 **Basketball Schedule for the Week** 

Jan. 2	6:00 PM	Sr. High Girls	1 Pres.
Jan. 2	8:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	St. Matthew
Jan. 5	8:00 pm	Women	St. Matthew
Jan. 5	9:00 pm	Men	AYMC/FBC 1
Jan. 7	9:20 am	Mites	AYMC/FBC 1
Jan. 7	11:30 am	I-Mites	Christ Church-Finlay
Jan. 7	12:30 pm	Jr. High Boys	St. Matthew
Jan. 7	1:30 pm	Minor Boys	St. James

2016 Offering Envelopes

The 2017 offering envelopes are on a table outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes this week. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 104. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes. Please use the 2017 envelopes beginning the first Sunday in January. Your 2016 envelope number may be different from the 2017 number.

Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2016 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than Dec. 31.

Back Pack Blessing Program

Thank you for your generous food contributions to the Back Pack Blessing program at Augusta Circle. That need continues on a weekly basis, so more items are appreciated.

Join the Choir!

The beginning of the new year is a terrific time to join the choir! The choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 11. If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please see Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker, following a worship service or call him at 864-979-9378. Visitors are most welcome and the only requirement for membership is a love for the Lord and the desire to sing His praise! Rehearsals take place in the choir room each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join your voice with the choir!

December Schedule

- ⇒ There will be no Wednesday night activities on:
Wednesday, December 21
Wednesday, December 28
- ⇒ The Church Office will be closed:
December 23-26
- ⇒ The West End Herald will not be mailed the week of:
December 26.

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 Wednesday, December 21st. Notify Mel Duncan (mduncan@spcgreenville.org, 232-7621 ext 102) 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.

**The church office will be closed:
December 23-26
and
December 30.**

*Lessons and Carols
Saturday, 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.*

Good News Club

We have lost several volunteers at the Kroc Center on Friday afternoons. We currently need Grade Shepherds in order to continue that program. You can be quickly trained to sit with the children, to encourage them and help with memory verses, and to love them! Please contact Cyndi Player (864-483-4644) if you are willing to give two hours weekly (beginning mid-January) to this most worthwhile ministry.

Deacon Ordination/Installation

Sunday, January 8, 2017
Evening Worship Service
There will be a reception for the new deacons in the gym immediately following the evening worship service.

Mark Your Calendars

For Christ in South Carolina and the World

2017 SPC WORLD MISSIONS
CONFERENCE

HERE WE STAND:
THE POWER OF THE WORD

January 13-15, 2017



know all is due to His sovereign will; yet, we know He uses His people to accomplish that will and to express His goodness and love. Our move here would not be possible without your generosity and support, and prayers. We cannot say thank you enough. It is a great privilege and honor to serve as the Minister of Congregational Care and to take up the post as an assistant pastor in this faithful, historic, confessional church among those whom the Lord calls the "excellent ones" in the land (Ps. 16). I pray you have a very Merry Christmas.

Warmest regards,
Chad

Dear Second Pres. Family,
Greetings! Its hard to believe, but 2016 is nearly in our rear view mirror. As we look forward to 2017, Christina and I wanted to take a minute to thank you. We have had the privilege—and we really mean that—of ministering here at Second for another year. We are grateful to the families of our church for the opportunity to minister to our young people, watching them grow in life and their faith. We are grateful for the young adults in our church and the way the Lord is beginning to use them for His service in the church. We are grateful for the many seasoned saints in our congregation who are always so encouraging and who set a godly example of being faithful to Christ throughout their whole lives. We are most appreciative of the elders and deacons of this church—what a blessing it has been to labor under these men who truly care for Christ's Church as under shepherds and servants. We give thanks to the Lord for another year here at Second. Our prayer for you as we begin afresh in the New Year, is that you may know the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit in a richer measure in 2017.

With Love in the Lord,
Scott and Christina Cook

Dear Second Church Family,
On behalf of the Duncan family I wish to express my Merriest Christmas Greetings and appreciation for all the ways this church has been a blessing during this past year. It is a unique joy to serve this beloved congregation as Church Administrator and to work along-side so many people who have volunteered in ministry for so long. This people, this place is special and



work that the Lord is doing through us all has eternal purpose and meaning. May God grant each of you Joy in this season of the Savior's birth.

For the Church,
Melton

"O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

On behalf of my family, I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas! May the joy of Christ be yours in abundance as you gather with family and friends to celebrate the coming of Jesus to earth as a child. May our worship of His holy name be both sincere and glorious as we sing to Him songs of praise, and make music for His glory in this season of celebration and throughout the coming year.

This past year has been one full of blessings and I am truly grateful for your love, prayers and support in our ministry together. It is my great privilege to work with our musical adults, youth and children encouraging, teaching and enabling them to make music for the glory of the King of kings. I am especially appreciative of our humble and Godly church staff who utilize their gifts and abilities to encourage and challenge us all to grow in Christ-likeness so that our worship, work and witness will speak forth the gospel of Christ to a needy world.

May God, our Heavenly Father, grant you joy in this season and always.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Verlyn for the Smoker Family



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.

Dec. 26	1 John 1-5
Dec. 27	2 John 1, 3; 3 John 1
Dec. 28	Rev. 1-5
Dec. 29	Rev. 6-11
Dec. 30	Rev. 12-18
Dec. 31	Rev. 19-22



Christmas Letters continued...

As this year is coming to an end, I reflect on this first full year on staff at Second. I am so thankful for God's providences and the opportunity to use the gifts God has given me for His church. This year has brought much joy to the Johnson family as we welcomed our 5th son into this world. All our boys love the people and activities at Second from the singing to preaching to eating to playing with their friends. I can't express my gratitude enough to all the Sunday school teachers, CAT kids teachers, nursery workers, and pastors as they have so faithfully taught God's Word to me over my entire lifetime here at Second and as they still continue that traditional with my entire family. I am excited about what another year at Second will bring. I love this church and love working in and on it to make it more useful in God's kingdom. Thank you all for your encouragements and for all you do for my family.

I pray you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Nate Johnson

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 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 - 5:30 PM * Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM

Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM



Corner of River and Rhett

MINISTRIES NEEDING VOLUNTEERS

Looking to get involved?
Help out with a SPC ministry.

Ushering

Contact Kip Altman
#1-828-773-7841; ckaltman@yahoo.com

Nursery

Contact Lori Schvaneveldt
#1-864-404-6072; lorischvaneveldt@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Food Service & Hospitality

Contact Tim Johnson
#1-864-567-9621; tim.johnson@afna.com

"Koinonia" Service Ministry

Contact Barnettta Stephens or Judy Pitts
#1-864-414-7313; barnettastephens@gmail.com
#1-864-350-7488; larry.pitts@gmail.com

Host a Youth Fellowship in Your Home

Contact Scott Cook
#1-864-901-8320; scottcookiii@gmail.com

COFFEE, FOOD, CELL PHONES IN THE SANCTUARY

A friendly reminder that Second Presbyterian requests that food and coffee not be brought into the sanctuary and cell phones be turned off during the duration of the worship services. Help create a God-honoring worship space that is free from world distractions-sights, sounds, and smells-that inevitably draw our mind away from the most important hour of our week.

~The Editor



The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY
December 25, 2016**

MORNING WORSHIP
11:00 am

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Micah 5:2-6

Hymns: 203, 208, 201
Anthem: Child in a Manger
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

THE TRINITY AND THE CHURCH
Ephesians 2:19-22
Hymns: 226, 207, 217
Psalm 119 (verses 161-176)
Rev. Scott C. Cook preaching

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Greenville, South Carolina

December 19, 2016

Christmas Letters

As our family approaches our tenth Christmas at Second Presbyterian Church, we praise the Lord for many blessings here in Greenville. It is a highlight of our year to enter the beautifully decorated sanctuary and worship together with you during the Christmas season. Now that we have children out of the home, Christmas is also special as a time when our whole family is joined together again. This year we will be traveling to the Philadelphia area after Christmas to spend time with Sharon's family. Thank you so much for your prayers for her father as he continues to decline from ALS. Thank you for all your prayers, love, and partnership in the wonderful gospel of our beloved Savior! May the Lord bless each of you during this Christmas season, and may the beauty of this holiday remind you of the great love that God has for you in his Son.

Merry Christmas
The Phillips Family

Dear saints of Second,
On behalf of my family let me say how grateful we are for your warm hospitality, generosity, and love in the Lord. Though we have only been in Greenville and at Second Presbyterian Church for a few months now, we can honestly say it feels like home. You have helped us not only move to Greenville but move into a rental and into our new home, which we look forward to sharing with you in the years to come. We have been humbled by your servant-heartedness and brotherly love. The house-warming gifts, food, cleaning, packing, loading, unloading, and genuine Christian fellowship have been an overwhelming encouragement and a rich blessing from the Lord to me personally as well as to my family. We trust the Lord and