

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 19

- 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 20

- 11:45 AM Young At Heart

Tuesday, February 21

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, February 22

- 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
5:30 PM **ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET**
Speaker: Rev. Chad Bailey
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 23

- 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Friday, February 24

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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 9:9-11

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 15 Administration Committee Meeting
Feb. 18 WIC Prayer Breakfast
Feb. 19 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
Feb. 20 Young At Heart
Feb. 21 Young Adult Bible Study
Feb. 22 CE Committee Meeting
Feb. 22 Sports Banquet
Feb. 28 Young Adult Bible Study
March 1 WIC Council
March 5 Communicants' Class begins
March 6 Diaconate Meeting
March 8 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
March 8 Missions Committee Meeting
March 12 Finance Committee Meeting
March 12 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
March 13 Session Meeting
March 14-15 WIC Circles
March 15 Administration Committee Meeting
March 19 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
March 20 Young At Heart
March 22 CE Committee Meeting
March 25 WIC Shower for Sarah Spinnenweber

2017 Mission Dates

Mission Trip to Trujillo, Peru

July 21-29, 2017

Team Leader: Chad Bailey
cbailey@spcgreenville.org

Mission Trip to Cherokee Reservation

July 22-29, 2017

Team Leader: Ken Pujdak
AgentK@OrionRealtyBroker.com

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.

Marian Wood
5 Creekbend Road
Simpsonville, SC 29681
297-0783

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Larry and Jenel Babb
Chad and Rebecca Bailey
Hannah, Samuel, Andrew, Michael, Alice
Lee Bailey

Missionary for the Week



Wes and Jami Baker Peru Mission

WHAT WES DOES

- Church Planting
- Seminary Instruction
- Vision and Strategic Planning

ABOUT THE BAKERS

Wes is a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He and his wife Jami have seven children ranging in age from eleven to twenty-four. Wes serves as a pastor in the Cristo Rey Presbyterian Church in Trujillo, trains pastors and church planters in the seminary, and helps with the mission's strategic planning. The Bakers have been with Peru Mission in Cajamarca and Trujillo for almost fifteen years.

**The Lord's Supper
February 19, 2017
Evening Worship Service**

Young At Heart

The February Young At Heart luncheon will be on Monday, February 20 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal is \$7.50 payable at the door. This month our own Sharon Phillips will share with us the powerful message of "Loving One Another". Mark your calendars and don't miss this special time of delicious food, great fellowship and wonderful speakers.

Young Adult Bible Study

February 21st and February 28th
7:00 pm at the Spinnenwebers'
Come enjoy a time of food, fellowship,
and study with other young adults at Second.
If you have any questions
please see Stephen Spinnenweber.

 **ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET**
Wednesday, February 22nd
5:30 pm
Speaker: Rev. Chad Bailey
*Mark your calendars and join us as we honor our athletes
and teams for their 2015-16 sports participation.*

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



**"Pancakes and
Prayer"**

**ANNUAL WIC PRAYER
BREAKFAST**
Saturday, February 18, 2017
9:00 am - 10:30 am

Please join us for a delicious pancake breakfast and a structured time of prayer and hymn singing led by our WIC Council. It is always a wonderful time of fellowship as we gather together to pray for our church, community and nation. We hope you will make plans to attend! Please RSVP to Laurie Farley at laurelfarley@gmail.com.

****Please bring a food item to donate to the
Backpack Blessing Ministry of CEF.**

Communicants Class Begins

A Communicants Class will be held beginning Sunday, March 5th, taught by Pastor Scott Cook. 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.

Class Schedule

- March 5: What does it mean to be a Christian?
- March 12: What are the ordinary means of grace?
- March 19: What is a healthy Church member?
- March 26: What do our membership vows mean?

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to sign your child/children up for the class.
(232-7621, ext 106 or scook@spcgreenville.org)

Membership Class

**Meets Sundays @ 9:45 am
Classroom C-209**

- Feb. 19: The Doctrines of Grace (Pastor Phillips)
- Feb. 26: Law and the Gospel (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 5: Covenant Theology (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 12: Reformed Worship (Pastor Phillips)
- Mar. 19: Membership Vows (Pastor Bailey)
- Mar. 26: Presbyterian History (RE Duncan)
- April 2: Finding Your Place at SPC (RE Duncan)
- April 2 & 9: Session interviews for membership
- Apr. 23: Reception of New Members
and New Members' Luncheon

(Class will not meet April 16 due to Easter Sunday.)

We request that any who are interested in becoming members of Second Presbyterian Church attend this class; however, attending this class does not obligate you to become a member of this Church. Come and meet other visitors. The coffee pot will be on. If you have any questions please contact our Church Administrator, Melton Duncan at 232-7621, ext. 102.

Church Directory

Please make the following changes to your church directory:

Wayne and Linda Kirk
371 Store Road
Easley, SC 29640

Lee Axley
700 Heritage Club Dr.
Greenville, SC 29615-3962



One reason why fire-keepers are so valuable is that most of us lead weak and inconsistent prayer lives. If we are honest, most will admit that we find prayer difficult and even unsatisfying. This is because prayer is a purely spiritual work, and we are not particularly spiritual people. Have you ever noticed how easy it is to find a reason not to join in prayer? There is always someone to talk to or some time-consuming task; how easy it therefore is to stay out of the prayer meeting or skip your personal time of prayer. But, as Philip Ryken writes, "There is no other way to receive the blessings of God. All of the spiritual blessings that God has to give come through a life of prayer. Wisdom for life's decisions come through prayer. The awesome presence of God in worship comes through prayer. Conversions come through prayer. The revival fire of the Holy Spirit comes through prayer."

It is because of this truth that we should be so thankful to God for the fire-keepers among us who have kept up the demanding discipline of prayer. How many blessings we presently enjoy as a church are the result of faithful prayers lifted up for God's work in this place? If you know someone who is fervent and devoted in prayer for you, for our church, and for Christ's work, make sure to thank them for tending the fires for us all. Even better, we should consider joining them. Ask an older member who has learned the discipline of prayer about how they have kept faithful in prayer. Come to the weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday night and learn how to spend a half-hour or so with your brothers and sisters in prayer. Begin praying for God to protect the blessings that we enjoy: sound doctrine, reverent worship, faithful shepherds, loving fellowship, joyful spiritual vitality and more. These things should not be taken for granted, but should be preserved and promoted in word, speech, and prayer. Then begin praying for God to extend these blessings into more and more lives. Pray that the young people in our church would be inspired with a passion for Christ. Pray that what takes place on Sundays here would extend into our homes during the week. Pray for weary mothers, who are expending their energies in sacrificial love for their families. Pray for burdened fathers, who so often feel the weight of the world on their shoulders. Finally, having prayed for God to protect and extend our current blessings, pray for God to give us new blessings. Pray for a renewing of evangelistic fervor and for new converts in and through our church. Pray for new opportunities of service and gospel outreach. Pray for the resources to expand the potential of our church for ministry in the generation to come. In a church like ours, there is



so much to do – but there is nothing more important than for us to pray to God for protection, strength, and blessing.

Like us, Elijah lived in a time when people did not know the Lord. So he prayed, "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God" (1 Ki. 18:37). After he had prayed this way, the fire of the Lord descended and consumed the sacrifice Elijah had prepared. When the people saw this, "they fell on their faces and said, 'The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God'" (1 Ki. 18:39). Our historical setting is different from Elijah's, but it remains true that if we will commit ourselves to prayer, we may expect to see God's power at work among us so that people believe that Christ is Lord. In my view, all of us in this church have many reasons to thank the fire-keepers among us and who have gone before us – their prayers are the source in God's grace for our present blessings. Let's learn the lesson and be fire-keepers in our families, keeping the home-fires of faith burning on our knees. Let's be fire-keepers in our church. And as a church, let us be those whose prayers are used by God to shine his light so brightly that many see it and that God's power will overcome unbelief and lead many to know the Lord in saving faith.

May the Lord bless you all this week.

In Christ's Love,
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 - 5:30 PM * Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM



Reading Through the Bible in 2017

Below is the new schedule for reading through the Bible in 2017. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year. The amount of reading is balanced each day, rotating from OT to NT and using Sundays as "catch-up" days.

Feb. 20	Leviticus 1-4; Psalm 1
Feb. 21	Leviticus 5-6; Psalm 2
Feb. 22	Leviticus 7-9; Psalm 3
Feb. 23	Leviticus 10-12; Psalm 4
Feb. 24	Leviticus 13-14; Psalm 5
Feb. 25	Leviticus 15-16; Psalm 6



Live Webcast Trouble

Many of you have experienced issues watching SPC services online over the past many weeks. There were issues with the SPC network as well as SermonAudio's servers being overloaded with the growing demand on their infrastructure. We have installed a second, dedicated internet circuit for the live webcast and SermonAudio has just increased their capacity by 30% to accommodate the increased load. The live webcast should be much more stable going forward. The live webcast service is an increasing part of SPC's ministry, reaching hundreds of folks each month who are unable to attend services. Please let Nate Johnson (njohnson@spcgreenville.org) know if you have any trouble watching the services online.

Also, remember you may view the live webcast directly from the SPC website (spcgreenville.org), from the SPC facebook page ([facebook.com/SPCGreenville](https://www.facebook.com/SPCGreenville)), by downloading the SermonAudio app from your phone's app store, or on your Roku device by installing the SermonAudio Channel.

Corner of River and Rhett

Below are excerpts from a letter written to the Officers of Second Presbyterian Church from Al and Anne Anderson.

This has been a year of farewells to dear departed ones, and now we must say goodbye to our Second Church Family. With Al's allergic drug reaction in ICU after fine aortic valve replacement, initiating 2 strokes, son Tim and Nancy invited us there. Tim's 4 and Chris' 3 children are all in New England and New York, as well as Anne's older brother and family. Tim's and Nancy's home in Redding has 7 Golden Retrievers, ages 3 to 14, wonderful family dogs and protectors.

Though grateful, we didn't want to leave all we had here after 43 years, especially our Church Family and Doctors who had saved our lives.

Our home, never on the market, sold in 2 weeks compared to our office in 3+ years. It was akin to shock. God worked out all the details so Anne could pay her funeral costs, complete Al's, as well as moving costs.

Son Chris from Rhode Island and daughter Joy come next weekend to help prepare items for the internet for the Christian Auction owner's photographers. What is kept for us and family will be moved by Chris in a Penske van to Tim's in CT and then the piano goes with him to RI. (His graduate degree from BJU was in Piano Pedagogy) The complexity involved in a piano move is helped by the company from which Opal Holbrook donated the Sanctuary piano when Al was Chairman of Worship and Music.

We want to keep our membership at Second Church, with computer fellowship and church mailings. We love everybody, and are grateful for God's and family's provision for us, but we're crying on the inside. Already we are missing everyone, but have too much to do to dwell on it. Please pray we stay focused on priorities.

We close our goodbye story by praying for you and your loved ones the precious blessings of our LORD Jesus Christ.

With Love in Him,

Al and Anne Anderson

The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

February 19, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

ABRAM GOES TO WAR

Genesis 14:1-16

Hymns: 76, 508, 578

Anthem: O How Amiable

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

HIDE NOT YOUR FACE

Psalms 102

Hymns: 29, 540, 420

Psalms 127

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister God's Firekeepers

In the Iroquois tribe of Native Americans, community life revolved around the log house situated in the center of the camp. Extended families would live there, as well as sleep, work, and play around the great fire kept always burning. In order for the log house's fire to keep burning there needed always to be a fire-keeper. His job was to make sure the flame was never extinguished. When others went out to gather, hunt, or fight, the fire-keeper stayed in the log house keeping the home fires burning.

The church needs fire-keepers, too: those who devote themselves when others may be too busy or distracted and who keep the spiritual fires lit. Christian fire-keepers are otherwise known as prayer-warriors. It is through devoted and disciplined prayer that fire-keepers uphold the church. In the Old Testament, Elijah was a fire-keeper. In a time of idolatry and sin, we read, "Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down to the earth and put his face between his knees" (1 Ki. 18:42). According to the Bible, the faithful prayers of this one godly man made a vital difference in his generation. In the New Testament, James reminds us of Elijah's prayers: "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." He then points out that "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours" (Ja. 5:16-17). Notice the emphasis: Elijah was just a person no different from us. But he prayed devotedly in faith and his prayers were used by God to keep faith alive in Israel. The prophets of Baal were trying to stamp out the true worship of God, but Elijah's prayer kept the flame for Israel. When the people were gathered back to the Lord, it was Elijah's prayer that reignited their hearts to trust in God once more. We need today the kind of fire-keepers that Elijah was then.