

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 16

7:00 AM **SUNRISE SERVICE - Wyche Pavilion**
 8:00 AM Breakfast in the gym
 9:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 10:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, April 17

11:30 AM Young At Heart lunch at Red Lobster

Tuesday, April 18

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, April 19

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)
 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting
 6:55 PM CAT Kids/Covenant Kids
 6:55 PM Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETNG FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20

6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

Friday, April 21

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Mark 10:33-34

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn Him to death, and shall deliver Him to the Gentiles: and they shall mock Him and shall scourge Him and shall spit upon Him and shall kill Him: and the third day He shall rise again." (ESV)

Upcoming Events

April 12	No Wednesday Night Activities
April 13	Maundy Thursday Service
April 14	Good Friday Lunch and Service
April 14	Church Office Closed
April 16	Easter Services: 7am-Sunrise Service 8am-Breakfast @ Second 9am-Sunday School 10am-Easter Morning Worship Service 6pm-Easter Evening Worship Service
April 17	Young At Heart-Lunch @ Red Lobster
April 19	Administration Committee Meeting
April 23	New Members' Reception & Luncheon
April 23	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
April 26	CE Committee Meeting
April 27	Calvary Presbytery @ Clemson PCA
April 28	HS/Middle School Lighthouse @ church
April 29	WIC Spring Luncheon
April 30	Evangelism & Discipleship Committee

Report of April 9 Congregational Meeting

- RE Alfred H. Wills, Jr. was elected by the congregation as a new Trustee for the Corporation of Second Presbyterian Church.
- RE David Rainey gave a financial update on the finances of the church as information.
- RE Doug McDaniel gave information on a refinancing agreement for 225 South Academy Street. The congregation voted to approve and actively support the refinancing.

MTW Easter Compassion Fund

The compassion fund is an MTW mercy offering for unexpected needs around the world. Through the years, Compassion funds have enabled MTW to respond quickly to crises that touch our missionaries and their communities around the world. Urgent needs were met with medical and construction assistance, food and shelter for displaced families, and personal care and counseling for victims of natural disasters, among other things. In each case, your gifts were connected to MTW's church-planting efforts. Information brochures on how to make a donation and share in showing the compassion of Christ toward those who are suffering and for enabling the spread of the gospel through word and deed are located on the shelf outside the church library.

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.

Iris Dillard
 Westminster Independent Living
 11 E. Augusta Place, Apt. 222
 Greenville, SC 29605
 864-207-8331

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Woody and Georgie Campbell
Mike and Diana Carey
Stu and Priscilla Carmichael

Missionary for the Week



Rev. and Mrs. Esaïe Etienne MTW-Haiti Mission

Esaïe and Natacha are natives of Haiti who have lived in the U.S. for over 20 years. They were married in 1997 and have three boys. Esaïe has an M.Div. from RTS

Orlando and is an ordained minister of the PCA in the Southwest Florida Presbytery. He has been in church-planting ministry since 1993 in South Florida, Central Florida, and Haiti. Natacha has a B.A. in elementary education.

In 2006, Esaïe and Natacha decided to return to their homeland for ministry under the umbrella of Mission to the World. After deputation, they moved in 2008 to the city of Gonaïves and in 2009 to Port-au-Prince. Following several disasters, Esaïe and Natacha returned to South Florida to live. Esaïe travels back and forth to Haiti monthly for the ministry.

Their ministry is comprised of church planting, leadership training, and mercy ministry, which includes a school for children, a medical mission, and a children's home.

Holy Week and Easter Services at Second

Apr. 13	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 14	11:45 am	Good Friday Lunch/Gym
	12:30 pm	Good Friday Service/Sanctuary
Apr. 16	7:00 am	Sunrise Service at Wyche Pavilion
	8:00 am	Breakfast at the church
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Easter Morning Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Easter Evening Worship Service

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on April 12th.



Easter Sunrise Service

April 16, 2017

Wyche Pavilion @ 7:00 am
Mountain View Baptist Church
Second Presbyterian Church

Speaker: Rev. Stacey Mills
Assisted by Dr. Richard D. Phillips

Breakfast at 8:00 am at Second Presbyterian Church

**The church office will be closed
Friday, April 14th.**

Young At Heart



Monday, April 17, 2017

We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am.

We will order from the menu.

Call Verlyn Smoker with questions. (232-7621, ext. 105)

Elders' Vow Renewal

The Elders will renew their vows at the evening worship service on May 7, 2017.



WIC Ladies Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 29th

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Ruthie Delk, speaker and author (cravinggrace.org)

During our time together, Ruthie Delk, author of "Craving Grace" will give us a fresh look at the gospel and how it can bring healing and hope to our weary hearts.

"It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace."

Hebrews 13:9

Please RSVP to Laurie Farley

laurelfarley@ymail.com

Nursery provided.

Treasurer's Report

MARCH 2017 & YTD

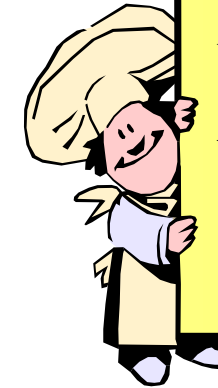
	Actual		
	March 2017	YTD 2017	YTD Budget
Offerings	102,496	297,832	347,750
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	82,614	261,225	302,943
Mission	30,658	32,366	44,807
Total Outlays	113,272	293,591	347,750
Net Offerings	(10,776)	4,241	

- Contributions in Mar. 2017 were \$102,496 vs. budget of \$115,917.
- Contributions for March 2016 were \$83,979.
- Contributions YTD March 2017 were \$297,832 compared to YTD March 2016 of \$273,085.
- Operating expenses for Mar. 2017 were \$82,614 versus the budget of \$100,981.
- Missions and Benevolences were paid in March for the first quarter in the amount of \$30,658.
- Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC.
- If you have any questions, please contact Doug McDaniel or David Rainey.

New Members' Luncheon

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, April 23, 2017** immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.

Meat and drinks will be provided. Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.



New Members will be introduced at the 11:00 am worship service on April 23, 2017.

Directory Pictures

Pictures of our new members will be taken at the luncheon on April 23 for the church directory and the online directory. If you would like to update your picture in the directory please plan to do so at this time.

Graduation Banquet



Wednesday, May 3, 2017

5:30 PM * Church Gymnasium

Join us as we honor our 2017 graduates:

If you are graduating in May or December 2017, and have not contacted the church office please do so this week.

232-7621, ext. 101 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org



CAT Kids Program



Wednesday, May 10

Supper: 5:30 PM

Program: 7:00 PM

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

Musical CAT Kids will begin May 24th.



the theme of Jesus’s authority—both over the created world and his right to judge it. Everything Jesus did, he did with authority. So when he awoke his disciples Monday saying he wanted to go back into Jerusalem to teach, as risky as it sounded it wasn’t surprising. Everyone sensed something stirring, as if Jesus had rounded a corner and his end was coming fast. He was a marked man.

Tuesday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 21:23–26:5](#), [Mark 11:27–14:2](#), [Luke 20:1–22:2](#), [John 12:37–50](#).)

If Monday’s arrival in the temple was an all-inclusive, living parable of cleansing God’s house, Tuesday’s entrance is a direct, verbal confrontation with the appointed leadership. After Jesus clarifies he doesn’t regard these leaders as having any authority over him, he spends the rest of the day right there in the temple to teach the people God’s Word. But Tuesday afternoon is the last time Jesus publicly teaches in the temple as a free man. His words on this day are his closing argument, his manifesto.

When Jesus leaves the temple on Tuesday, the chief priests and scribes are “seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him” ([Mark 14:1](#)). But they can’t take his life from him solely on the strength of the charges they plan to bring—not if he defends himself. But he won’t. Instead, by his silence, he’ll offer up his life for a world of blasphemers and traitors and liars. This was what he has come to do, and as he exits the temple that Tuesday afternoon, he knows he will do it soon.

Wednesday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 26:6–16](#), [Mark 14:3–11](#), [Luke 22:3–6](#).)

The past several days have been a rush of tension and anger for Jesus’s opponents—and of unflinching resolve for Jesus. Words have been his currency, and he’s spent piles of them. But on the Wednesday before his death, Jesus is still.

He is in the home of Simon the Leper, a man known by what’s wrong with him. During their meal together, Mary of Bethany—Lazarus’s sister ([John 12:3](#))—comes to Jesus with an alabaster flask of perfume. She’s been saving this perfume, worth a year’s wages, for this exact occasion ([John 12:7](#)). She begins pouring it on Jesus’s head and feet, which requires breaking open its container ([Mark 14:3](#)). Like popping the cork on a \$20,000 bottle of champagne, this was a deliberate act. She is offering Jesus everything she has. By giving her most valuable possession to him, she is expressing her knowledge that what he’s about to give of himself is for her.

What Mary does is beautiful, and Jesus wants everyone to know it. She is preparing him for burial. There is honor and kindness in her gesture. Jesus returns the honor by saying history will never forget her act of beauty. And we haven’t.

Thursday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 26:17–75](#), [Mark 14:12–72](#), [Luke 22:7–71](#), [John 13:1–18:27](#).)

The Thursday prior to Jesus’s crucifixion fills many pages in Scripture. It begins with John and Peter securing the upper room. There, Jesus washes his disciples’ feet, explaining he is there to make them clean.

As they begin to eat, Jesus announces one of them is about to betray him. Each wonders if he means them. Then he dispatches Judas to do what he intends.

During this last supper, Jesus sets apart the Passover bread and cup and reassigns—or better, perfects—their meaning. The bread is his body. The cup, his blood. This meal will no longer remind them of God’s deliverance primarily from the external tyranny of Pharaoh, but from the internal tyranny of their own guilt and sin against God.

Jesus prays for his friends and those who will come to know him through them—that his Father would make them one ([John 17](#)). Then Jesus and his friends leave for the Mount of Olives to pray ([Mark 14:33](#)). But he isn’t there only to pray. He is also there to wait. Soon a line of torches snake their way toward him in the darkness. This is what he has been waiting for.

Good Friday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 27:1–61](#), [Mark 15:1–47](#), [Luke 23:1–56](#), [John 18:28–19:42](#).)

On Thursday night in Gethsemane, Jesus was arrested—betrayed by one of his disciples and abandoned by the others. The chief priests and the Sanhedrin called for secret trials in the dead of night, and the verdict handed down was that Jesus would be crucified. This is something the Roman prefect, Pontius Pilate, has to execute. And reluctantly, he does.

After a severe beating, Jesus is nailed to a cross where he remains for six hours until dead. Never before or since has more been lost and gained at the same time. The world gained the atoning sacrifice of Christ. But for those present, either the significance of the moment is lost on them or their hearts break as the One they thought to be the Savior of the world dies at the hands of Rome. They can’t stop it, and they don’t realize it’s for them. They hoped in him, and though he’d told them he would suffer many things and rise three days later ([Mark 8:31](#)), how could they have possibly known *this* was what he meant?

Saturday—The Forgotten Day

(For a full account of the events of this day as found in the Gospels, see [Matthew 27:62–66](#).)

Less is written about the Saturday following Jesus’s crucifixion than any other in the scope of this week. Yet what makes it unique is that

this is the only full day in history where the body of Christ lies buried in a cave.

Yesterday, he was crucified. Tomorrow, he rises from the grave. But what about today? Though we may not make much of this day, when we look at the few verses the Gospels give us about it, we find it was by no means forgotten by the chief priests who had handed Jesus over to death. During his earthly ministry, Jesus repeatedly said he would die in Jerusalem at the hands of the chief priests, yet on the third day rise again (e.g., [Matt. 12:40](#); [Mark 8:31](#); [9:31](#); [10:34](#)).

Of course, the chief priests scoffed. But they didn’t forget it. On the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, Jesus’s prediction preoccupies their thoughts such that they simply can’t leave it alone. [Matthew 27:62–66](#) tells the strange story of how they can’t dismiss out of hand the possibility that Jesus might know something they don’t.

Resurrection Sunday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 28:1–20](#), [Mark 16:1–8](#), [Luke 24:1–53](#), [John 20:1–21:25](#).)

Early Sunday morning, some of Jesus’s friends set out for his grave to anoint the body of their friend and teacher. When they arrive, however, they are greeted by what one Gospel writer calls “a man dressed in lightning.” He tells them Jesus is not there, as he said. He is risen.

In the week leading up to his death, the Good Shepherd went out to meet the wolves of judgment, sin, and death—and he did so with all authority. One might wonder, what good has it ever done anyone to die for some cause? This is the glorious beauty of the gospel. Jesus didn’t die as a martyr for a cause. He was never in the wrong place at the wrong time. He was never at the mercy of anyone. He lived, died, and was buried because he meant to be.

No one took his life from him. He laid it down. For whom? For his flock, his people.

And he laid it down only to take it up again ([John 10:18](#)). The point of the cross was not just to die, but to die and rise again, defeating the prowling wolves of sin and death themselves.

Easter says of Jesus, “He meant it! He meant to lay down his life for you. And as surely as he has taken it up again, he knows you and loves you.”

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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.

Apr. 17	Deuteronomy 21-24; Psalm 35
Apr. 18	Deuteronomy 25-27; Psalm 36
Apr. 19	Deuteronomy 28-29; Psalm 37
Apr. 20	Deuteronomy 30-31; Psalm 38
Apr. 21	Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 39
Apr. 22	Romans 1-4

SPC Mission Trips

Mission Trip to Trujillo, Peru

July 21-29, 2017

Team Leader: Chad Bailey

cbailey@spcgreenville.org

Commitment Deadline:

April 30, 2017 * \$850 Deposit due

Mission Trip to Cherokee Reservation

July 22-29, 2017

Team Leader: Ken Pujdak

AgentK@OrionRealtyBroker.com

Commitment Deadline:

April 30, 2017 * \$300 Deposit due

The Second Presbyterian Church summer mission trip to Trujillo, Peru will be July 21-29. Please consider joining us for a time of mutual encouragement and spiritual blessing as we seek to serve the church. April 24 is the deadline for the deposit in the amount of \$850.00. The deposit is for travel within Peru (flight, shuttle, hotel) and the deadline is due to the time it takes to secure the related accommodations. If you would like to go on this trip, please contact Chad Bailey by next week.

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

April 16, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

10:00 am

RISEN TO DAVID'S THRONE

Acts 2:29-36

Hymns: 277, 295, 296

Anthem: Now Glad of Heart

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

THE TRINITY AND CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2

Hymns: 300, 138, 102

Psalm 135

Rev. Scott C. Cook preaching



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Easter Week in Real Time

Article by Russ Ramsey

Palm Sunday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 21:1-11](#), [Mark 11:1-11](#), [Luke 19:28-44](#), [John 12:9-19](#).)

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem perched on a colt, it was the first time since raising Lazarus from the dead that he'd shown his face in the city. The story of Lazarus's resurrection had circulated so that many regarded Jesus as a celebrity. Everyone wanted to catch a glimpse. They went out to meet him and received him like a King, because they heard he had done this ([John 12:18](#)).

Jesus said Lazarus's death would end in the faith of many, and in the “glory of God—that the Son of God may be glorified through it” ([John 11:4](#)). But the glory he had in mind was even more glorious than his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In fact, he wasn't referring to the glory these people gave him at all. Lazarus's resurrection would steel the resolve of the religious leaders to hand Jesus over to a death he would embrace—a death he would conquer. That was the glory he meant. As he rode into Jerusalem, the people cried, “Your King is coming!” They praised his victory over Lazarus's death. But the irony was that he wasn't coming to claim his crown on account of Lazarus's death and resurrection, but on account of his own.

Monday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 21:12-22](#), [Mark 11:12-19](#), [Luke 19:45-48](#).)

If Jerusalem was a beehive, with his triumphal entry Jesus had hit it with a stick. You could hear the buzz grow as the anger within got organized. His kingly arrival was a strong declaration about his authority over all the conventions of man.

On Monday, Jesus returns for more—this time to declare the failure of God's people to live up to their covenant mandate to be a blessing to the world. Much of what the Gospels tell us about Monday centers on