

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 10

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**
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 7:30 PM Reception for Scott and Christina Cook

Monday, September 11

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting
 6:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church
 1:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 6:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at Panera Bread

Wednesday, September 13

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 (grades 1-6)
 6:15 PM Youth Ensemble (grades 7-12)
 6:50 PM WIC Circle 1
 6:55 PM CAT Kids/Covenant Kids
 6:55 PM Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**
 7:25 PM **MISSION TEAM REPORTS**
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 14

6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, September 15

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 48: 9-10

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

Sept. 6 WIC Council
 Sept. 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Sept. 10 Finance Committee Meeting
 Sept. 10 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 Sept. 10 Reception for Scott and Christina Cook
 Sept. 11 Diaconate Meeting
 Sept. 11 Session Meeting
 Sept. 12-13 WIC Circles
 Sept. 13 Missions Committee Meeting
 Sept. 13 Mission Team Reports
 Sept. 17 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
 Sept. 17 Deacon Training Begins
 Sept. 18 Young At Heart resumes
 Sept. 19 WIC Bible Study resumes
 Sept. 20 Administration Committee Meeting
 Sept. 21 LightBringers (Jessamines)
 Sept. 22 Youth Trip to Gravitopia
 Sept. 27 CE Committee Meeting
 Sept. 29 WIC Fun Night

Diaconate Meeting has been moved to Monday, September 11th.

Mark Your Calendars

Oct. 13-15 Greenville Conference on Reformed Theology
 Oct. 21 Church Picnic
 Oct. 25 Reformation Party
 Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday

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.

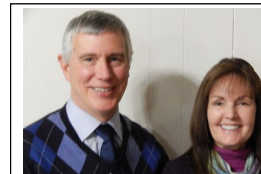
Jerry Rice
 12 Galphin Drive
 Greenville, SC 29609
 864-244-4473

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Kirby and Helen Kee
Fitz and Dottie King
John King

Missions for the Week





Bill and Susan Carr
MTW-Northern Minnesota

Currently Bill and Susan are working with Native Americans in northern Minnesota. One of the greatest needs of the Native American church is spiritual leadership. The Carrs have accepted the challenge to help train leaders at Mokahum Ministry Center. Mokahum offers intensive training programs requiring a high degree of accountability, including a one-year discipleship track and a three-year ministry track. Both programs emphasize theological education, life skills, and ministry experience. Bill serves as educational director for the center. Susan teaches enrichment and study skills classes for the students. Please pray for Bill and Susan, and that effective Native American leaders will be equipped for gospel ministry for the Lord's glory.

Truth for Life

Adult Sunday School classes have resumed. Please refer to flyers located on bulletin boards throughout the church for available classes, teachers, and what the classes will be studying. We have a variety of classes with excellent teachers available for all ages. Look forward to seeing everyone at SS as we begin our new fall schedule.

Fall Basketball

 **Church League Basketball sign-ups for the 2017-2018 season** 
www.spcgreenville.org/signups
Basketball sign-ups will run Aug. 28th - Sept. 18th. On the Home page will be a link for Basketball information that will take you to an online form to register for basketball and pay the fees. **Please sign up early to help us with planning.** Games will begin in Nov. and run through Feb. Contact Chad Scoggins for more information.

Young At Heart

The first fall monthly luncheon of the Young At Heart will be Monday, September 18, 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of the catered lunch is \$7.50 per person payable at the door. Pastor Chad Bailey will speak to us on "A Testimony of Faithfulness." Mark your calendars so you won't miss out on this opportunity of fellowship and ministry.

**WIC Bible Study resumes
Tuesday, Sept. 19th @ 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall**

Reception

There will be a reception for Scott and Christina Cook on Sunday, September 10, in the gymnasium, immediately following the evening worship service. All church families are asked to bring a dessert.

Singing of Psalms

With the intent to more effectively and clearly sing the Psalms of the Old Testament in our evening gathered worship, the Session has determined that we will begin to utilize Psalm settings with musical notation found in the Trinity Hymnal and other reformed sources.

Deacon Nominations: Last Sunday-9/10

Men Eligible for Nomination to the Office of Deacon

Angell, Aaron	DuBose-Schmitt, Heinrich	Hoopes, Rainey	McKenney, Ray	Siemen, Remington
Babb, Larry	Early, Gordon	Hu, Carl	McMillian, John	Slayton, David
Barbier, Caleb	Eller, David	Hughes, Dave	McNeil, Dan	Spell, Jeffrey
Baxa, Mark	Farley, Alan	Icard, Randy	Moore, Steve	Strickland, Mark
Bianchi, Joe	Fields, Chuck	Johnson, Nate	Myers, Barry	Styles, Gregg
Bishop, Jim	George, David	King, Fitz	O'Brien, Bill	Upton, Nathan
Bouchillon, Aaron	Godwin, Roger	King, John	Owens, Tim	Wagner, Richard
Briggs, Larry	Gray, John	Korol, Jason	Pitts, Larry	Walton, Todd
Bulla, Don	Griffin, John	Leathers, Jim	Plourde, Garison	Welch, Brian
Butler, Ed	Grubbs, Scott	Looper, Grant	Pratt, Brice	Welker, Don
Carmichael, Stu	Guy, Larry	Looper, Jimmy	Pratt, James	Whigham, Martin
Carter, Jordan	Hanson, Doug	Mahon, Ron	Price, Sonny	Wright, Lloyd
Carter, Randy	Holbrook, Mark	Mann, Hudson	Reese, William	Zimmerman, Dennis
Chivers, Mike	Holman, Bob	Maralit, Joseph	Savidge, Dale	
Chivers, Richard		Martin, Henry	Schvaneveldt, Steve	
Cumbus, George		Maycock, Dan	Senn, Byron	

The above adult men are eligible because they have been a resident member in good standing (attendance, Biblical ability to serve, and good health) of Second Presbyterian Church for 2 or more years. Members may choose up to 6 (at this time) qualified men from this list for nomination. If you have any questions about this list please contact the Administration Committee Chairman, Kevin Mobley.

Hurricane Harvey Help

SPC folk interested in helping with Katy/Houston Flood Relief here is a good local Houston area option...

Christ Church PCA in Katy, TX is actively helping members and community who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. Area flooding has reached record levels for all of US history. At this time, our church family is safe, though many have evacuated their homes and others still remain watchful as water levels continue to rise in some areas. In the days to come, we will be seeking ways to tangibly show the love of Christ as families are displaced and working to repair flood and tornado damage. To help with this effort, you may give online:

<http://www.cckpca.org/katy-houston-flood-relief>

100% of funds will be used for disaster relief

Please note: After clicking the button, you will be asked to enter an amount and then choose Flood Relief from the drop-down menu. If you are giving on behalf of a church or organization, please note this in the comments section.

OR send a check (made out to Christ Church with a note for flood relief mailed to 10818 Gaston Rd, Katy, TX 77494)

New Baby

We rejoice with Garison and Amy Plourde in the birth of their daughter, Renee Caroline on September 4, 2017. Renee weighed 9 pounds and was 20 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

If you would like to take the Plourdes a meal please go to:
takethemameal.com; User Name: Plourde, Password: 1892

Membership Class

You are invited to the Pastor's Membership Class. This class will began Sunday, September 3rd at 9:45 am in Classroom C-209. It is being taught by Pastor Phillips and will last for eight weeks. The purpose of the class is to give you an opportunity to get to know our Pastor and to learn about Second Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America. We request that any who are interested in becoming a member of Second attend this class, but attending the class does not obligate you to become a member of this church. For further information contact the church office, 232-7621. Come and meet other visitors. The coffee pot will be on.

New Addresses

Bill and Barbara Cross
#6 Prospect Street
Piedmont, SC 29673
Home Phone: 864-208-0493
Cell Phone: 864-245-5475

Midge and Grace Cooley
3148 Gracefield Road, Apt. 405
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Please make these changes in your church directory.

LightBringers (Jessamines)

First Gathering
Thursday, September 21
5:30 pm — 8:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
Watch the Herald for further details

The Lord's Supper
Sunday, September 17th
Morning Worship Services

unashamedly proclaim his way as the way of life? Will she maintain her clear, counter-cultural witness to a world that seems bent on ruin? We are persuaded that faithfulness in our generation means declaring once again the true story of the world and of our place in it particularly as male and female. Christian Scripture teaches that there is but one God who alone is Creator and Lord of all. To Him alone, every person owes glad-hearted thanksgiving, heart-felt praise, and total allegiance. This is the path not only of glorifying God, but of knowing ourselves. To forget our Creator is to forget who we are, for he made us for himself. And we cannot know ourselves truly without truly knowing him who made us. We did not make ourselves. We are not our own. Our true identity, as male and female persons, is given by God. It is not only foolish, but hopeless, to try to make ourselves what God did not create us to be.

We believe that God's design for his creation and his way of salvation serve to bring him the greatest glory and bring us the greatest good. God's good plan provides us with the greatest freedom. Jesus said he came that we might have life and have it in overflowing measure. He is for us and not against us. Therefore, in the hope of serving Christ's church and witnessing publicly to the good purposes of God for human sexuality revealed in Christian Scripture, we offer the following affirmations and denials.

Article 1

WE AFFIRM that God has designed marriage to be a covenantal, sexual, procreative, lifelong union of one man and one woman, as husband and wife, and is meant to signify the covenant love between Christ and his bride the church.

WE DENY that God has designed marriage to be a homosexual, polygamous, or polyamorous relationship. We also deny that marriage is a mere human contract rather than a covenant made before God.

Article 2

WE AFFIRM that God's revealed will for all people is chastity outside of marriage and fidelity within marriage.

WE DENY that any affections, desires, or commitments ever justify sexual intercourse before or outside marriage; nor do they justify any form of sexual immorality.

Article 3

WE AFFIRM that God created Adam and Eve, the first human beings, in his own image, equal before God as persons, and distinct as male and female.

WE DENY that the divinely ordained differences between male and female render them unequal in dignity or worth.

Article 4

WE AFFIRM that divinely ordained differences between male and

female reflect God's original creation design and are meant for human good and human flourishing.

WE DENY that such differences are a result of the Fall or are a tragedy to be overcome.

Article 5

WE AFFIRM that the differences between male and female reproductive structures are integral to God's design for self-conception as male or female.

WE DENY that physical anomalies or psychological conditions nullify the God-appointed link between biological sex and self-conception as male or female.

Article 6

WE AFFIRM that those born with a physical disorder of sex development are created in the image of God and have dignity and worth equal to all other image-bearers. They are acknowledged by our Lord Jesus in his words about "eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb." With all others they are welcome as faithful followers of Jesus Christ and should embrace their biological sex insofar as it may be known.

WE DENY that ambiguities related to a person's biological sex render one incapable of living a fruitful life in joyful obedience to Christ.

Article 7

WE AFFIRM that self-conception as male or female should be defined by God's holy purposes in creation and redemption as revealed in Scripture.

WE DENY that adopting a homosexual or transgender self-conception is consistent with God's holy purposes in creation and redemption.

Article 8

WE AFFIRM that people who experience sexual attraction for the same sex may live a rich and fruitful life pleasing to God through faith in Jesus Christ, as they, like all Christians, walk in purity of life.

WE DENY that sexual attraction for the same sex is part of the natural goodness of God's original creation, or that it puts a person outside the hope of the gospel.

Article 9

WE AFFIRM that sin distorts sexual desires by directing them away from the marriage covenant and toward sexual immorality—a distortion that includes both heterosexual and homosexual immorality. WE DENY that an enduring pattern of desire for sexual immorality justifies sexually immoral behavior.

Article 10

WE AFFIRM that it is sinful to approve of homosexual immorality or transgenderism and that such approval constitutes an essential departure from Christian faithfulness and witness.

WE DENY that the approval of homosexual immorality or transgenderism is a matter of moral indifference about which otherwise faithful Christians should agree to disagree.

Article 11

WE AFFIRM our duty to speak the truth in love at all times, including when we speak to or about one another as male or female.

WE DENY any obligation to speak in such ways that dishonor God's design of his image bearers as male and female.

Article 12

WE AFFIRM that the grace of God in Christ gives both merciful pardon and transforming power, and that this pardon and power enable a follower of Jesus to put to death sinful desires and to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.

WE DENY that the grace of God in Christ is insufficient to forgive all sexual sins and to give power for holiness to every believer who feels drawn into sexual sin.

Article 13

WE AFFIRM that the grace of God in Christ enables sinners to forsake transgender self conceptions and by divine forbearance to accept the God-ordained link between one's biological sex and one's self-conception as male or female.

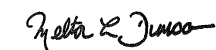
WE DENY that the grace of God in Christ sanctions self conceptions that are at odds with God's revealed will.

Article 14

WE AFFIRM that Christ Jesus has come into the world to save sinners and that through Christ's death and resurrection forgiveness of sins and eternal life are available to every person who repents of sin and trusts in Christ alone as Savior, Lord, and supreme treasure.

WE DENY that the Lord's arm is too short to save or that any sinner is beyond his reach.

Your Friend,



Melton L. Duncan

Church Administrator

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Corner of River and Rhett

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.

Sept. 11	Ecclesiastes 1-5
Sept. 12	Ecclesiastes 6-12
Sept. 13	Song of Solomon 1-4
Sept. 14	Song of Solomon 5-8
Sept. 15	Isaiah 1-3; Psalm 124
Sept. 16	Isaiah 4-8; Psalm 125

Today is the last day of the sabbatical generously provided to me by the session of Second Presbyterian Church. I did not appreciate beforehand how valuable this rest would be! It also enabled me to finish the edits on two upcoming commentaries, on 2 Samuel and Psalms 42-106. How grateful I am to the Lord for his help! It is a blessing, however, to be working on sermons again, for this coming Lord's Day. Sitting in the pews worshiping last Sunday evening gave me a keen desire to be back, even after such a relatively short absence. How blessed Sharon and I are to serve and worship with such a wonderful congregation!

In His Service, Rick and Sharon Phillips

Backpack Blessings

Once again donations are needed for Backpack Blessings at Augusta Circle Elementary School. There are at least 5 children who are approved for this program who need food for the weekend. This includes things like microwavable oatmeal, granola bars, individual packets of crackers, and canned fruit and spaghettios, etc. Please leave your donations in the gym or office. Call Cyndi Player for more information. (864-483-4644)

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY September 10, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 am & 11:00 am

WHERE IS THE LAMB?

Genesis 22:7-8

Hymns: 465, 154, 455

Anthem: With a Voice of Singing
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

GOD IS OMNIPOTENT

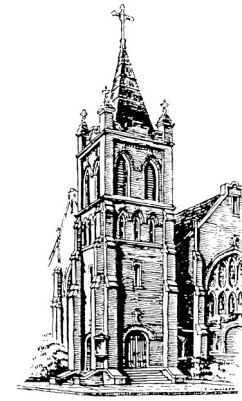
Psalm 115:3

Hymns: 110, 345, 535

Psalm 3

Rev. Scott C. Cook preaching

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Letter from the Church Administrator The Nashville Statement

This past week over 150 Evangelical Leaders including Dr. Richard Phillips signed the Nashville Statement concerning human sexuality. Ligon Duncan says of this document "The Nashville Statement aims to help Christians, pastors and churches lovingly, faithfully, carefully, clearly, and persuasively articulate what the Bible teaches, and what historic Christianity has always believed, about sexuality in a time when the biblical conception of what it means to be human and under cultural duress. In our day truth is being forsaken in this arena in the name of love, but we cannot be truly loving without (or against) the truth, because "love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:6). The Nashville Statement is about truth in love, for the sake of true love. As a confessional Protestant, I affirm this faithful articulation of biblical teaching."

Preamble

Evangelical Christians at the dawn of the twenty-first century find themselves living in a period of historic transition. As Western culture has become increasingly post-Christian, it has embarked upon a massive revision of what it means to be a human being. By and large the spirit of our age no longer discerns or delights in the beauty of God's design for human life. Many deny that God created human beings for his glory, and that his good purposes for us include our personal and physical design as male and female. It is common to think that human identity as male and female is not part of God's beautiful plan, but is, rather, an expression of an individual's autonomous preferences. The pathway to full and lasting joy through God's good design for his creatures is thus replaced by the path of shortsighted alternatives that, sooner or later, ruin human life and dishonor God.

This secular spirit of our age presents a great challenge to the Christian church. Will the church of the Lord Jesus Christ lose her biblical conviction, clarity, and courage, and blend into the spirit of the age? Or will she hold fast to the word of life, draw courage from Jesus, and