

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 6

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 12:30 PM New Members' Luncheon
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
Renewing of Elders' Vows

Monday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 8

- 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'
Dinner: 6pm; Meeting: 7pm
- 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at Panera Bread

Wednesday, May 9

- 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee
- 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
- 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 7:00 PM **CAT KIDS PROGRAM**

Thursday, May 10

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, May 11

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

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 31:14-16

*But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."
My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my
enemies and from my persecutors! Make your face shine on
your servant; save me in your steadfast love! (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

- May 2 Graduation Banquet
- May 3 National Day of Prayer
- May 6 New Members' Reception and Luncheon
- May 6 Annual Renewing of Elders' Vows
- May 7 Diaconate Meeting
- May 8 WIC Circles
- May 9 WIC Council
- May 9 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- May 9 Missions Committee Meeting
- May 9 CAT Kids Program
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 13 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- May 14 Session Meeting
- May 16 Administration Committee Meeting
- May 16 CAT Kids Spring Fling
- May 17 Light Bringers
- May 20 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
- May 21 Young At Heart Lunch at Red Lobster
- May 22 WIC Picnic in Cleveland Park
- May 23 CE Committee Meeting
- May 23 Musical CAT Kids begins
- May 27 All Adult Summer Sunday School begins
- May 27 One Worship Service begins
- May 27 Evangelism Committee Meeting
- May 28 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

Mark Your Calendars

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| Mission Trip to Cherokee Reservation | June 2-9 |
| General Assembly in Atlanta, GA | June 11-15 |
| WIC Social at Barnett Home | June 19 |
| Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island | June 25-30 |
| Church Picnic | July 4 |
| Vacation Bible School | July 9-13 |
| WIC Social at local restaurant | July 19 |
| Mission Trip to Cajamarca, Peru | July 20-29 |
| Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven | July 23-27 |
| Rally Day | September 2 |

*Mark your calendars and plan early!!
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Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member. Also, send her a note of encouragement.

Louise McAlister
14 Millbrooke Circle
Greenville, SC 29609

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Billy and Cassie Therrell
Robert, Caroline, Charlotte, Duncan

Gina Thomas

Jacks S. Tingle

Missionary for the Week



Rev. and Mrs. Esaie Etienne
MTW-Haiti Mission


Esaie 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. Esaie 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, Esaie 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 Gonaives and in 2009 to Port-au-Prince. Following several disasters, Esaie and Natacha returned to South Florida to live. Esaie 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.

Graduation Banquet



 Wednesday, May 2, 2018
 5:30 PM * Church Gym

Join us as we honor our 2018 graduates:

Elders' Vows Renewal

The Elders will renew their vows at the evening worship service on May 6, 2018.

CAT Kids Program



 Wednesday, May 9
 Supper: 5:30 PM
 Program: 7:00 PM

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

CAT Kids Spring Fling


 Wednesday, May 16
 6:45 PM
 At the church
Musical CAT Kids will begin Wednesday, May 23rd.


Light Bringers


 For Mothers & Daughters (5th-8th grade)
 May 17
 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
 Dinner Included
 Contact Rebecca Bailey with questions.

Help Needed

The Deacons are requesting that interested members sign up to help serve the Wednesday night suppers. If interested, please see Bill McDaniel.

New Members' Luncheon




 All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members,
Sunday, May 6, 2018
 immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gym.
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 May 6, 2018.

Directory Pictures

Pictures of our new members will be taken at the luncheon on May 6 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.

*Dr. and Mrs. Richard Phillips cordially invite you to attend the high school graduation of their son, **Jonathan Stephen Phillips**, on May 12th at 4 PM at the Upstate Homeschool Co-op, Taylor's First Baptist Church in Taylors, SC.
 A drop-in graduation reception will be held for Jonathan Monday, May 14th from 6-9pm at Second Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall.
 Please RSVP to Sharon at 864-569-8765.*


National Day of Prayer


67th Annual National Day of Prayer

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018
 Pray for America—Unity

Summer Missions Information

Cherokee Mission Trip: June 2-9, 2018
Deposit \$300 ASAP.
 Total cost will be no more than \$700.
 LEADERS: Ken Pudjak/Pastor Jeff Windt
Cajamarca Peru Mission Trip: July 20-29, 2018
Deposit \$850 ASAP.
 Total cost will be no more than \$2100.
 LEADER: Pastor Chad Bailey

Information On Youth Trips

Sr. High Trip to Edisto Island: June 25-30, 2018
Deposit \$100 due ASAP.
 Total costs will be determined.
 LEADER: Pastor Jeff Windt

Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven: July 23-27, 2018
Deposit \$100 due ASAP.
 Total Cost: \$300
 LEADER: Pastor Jeff Windt

Young At Heart

Young At Heart will be having lunch at The Red Lobster on May 21st @ 11:30 am. Please make reservations with Verlyn Smoker by **May 14th** (232-7621, ext. 105). We will meet at the restaurant and order from the menu.



Mark Your Calendars!

WIC Picnic
Tuesday, May 22nd
6:00-8:00 pm
Cleveland Park

Church membership also involves supporting the church in its work. Under normal circumstances, each member should be actively involved in some form of service, whether it is teaching children's Sunday School or helping in the nursery, ushering, visiting the sick, and inviting friends and neighbors to church. We all have spiritual gifts, and they belong not to us but to one another, and our gifts are to be employed in the church for the work of the gospel. We are "individually members one of another." (Rom. 12:5) Moreover, we should all be faithful in evangelism and fervent in personal and corporate prayer.

Church membership involves financial support of the church. God's Word teaches us to support the Lord's work by giving regularly, proportionately and joyfully: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income." (1 Cor. 16:2) Our regular pattern should be to tithe, which means giving a tenth of our gross income to support the church. But many of us will be able to give more, "for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

Submit. God has ordained elders and shepherds to oversee the church, and this requires that church members submit to this spiritual authority. "Obey your leaders and submit to them," says the Bible, "for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account." (Heb. 13:17) This surely implies that you should be praying for your pastors, elders, and deacons, who have a heavy obligation and are subject to spiritual attack. I especially want to echo Paul's request that you pray "also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel... that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak." (Eph. 6:19-20)

Study: Our church membership vows include the promise to "study the purity and peace" of the church. This means that members are called to lead lives that will honor our Lord Jesus Christ, and that will encourage our brothers and sisters to mature in their faith. It is important how you live! Moreover, we are to study – that is, to actively cultivate – the peace of the church. Paul writes that we must bear with one another, "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3) We should loathe few things more than that any of us should disturb the purity and peace of the church,

and we should gladly suffer all manner of personal loss for the sake of the spiritual well-being of the church and its members.

None of these vows involve a special or onerous obligation. These are the normal commitments every Christian should happily make. And we will not find any of this burdensome. Rather, as we live together in Christ, thinking more highly of others than ourselves and being zealous for the gospel, God will bless us all together with righteousness, peace, and joy, and he will use our church for things that will last forever.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Phillips

New Members

Ron and Jenny-Lynn Babington
 Communing children: Afton and Ponder
 Non-communing children: Rose and Winnie

Lucas and Elyse Baumbach
 Non-communing child: Calvin

Joe and Jenny Earle

Dan and Toni Huff

Chris and Donna Prziembel

Daniel and Hope Strevel

Aaron Vanderwey

David and Arlene Wright

Communicants

Andrew Reese, Mary Grace Mobley, Opal Maralit
 Rose Babington, Mary Duncan

CHURCH INFORMATION

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PURITANS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE (from A to Z)

R is for Regeneration

Regeneration is a universal change of the whole man...it is as large in renewing as sin was in defacing.

~Stephen Charnock



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

May 27 ~ September 2

8:45 am Food & Fellowship in the Gym

9:00 am Sunday School (6th grade and under-regular classrooms)

9:00 am All Adult Sunday School (7th grade and up-gym)

9:50 am Children's Chapel (in the Chapel)

10:00 am One Morning Worship Service

6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

Renewal of Vows

On May 6th at the 6pm Evening Worship service the ruling elders will “renew” their vows to uphold the teaching of the Bible, as best contained and explained in the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*. This follows the custom in our presbytery of the teaching elders renewing their vows at the spring meeting of our presbytery.

The Vows of Eldership

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

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

May 6, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 am

FOR TWENTY SHEKELS OF SILVER

Genesis 37:12-28

Hymns: 460, 667/359, 248

Anthem: What God Ordains Is Good Indeed
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

TO HIM BE GLORY

2 Timothy 4:9-18

Hymns: 110, 21, 62

Psalms 24

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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April 30, 2018

**Letter from the Senior Minister
Membership Vows**

This Lord’s Day we are delighted to introduce new members into our congregation. It is my prayer that all those who have joined will be greatly blessed through this church and that they will be a blessing to us and a help to the work of the gospel here.

Married couples find that it is helpful to attend weddings, since they are reminded of the vows they gave one another. In a similar way, I hope all church members pay attention to the vows taken by the new members this Sunday. We sometimes are tempted to think that it is the new members who will take our church forward in ministry, but the reality is that it is the faithfulness of all members – old and new – that enables us to be effective in serving God. Let me therefore remind us all of our membership vows, solemn promises that are most fitting for Christians to make.

Support: The first promise is to support the church in its worship and work. Members support the church in its worship by attending regularly and participating in a spiritual and wholehearted manner. The Bible tells us not “to give up meeting together.” (Heb. 10:25) I can tell you that it encourages the preacher to have the members present and actively participating! But it encourages everyone to see their brothers and sisters faithfully gathering as a church. Allowing for illness or works of necessity and mercy, Christians ought to support the morning and evening worship services on the Lord’s Day, as well as activities that occur throughout the week whenever possible. Our attitude should be, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” (Ps. 122:10)