

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, December 2

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 12:30 PM Wills/Player Fold Lunch  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
 7:30 PM Congregation Informational Budget Mtg.

### Monday, December 3

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

### Tuesday, December 4

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

### Wednesday, December 5

5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 5:15 PM WIC Council  
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Hope & Covenant Choirs/Youth Ensemble  
 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant Kids  
 6:55 PM Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies  
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**  
 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 6

6:00 PM Mission to Main Street  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal

### Friday, December 7

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study

### Saturday, December 8

10:00 AM WIC Cookie Exchange  
 7:00 PM Young Adult "Night Out on the Town"

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 116: 5-7

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.  
 The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.  
 Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
 for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 2 Wills/Player Fold Luncheon  
 Dec. 2 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting  
 Dec. 3 Diaconate Meeting  
 Dec. 5 WIC Council  
 Dec. 5 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 Dec. 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 Dec. 8 WIC Cookie Exchange  
 Dec. 8 Young Adults "Night Out on the Town"  
 Dec. 9 Congregational Meeting to Elect Deacons and receive and support 2019 Budget  
 Dec. 9 Christmas Concert and Reception  
 Dec. 10 Perry Correctional Christmas Party  
 Dec. 11 WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon  
 Dec. 11 WIC Circle 3 Christmas Luncheon  
 Dec. 11-12 WIC Circles  
 Dec. 12 Session Meeting  
 Dec. 12 Missions Committee Meeting  
 Dec. 12 Christmas Dinner & Program  
 Dec. 13 Good Grief Dinner/Gymnasium  
 Dec. 14 Playdate  
 Dec. 16 The Lord's Supper at the evening service  
 Dec. 17 Barnett Fold Christmas party  
 Dec. 17 Young Adults Cookie Exchange/ Game Night  
 Dec. 19 No Wednesday Evening Activities  
 Dec. 19 Christmas Caroling  
 Dec. 21 Mobley Fold/ACTS SS Class  
 Christmas party  
 Dec. 23 One Worship Service (10am; SS 9am)  
 Dec. 24 Lessons and Carols  
 Dec. 24-28 Church Office Closed  
 Dec. 26 No Wednesday Night Activities  
 Dec. 28-Jan.1 Ridge Haven Winter Camp (7th-12th grades)  
 Dec. 30 One Worship Service (10am; SS 9am)  
 Dec. 30 Christmas Hymn Sing

## Save the Date

**SPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE**

**January 18-20, 2019**

**Speakers:**

**Josh Rieger, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, England**  
**Matt Patrick, RUF @ Wofford**

## Remembering One Another

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

**Margaret Hook**  
 2 Brynhurst Circle  
 Greenville, SC 29615

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Caleb Evans**  
**Alan Farley**  
**Chuck and Carolyn Fields**

## Missionary of the Week



**Rev. and Mrs.  
 Jegar Chinnavan**  
**First Asian-Indian PCA**

Rev. Jegar Chinnavan is a PCA (Presbyterian Church in America) ordained minister. He received his M. Div. from Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Th.M. from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. He is married to Jemima for 18 years and has a daughter Sheena who is fourteen years old.

Jegar Chinnavan is from Singapore and was converted out of Hinduism. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a B.Sc. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and worked in several multi-national technology companies before attending seminary to prepare for the call to minister the Gospel to people of his ethnic group.

**There will be a Congregation Informational Budget meeting on December 2 following the evening worship service.**

**There will be a Congregational Meeting on December 9th, at 10:00 am to elect Deacons and to receive and support the 2019 budget.**

### **Good Grief Dinner**

Thursday, December 13 @ 6:00 pm  
Church Gymnasium  
(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)

### **Sympathy**

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to the family of David Eller who went home to be with the Lord on November 26, 2018. We are thankful for the life and service of David and pray for Susan and the family during this time of loss and grief.

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."*

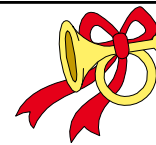
### **Baptism**

Brooke Faith Early, covenant daughter of Jeff and Bethany Early received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 25, 2018. We are thankful for the Early family and pray that Brooke will love and serve the Lord all the days of her life.

*The pleasure of your company  
is requested at the marriage ceremony of  
**J. Hunter Leigh**  
and  
**N. Attee Reese**  
December 15, 2018 at 2:00 pm  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Reception to follow*



## **Gloria! Antonio Vivaldi December 9, 2018**



Presented by The Chancel Choir  
at the evening worship service.  
Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family.  
A Reception for the church will follow.

*Family Night Christmas Dinner and Program  
Wednesday, December 12th @ 5:30 pm, Church Gym  
Dinner: 5:30 pm \* Program: 6:45 pm*



### **Christmas Parties**



- Dec. 2 Wills/Player Fold Luncheon/Fellowship Hall (immediately following the 11 am service).
- Dec. 8 WIC Cookie Exchange/Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 10 Perry Correctional Christmas Party
- Dec. 11 WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon/FH/11:30am
- Dec. 11 WIC Circle 3 Christmas Luncheon @ Mary Settle's @ 11:00 AM
- Dec. 12 Christmas Dinner & Program
- Dec. 13 Good Grief Dinner/Church Gymnasium
- Dec. 17 Barnett Fold Christmas party @ the Barnetts, 6:30 pm
- Dec. 21 Mobley Fold/ACTS SS Class Christmas party at the Mobleys @ 6:30 pm

### **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 19th. 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.

### **Play Dates**



**Next Playdate: Nov. 30 (church)**  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Please let Amy Plourde (864-787-6017) know if you plan to attend.

### **Perry Correctional Christmas Party**

On Monday, December 10, Second Church will be participating in a Christmas celebration at Perry Correctional in Pelzer. Inmates will receive a meal and the Gospel message. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the food and sing in a small choir. If you are interested in participating, please see Hugh Player (huplayer@charter.net) or Bill Watkins (wm.watkins.jr@gmail.com). Paperwork must be filled out and submitted to the prison very soon.

### **It's Cookie Swappin' Time**



The WIC Cookie Swap will be Sat., Dec. 8 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am until 12 noon. Come with your best cookies and join in the fun, food, and fellowship!

### **Christmas Poinsettias**



It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. This year you may purchase a white Poinsettia for \$10.25. Orders will need to be in by Dec. 9th.

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. **(Please do not put in the offering plate.)**

I would like to purchase \_\_Poinsettia (s) at \$10.25 ea. Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_



following the example of the early church in Acts 6, that the Holy Spirit calls deacons to service through the acclamation of the church congregation. On December 9, we will continue this practice through the election of deacons. All these men have been nominated by the congregation, approved by the elders, completed an extensive training program designed to ensure their competence in both doctrine and the duties of this office, and then have each been interviewed by the Session. Most important for us are the biblical qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3:8-13: deacons should be reverent and honest, self-controlled, not self-serving, and sound in their faith. The godliness of their wives, if they are married, should commend them to the church, as well as the good order of their households. In sum, deacons who will oversee the people and property of the church should have demonstrated such ability in their sphere of their private lives. None of these men are perfect and all have areas for Christian growth, like the rest of us. But their election should signify the congregation's confidence in their commitment to Christ, their maturity as believers, and their established reputation for godliness.

Third, having considered our debt to the deacons and our need for new deacons, let me say a word to those who will be elected. No doubt, you will quickly realize that this is a serious commitment, but there are reasons for you to take up this obligation. First, it is no small thing for the church to set you forth to serve in such an important way. It is my view that one should be reverently open to callings to serve in the church. God calls us into service, and service as a deacon is one of the highest forms. Second, there are few more important things to which one could be called in this life. We are engaged together in work with eternal significance and that is of serious concern to the Lord God Almighty Himself. Should you not be willing to sacrifice in such a cause? Third, you will be greatly blessed through faithful service as a deacon. I believe that our deacons will tell you of a great satisfaction they receive through their work and of the valuable fellowship they experience within the Diaconate. Moreover, Paul concludes his description of deacons by writing this: "For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 3:13). What a rich treasure is revealed in those words!



Please pray for God to provide for our church through new deacons who will join the ranks of those already serving. For those not called to this office, please consider how you might offer your own gifts and energies to the work of the gospel in this church. Every member of our church has an important role to play, according to the gifts and graces that Christ has given to each of us. May God meet all our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips

*Please be in prayer for the following men as they stand for election to the Board of Deacons on December 9.*

Dave Burman  
Daniel Grubbs  
Henry Martin  
Dennis Zimmerman



#### CHURCH INFORMATION

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Information Centers:** Church Services information 1 \* Directions 2  
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Church Directory 5 \* Weekly Activities 6 \* Monthly Activities 7

**Church Services: Sunday:** Sunday School - 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 AM \* Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

**Wednesday:** Supper - 5:30 PM \* Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM

#### Treasury of Scripture Knowledge

##### X is for Xerxes

Xerxes is a Persian king who reigned 486-464 B.C., known in the book of Esther as Ahasuerus. He was the son of Darius the Great and grandson of Cyrus the Great. He campaigned militarily against the Greeks, avenging the loss at Marathon in 490. However, his armada suffered a crippling defeat in the Bay of Salamis in 480, and he soon lost interest in attempting to defeat the Greeks.

#### December Schedule

- ⇒ There will be no Wednesday night activities on:  
Wednesday, December 19  
Wednesday, December 26
- ⇒ The Church Office will be closed:  
December 24-28
- ⇒ The West End Herald will not be mailed the week of:  
December 24th.



*Together with Their Families*  
**Sarah Elizabeth Upton**  
*and*  
**John Daniel Smoker**  
*Invite You To Their Wedding*  
*December 29, 2018 at 11:00 AM*  
*Second Presbyterian Church*  
*Reception to follow*  
*Please RSVP by November 30, 2018*  
*(828) 329-4882*  
[www.theknot.com/us/john-smoker-and-sarah-upton-dec-2018](http://www.theknot.com/us/john-smoker-and-sarah-upton-dec-2018)



**Corner of River and Rhett**

**MINISTRIES NEEDING VOLUNTEERS**

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

**Ushering**

Contact Ken Pujdak

**Nursery**

Contact Olivia Angell

**Wednesday Night Food Service & Hospitality**

Contact Bill McDaniel

**“Koinonia” Service Ministry**

Contact Barnettta Stephens #1-864-414-7313  
barnettastephens@gmail.com

**Host a Youth Fellowship in Your Home**

Contact Jeff Windt

**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 worldly distractions—sights, sounds, and smells—that inevitably draw our mind away from the most important hour of our week.

The Editor



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**Return Service Requested**

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

**December 2, 2018**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

8:30 am & 11:00 am

**THE DEATH OF JACOB**

Genesis 49:29-33

Hymns: 194, 196, 358

Anthem: Of the Father's Heart Begotten  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 pm

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARY**

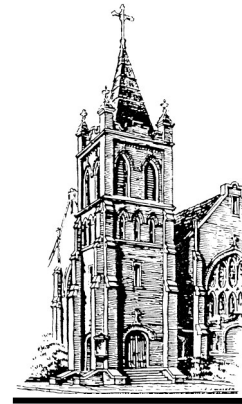
Luke 1:39-56

Hymns: 193, 221, 195

Psalm 34:11-22

Rev. Jeffrey J. Windt preaching

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**Letter from the Senior Minister**

**The Ministry of Our Deacons**

At our congregational meeting on Sunday, December 9, we will be electing men to serve our church in the office of deacons. The Bible clearly lays out two classes of office in the church: elders to oversee and shepherd, and deacons to serve and lead in the ministry of good deeds. Our *Book of Church Order* describes the diaconal ministry as “one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need.” In this ministry, the deacons minister to those in need, promote the grace of liberality in giving, collect and distribute gifts to those in need of benevolence, care for the property of the congregation, and make arrangements to facilitate the gatherings of the church congregation.

Our first response to this description of the deacons’ ministry ought to be to express our collective gratitude for the labors of these faithful men. As pastor, I am especially aware of our debt to the work of the deacons; I can hardly imagine how we could conduct our services without their faithful service. I can assure you that our deacons make significant sacrifices of time and energy on behalf of our church. This inevitably means that their wives and children also make sacrifices. So let’s make sure that they know how much they are appreciated. As you have opportunity, could you express your appreciation for the faithfulness and ability with which our deacons and their families serve our church?

My second reflection is to observe what an important thing it is for the Lord to provide us with new deacons. We believe,