

The Lord's Day
December 8, 2024



SECOND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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105 River Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Dr. Richard D. Phillips, Senior Minister

Morning Worship

8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

In preparation for the worship service, please be prayerful and reverent.
Remember to silence all phones and electronic devices.

PRELUDE *HE IS BORN, THE DIVINE CHRIST-CHILD* arr. Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Visitors, please click “connect” on the Second Presbyterian app or at spcgreenville.org to share your contact information with us.
- A loving and safe Nursery is available for infants through age 3.
- The Chapel is available if you have a restless or crying child.

INTROIT *THY GLEAM ALL DARKNESS SHALL CONSUME* J. S. Bach
*Thy gleam all darkness shall consume, the murky night to light illumine.
Lead us along Thy pathways. Thy face most bright,
Thy glorious light may we behold forever!*

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 7:14

HYMN ✧ 300 *COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS*

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ✧

RESPONSE ✧ 572 *GLORIA PATRI*

CONFESSION OF FAITH ✧ WCF 8:2 Hymnal, page 924

COMMANDMENT Exodus 20:13

You shall not murder.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND SUPPLICATION FOR GRACE

Almighty God, I am a sinner. Your Word and my heart confirm this to me. I have done that which you have forbidden and left undone what you have commanded. I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. As judge of the whole earth, you would be just to condemn me. Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of my sin and suffer my punishment. To him now I flee; forgive me for his sake, and by your Spirit help me to live in the light of his sacrifice, a life worthy of your name. Judge me not according to my work but according to your great mercy in Jesus Christ, my Lord. For in him I hope, and in him I come before you this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:11–12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *OF THE FATHER'S HEART BEGOTTEN* arr. Willcocks

Of the Father's heart begotten, ere the world from chaos rose, He is Alpha; from that Fountain all that is and hath been flows. He is Omega, of all things yet to come the mystic close, evermore and evermore. By His word was all created. He commanded and 'twas done. Earth and sky and boundless ocean, universe of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft radiance, all that breathes beneath the sun, evermore and evermore. He assumed this mortal body, frail and feeble, doomed to die, that the race from dust created might not perish utterly, which the dreadful law had sentenced in the depths of hell to lie, evermore and evermore. O how blest that wondrous birthday, when the maid the curse retrieved, brought to birth mankind's salvation, by the Holy Ghost conceived. And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, in her loving arms received, evermore and evermore. This is He, whom seer and sybil sang in ages long gone by. That is He of old revealed in the page of prophecy. Lo! He comes, the promised Savior. Let the world His praises cry! Evermore and evermore. Sing, ye heights of heaven, His praises. Angels and archangels sing! Wheresoever ye be, ye faithful, let your joyous anthems ring, every tongue His name confessing, countless voices answering, evermore and evermore.

RESPONSE ✧ 568 *DOXOLOGY*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ✧

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 31:1–13 Pew Bible, page 322

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN ✧ 261 *O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH!*

SCRIPTURE Mark 15:15–32 Pew Bible, page 1084

SERMON *CARRYING THE CROSS* Dr. Richard D. Phillips

HYMN ✧ 352 *MAN OF SORROWS! WHAT A NAME*

BENEDICTION ✧

POSTLUDE *THE SHEPHERD COME* German Carol

Congregation standing ✧

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For a list and location of our Sunday School Classes, please see the inside back panel of this Bulletin.

OUR VISION & MISSION

Reaching out, Folding in, Growing up for the Glory of God

Second Presbyterian Church aspires to impact Greenville and the surrounding area for the Gospel, uphold our historic stance towards reverent worship and reformed theology, equip the saints and build the body of Christ, and serve Christ in South Carolina, the Presbyterian Church in America, and the world.

Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

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PRELUDE *INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY* arr. Wood

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INTROIT *O SAVIOR, REND THE HEAVENS WIDE* Friedrich von Spee
*O Savior, rend the heavens wide; Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down; Unbar the way to heaven's crown.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24:3–5 RE Dennis Zimmerman

HYMN ✧ 297 *LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES!*

INVOCATION

PSALM ✧ 110A *THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD*

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *CAROL OF THE ANNUNCIATION* Martha Dale
Covenant Choir *(The text may be found on the back panel.)*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ✧ *WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN*
*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.*

EVENING PRAYER RE Dennis Zimmerman

SCRIPTURE Acts 13:13–41 Pew Bible, page 1172

SERMON *THE APOSTOLIC GOSPEL* Dr. Richard D. Phillips

HYMN ✧ 296 *HOW LOVELY SHINES THE MORNING STAR!*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Word of Institution
The Invitation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN ✧ 196 *AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING*
*An offering will be taken during the hymn for the Sympathy and Service
Committee of the Diaconate.*

BENEDICTION ✧

POSTLUDE *LIFT UP YOUR HEADS* arr. Helvey

Congregation standing ✧

The flowers are placed in our sanctuary this Lord's Day
to the glory of God.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL 9:55 A.M.

Ages 4 through 6th grade (*Chapel*)

SUNDAY SCHOOL Children 10:00 A.M.

AGE	ROOM	TEACHER
2-year-olds	Nursery	Debbie Martin
3-year-olds	Room 210	David & Jenni Farr
4- and 5-year-olds	Room 213	Cyndi Player
Grades 1 & 2	Room 212	Toni Huff
Grades 3 & 4	Room 211	Cassie Therrell
Grades 5 & 6	Room 308	Jeremy Weaver

Jr. High through adults will meet in the Sanctuary today.

EVENING OFFERTORY *CAROL OF THE ANNUNCIATION* Martha Dale
Covenant Choir

*When righteous Joseph wedded was to Israel's Hebrew maid,
The angel Gabriel came from heaven and to the virgin said:
"Rejoice O Mary, favored one, the Lord remain on thee.
Thou shalt conceive and bear a Son, our Savior for to be."
Thus Mary and her husband kind together did abide
And journeyed forth from Nazareth to Bethlehem did ride.
Jesus was born, in manger laid, as Scripture doth make plain.
Son of a virgin, Son of God, a Savior we did gain.
Sing praises all, both young and old, to Him that wrought such things;
And all without the means of man, sent us the King of kings,
Who is of such a Spirit blest, that with His might did quell
The world, the flesh, and by His death did conquer death and hell:
Then sing you all both great and small, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.
We may rejoice to hear the voice of the angel Gabriel.*

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CHURCH Services

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship 8:30/11:00 A.M.

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY:

Supper 5:30 P.M.

Missions Moment 6:45 P.M.

Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Adult Bible Study 7:15 P.M.



Office Hours: Mon–Thur: 9 A.M. – 4 P.M. Fri: 9 A.M. – Noon

PREPARATION for The Lord's Supper

1. Reverence and attention
2. Discernment of the Lord's Body—
a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper
3. Meditation on Christ's death and suffering
4. Self judgment
5. Sorrow for sin
6. Desire for Christ
7. Feeding on Him in faith
8. Trusting in Him
9. Rejoicing in His love
10. Giving thanks for His grace
11. Renewal of your covenant with God
and commitment to Christ
12. Special love to all Christians

OUR MISSIONARIES

Stephen & Wendy Atkinson	Jewish Witness
José & Yessenia Barriga	Peru (studying at GPTS)
John & Taylor Blevins	Knoxville, TN
Jay & Sumter Brantley	Kenya
Ray & Michele Call	Belize
William & Susan Carr	Indigenous Ministries of North America
William & Judy Castro	Emmanuel Upstate PCA
Jegar & Jemima Chinnavan	Mount Zion PCA
Come Over and Help	Eastern European Church Ministry
Covenant Children's Homes	India
Miguel & Hannah D'Azevedo	Japan
Octavius & Marie Delfils	Haiti
Alex & Eska D.	Asia Crescent
Roger & Laura Dye	Latin America
Esaie & Natacha Etienne	Haiti
June Gallman	Costa Rica
Gospel Reformation Network	Greenville, SC
Aaron & Rachel Halbert	Honduras
Daniel & Courtney Hightower	R.U.F., Clemson University
Brian & Missy Howard	R. U. F. I., Clemson University
Joshua & Charline Jacobs	France
Gethin & Katie Jones	France
Ben & Melanie Kappers	Utah
Albert & Jenny Kona	Albania
Mark & Jane Kuo	Taiwan
Marc & Aline Mailloux	MTW-International
Malawi Reformation Network	Africa
Johannes & Ayten Müller	Berlin
Sashko & Ania Neznamutdinov	Poland
Alonzo & Esther Ramirez	Peru
O. Palmer & Joanna Robertson	Consummation Ministries
Guillermo & Jennie Salinas	Mexico
Seminaries	GPTS, RTS, WTS
Peter & Erika Szabo	Hungary
Twin Lakes Fellowship	Florence, MS
Florian & Veronica Weicken	Switzerland
Rebecca White	(Christ's College) Taiwan
Andy & Davinia Young	Oxford, England

LOCAL MINISTRIES

Antioch Presbyterian Church	Lifeline Children's Services
Calvary Home for Children	Prison Ministries
Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)	Miracle Hill Ministries
Greenville Rescue Mission	Piedmont Women's Center