

The Lord's Day

December 22, 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 *VARIATIONS ON A FRENCH NOËL* Balbastre

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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INTROIT *DING, DONG, MERRILY ON HIGH* Charles Wood
*Ding dong, merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong, verily the sky is riven with angel singing.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!*

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 9:2

HYMN ✧ 311 *HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING*

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER ✧

RESPONSE ✧ 572 *GLORIA PATRI*

CONFESSION OF FAITH ✧ *NICENE CREED* Hymnal, inside back cover

COMMANDMENT Exodus 20:15

You shall not steal.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND SUPPLICATION FOR GRACE

O Lord our God, we are reminded of the divine purpose for the incarnation of Christ: that his name was called Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. We are grieved that our condition was so sinful that it required nothing less than the death of the Son of God. We mourn over our fallen nature and our sins that proceed from it. We confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. We have broken your commandments in thought, word, and deed. We have committed sins of omission and commission. We have been lazy over heaven’s concerns and selfish over our own. Even in our best efforts we find pride and self. “Wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” O Father, we thank you for his birth, his life, his death, his resurrection, and his ascension for sinners like me. We plead your forgiveness and pardon in his redeeming name. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:1–2

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A VIRGIN UNSPOTTED* William Billings

A virgin unspotted by prophet fore-told, should bring forth a Savior which now we behold, to be our Redeemer from death, hell and sin, which Adam's transgressions involved us in. Then let us be merry, put sorrow away, our Savior, Christ Jesus, was born on this day. God sent down an angel from heaven so high, to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lie, and made them no longer in sorrow to stay, because that our Savior was born on this day. Then, presently after, the shepherds did spy a number of angels that stood in the sky: They joyfully talked and sweetly did sing "To God be all glory, our Heavenly King!" To teach us humility all this was done, to learn us from hence haughty pride for to shun. The manger His cradle who came from above, the great God of mercy, of peace and of love.

RESPONSE ✧ 568 *DOXOLOGY*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ✧

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:1–7 Pew Bible, page 729

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN ✧ 314 *GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN*

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8–11 Pew Bible, page 1090

SERMON *A SAVIOR IS BORN* Dr. Richard D. Phillips

HYMN ✧ 310 *WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS*

BENEDICTION ✧

POSTLUDE *SWISS NOËL* Daquin

Congregation standing ✧

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 *AWAY IN A MANGER* arr. Young

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INTROIT *SEE, AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW* John Goss

*See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah 33:14–16 RE Jeremy Weaver

HYMN ✧ 323 *O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM*

INVOCATION ✧

PSALM ✧ 97 B *THE LORD REIGNS, LET THE EARTH BE GLAD!*

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *REJOICE AND SING NOEL* Robert Petker

Youth Choir

*Rejoice, sing noel! Rejoice and sing noel.
Rejoice and sing for Christ is born.
Rejoice and sing noel for Jesus the Savior is born.
Sing noel and go rejoicing. Sing noel for Christ now is born.
Sing noel and go rejoicing, Jesus is born.*

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 Jeremy Weaver

HYMN ✧ 303 *ALL PRAISE TO YOU, ETERNAL LORD*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 3:15 Pew Bible, page 4

SERMON *THE FIRST CHRISTMAS PROMISE* Dr. Richard D. Phillips

HYMN ✧ 307 *ALL MY HEART THIS NIGHT REJOICES*

BENEDICTION ✧

POSTLUDE *I SAW THREE SHIPS* arr. Young

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 (*Sanctuary*)

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
Grades 7 & 8	Room 307	Chase Haws
Grades 9 to 12	Youth Hut	Jeff Early

SUNDAY SCHOOL Adults 10:00 A.M.

NAME: College & 20s Community

LOCATION: Conference Room (*hallway off of gymnasium*)

TEACHER: John Duncan *Elder: J. Mann*

BOOK: Proverbs

NAME: Acts Community

LOCATION: Gymnasium (*to the right of the portico*)

TEACHER: Kevin Mobley *Elders: Bragdon, McNeely, Player, Rainey, Weaver*

BOOK: Romans

NAME: Chapel Community

LOCATION: Chapel (*inside front door, to the right*)

TEACHER: Bob Anderson *Elders: Barnett, Safford, Wheeler, Zimmerman*

BOOK: Luke

NAME: Fellowship Community

LOCATION: Fellowship Hall (*through portico, downstairs*)

TEACHER: Brendon Branigin *Elders: Kee, Watkins*

BOOK: Galatians

NAME: Westminster Community

LOCATION: Room 304 (*across from balcony*)

TEACHER: Jason Korol *Elders: Larson, B. Mann, Russell*

BOOK: 2 Corinthians

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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.

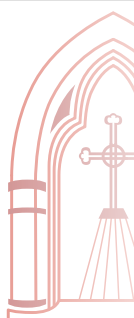
WEDNESDAY:

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

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Youth Intern

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Trustees

Bobby H. Mann *Chairman*
C. Douglas McDaniel
Kevin M. Mobley

CHURCH Calendar

Sunday December 22

8:30 A.M. Morning Worship
9:55 A.M. Children's Chapel (*Sanctuary*)
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (*Chapel*)
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Tuesday December 24

Church Offices Closed
5:00 P.M. Lessons and Carols

Wednesday December 25

Church Offices Closed

Thursday December 26

Church Offices Closed

Saturday December 28

10:00 A.M. Sr. High Boys Bible Study
(*Youth Hut*)
10:00 A.M. Sr. High Girls Bible Study
(*Fellowship Hall*)