

Weekly Prayer Guide

PRAYER REQUEST

Nothing is more powerful than the prayers of God's people. If you need prayer or know someone in need of prayer, please send your request to our church office at info@spcgreenville.org or call at (864) 232-7621. Individual prayers requests are on the Intercessor found online under the members section.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. ~ I Peter 3:12

Pray for Worship

Pray that we might worship the Lord in spirit and truth.

Pray for God to give deep joy in Himself with genuine love and affection.

Pray for God-centered, Christ-exalting, Spirit-filled, Bible-saturated worship.

Pray for faithful, bold, loving, clear, Biblical preaching.

Pray for faithfulness to & fruitfulness from family worship.

Pray for greater delight in the Lord's Day that we will delight in the Lord.

Pray for deeper joy and trust in God reflected in earnest, sincere prayer.

Pray for Missions

The success of God's Kingdom and the thwarting of the kingdom of Satan.

A desire for God's glory, compassion for the lost, and zeal and boldness.

Workers to go into the ripe harvest and for God to draw His elect to Himself.

The Lord to open the hearts of those who hear the gospel.

God to sustain and deliver persecuted Christians around the world.

Plans and preparations for upcoming **SPC Mission trips**.

All our support **missionaries** especially during this pandemic.

Pray for our Nation

For our leaders, for national repentance for our sins, for wisdom for our President and other leaders, for safety for our military, for safety for our first responders, for unity and prayer among all God's people, for advancement of the Gospel, and revival in our country.

For the Coronavirus Pandemic-for wisdom for our leaders/safety for medical staff and first time responders/good health for our members and their families/protection for the elderly in nursing homes and those with chronic illness.

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am (Livestream Worship)

www.spcgreenville.org

GOD'S WORD FULLY KNOWN

Colossians 1:24-26

Hymns: 245, 173, 171

Anthem: O Breath of Life

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm (Livestream Worship)

www.spcgreenville.org

BUILDING GOD'S HOUSE

2 Chronicles 3:1-17

Hymns: 159, 405, 163

Psalm 69A: (10-13)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Pastor A Word for Today | Psalm 46:1-3

Psalm 46 has inspired many Christians in times of trouble and danger. Martin Luther spent his life in constant peril because of the gospel and would turn his mind to this psalm when he was especially disheartened. His co-worker Philipp Melancthon recalls Luther saying at such times, "Come, Philipp, let's sing the forty-sixth Psalm." Luther's famous hymn version of it begins, "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing." The opening stanza speaks of great cataclysms that threaten destruction – the earth gives way, the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, the waters roar and foam, and the mountains quake and surge ([Ps. 46:2-3](#)). Nonetheless, with God as our fortress, the psalmist writes, "We will not fear." Despite all these upheavals, there is one great fact that makes all the difference: "God is our refuge." God protects and shields his people from harm. In ancient days, a fortress was a powerful protection. Behind its ramparts, enemies were not able to get through to bring harm. In the same way, God protects his people, so that even if our lives should be injured our souls are kept safe. Just to live near a fortress gave peace of mind; when trouble approached you could run for shelter. In the same way, simply reading these lines gives us a sense of peace and calm, for they tell us that God is near as our refuge and strength. Many Christians attest to the fortress God is when tragedy strikes. Elizabeth Elliot's first husband, Jim Elliot, was killed by the Auca Indians in Ecuador to whom he was trying to witness the gospel. Her second husband, Addison Leitch, died a slow and difficult death with cancer. Elisabeth spoke of both these tragedies in terms of Psalm 46: *"Everything that has seemed most dependable has given way. Mountains are falling, earth is receding. In such a time it is a profound comfort to know that although all things seem shaken, one thing is not: God is not shaken."* Elisabeth Elliot

If you find yourself anxious over the threat of pandemic – or, just as likely, over the effects of our nation's shut-down in response to the Coronavirus – remember the opening lines of Psalm 46. Ask God to build a wall of faith around you, knowing that he is present with you in whatever may happen, and giving testimony to your confidence in him: "We will not fear."

In Christ's Love, Pastor Phillips