

## Corner of River and Rhett

### Best Ways to Access Services and Sermons Online

Here are some helpful tips on accessing the SPC livestream on Sundays and Wednesdays as well as the recordings at any time.

#### From a computer:

**Livestream:** Click the Livestream button from the home page of SPCGreenville.org – this is best and most reliable way to access the livestream. You can also access via facebook.com/SPCGreenville.

**Past Sermons:** Click the sermon archive button under the Recent Sermons section on the home page of SPCGreenville.org.

**Watch Past Services:** Click the Worship Services button under Recent Sermons section on the home page of SPCGreenville.org.

#### From a smartphone/tablet:

Download the app from Google Play or Apple App Store.

**Livestream:** Click the Live Webcast link in the app.

**Past Sermons:** Click the Sermons link in the app.

**Watch Past Services:** Click the Worship Services link in the app.

#### From a Roku device (Roku player or Roku TV):

**Livestream:** Download the YouTube channel and search for SPCGreenville. You can also access via the SermonAudio Channel (church ID: secondpca).

**Past Sermons:** Download the SermonAudio Channel (church ID:secondpca).

**Watch Past Services:** Download the YouTube channel and search for SPCGreenville.

### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

April 5, 2020

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am (Livestream Worship)  
www.spcgreenville.org

#### CHRIST IN YOU

Colossians 1:27

Hymns: 325, 523, 265

Anthem: Lord God, Ruler of All Things

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm (Livestream Worship)

www.spcgreenville.org

#### LIKE UNREASONING ANIMALS

Jude 8-10

Hymns: 244, 436, 453

Psalms 70

Rev. Jeffrey J. Windt preaching

## The Second Presbyterian Church

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# The West End Herald

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## The Second Presbyterian Church

Corner of River and Rhett Streets  
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### Letter from the Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Jeremy Weaver Four Special Seasons of Solitude

There is a line in a favorite old hymn, *“Thou my best thought by day or by night.”* I often wonder what the writer’s experience was when writing that particular line. My best guess is that it followed a season of solitude and contemplation. Perhaps his season of solitude was in the middle of a test or trial like we face today.

If we are honest, the practices of solitude and contemplation are lost in our day. The bombardment of phone notifications, screens, videos, Tik Toks (ask your children or grandchildren), or music, keeps our minds somewhere, anywhere other than where it should be. Mentally we are all over the place, and sadly the massive consumption of content in our digital world keeps our minds from contemplating Christ and the “setting of our minds on heavenly things”. (Col 3:2)

This current pandemic has thrust us into a situation where we can, for a special season, get back what the old saints called “solitude.”

Wilhelmus á Brakel, a Dutch Puritan in Rotterdam, wrote of the special grace we can experience in times of special solitude. In his defining work, *The Christian’s Reasonable Service*, he defines solitude as:

*“...a separation from all men for a period of time in order to be enabled to express one’s self more earnestly and freely as one engages himself in seeking after God.”*

## Weekly Prayer Guide

*For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer. ~ 1 Peter 3:12*

### Pray for our Worship - *looking above*

Praise God for His grace, patience and steadfast love towards us.

Praise God for teaching us to wait on him with humility & hope in times of trial.

That we might increasingly learn, love, & live the Word of God.

Greater delight in the Lord's Day that we might delight in the Lord.

The fruit of the Holy Spirit to be more & more evident in us for God's glory.

A calm, sincere, humble, dependent, confident trust in the LORD during trials.

An ever-increasing love and trust of God who has first loved us.

### Pray for our Mission - *reaching out*

Success of God's Kingdom, thwarting Satan's kingdom, & reign of Jesus.

Workers for the ripe harvest & God to draw His elect to Himself.

Open doors to proclaim and open hearts of those who hear the gospel.

Joy, faithfulness, courage, wisdom, zeal, protection, good health of missionaries.

God to sustain & deliver persecuted Christians around the world.

Plans and preparations for upcoming SPC Mission trips.

All our supported missionaries especially during this pandemic.

### Pray for our Fellowship - *folding in*

An increased love for one another and for peacemaking & unity.

Connection, unity, encouragement through virtual ministry.

For widows, the home-bound, the depressed, discouraged, sick.

Those grieving loss, suffering illness, facing surgery/treatments.

Those that have lost loved ones to the Coronavirus.

Good health, patience, provision, protection for those in our church.

Expectant mothers, upcoming weddings, financial hardships.

PCA, Calvary Presbytery, area churches, & the Church universal.

### Pray for our Discipleship - *growing up*

Praise God for graciously convincing us of our great sin & our gracious Savior.

Greater love for and humble submission to the Word of God.

Humility, faith, holiness, faithfulness, contentment, wisdom, & godliness.

Ministers - good health and to minister to the needs of the congregation.

Deacons - helping meet the physical needs of the congregation.

Elders - helping meet the spiritual needs of the congregation.

Sincere faith, spiritual maturity, holiness, & humility for our children.

Grow from affliction & accept it from the loving hand of our Father.

Live righteously, entrusting our souls to our Faithful Creator.

To do justly and love mercy and walk humbly with God.

### Pray for our World

Coronavirus pandemic: For our government - to turn to God Almighty, and know life in Jesus Christ; that God would mercifully grant them wisdom, perseverance, and insight in actions taken.

Doctors, nurses, medical staff - strength, patience, clarity, safety, love, mercy.

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

*If you need prayer or know someone in need of prayer,  
please send your request  
to our church office at [info@spcgreenville.org](mailto:info@spcgreenville.org)  
or call at (864) 232-7621.*

## Remembering One Another

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

Sara Cater  
11 Colgate Avenue  
Greenville, SC 29617

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Jordan and Jeni Carter  
JP, Charlie, Addis, Edward, Katherine

Jason and Bridgette Cassell

Sara Cater

## Missionary of the Week



Rev. and Mrs. Octavius Delfils  
Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Haiti Mission

Rev. Delfils and Rev. Hopp are working together in church plants located both on the island of La Gonave and in the capital city of Port-au-Prince. The OPC has been working on the island of La Gonave since 2002. This remote, rural island is located in the harbor of Port-au-Prince and is home to over 100,000 people. It takes an hour and a half to reach the island by ferry. The work on La Gonave began with five congregations and has expanded to seven. Attendance at the services of these churches in the mountains of La Gonave averages between 30 and 70 people. The church at Dolgace is led by Pastor Lexene Leveille while the other six churches have men who are elders-in-training. These men teach and lead worship for the congregations from week to week. The training of men for the ministry is done through seminars held four or five times per year on the island.



During this temporary pause in our normal aspects of social life, here are three thoughts from á Brakel's work to help us improve our time and seek His face:

**Your Heart Must Strive for Solitude.** Matthew Henry said, "Christianity is heart work." Our daily walk and thinking flows out of the heart and it is in the heart the issues of life find their root. Thus, our work is to seek the Spirit's work to renew the mind and change the heart so that our thoughts and desires become purified. Special seasons of solitude enable this in a concentrated form. á Brakel states, "We must always strive for a disposition of heart that is inclined toward solitude while surrounded by the turmoil of the world and as we interact with people. This means we are to be loose and divorced from all that is of this world, such as the honor, love, riches, lusts and pleasures of men." Our normal life is being "divorced" from us for a season. We must take advantage of this special time and divorce ourselves from worldly influences, where we can, with the Spirit's help, turn our minds and hearts away from the world and towards Christ. This is a work best carried out in solitude.

**Take Advantage of Special Times of Solitude.** We can more easily set our minds and affections on Christ during the weekly church gatherings where we partake in the ordinary means of grace. But in strange times like we find today, these are limited. Even so we need not starve spiritually as we separate for a season. Our current social distancing is "an exceptional means for the increase of godliness." This was the practice of Jesus. In special times he retreated to a desolate place (Mark 1:35, Matt 14:23) to pray. He practiced this discipline not only as a help in his humanity, but to leave us an example of how to tread in a dangerous place, full of sin and sorrows.

**Expect God to Meet with You.** Christ promises to bless our special times of prayer and solitude in the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 6:6 Christ promises, "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

There are times in life when this promise holds a special grace, particularly when times are bleak and dark, and we find our well-being at stake or even our own assurance is darkened. á Brakel says, "...the Lord is so good that He will meet His children in a special manner when they are in secret -even though it can be at times that all is turned upside down within while they are in secret, they are overcome with heavy darkness, that the Lord hides His countenance for some time, and they become unbelieving, dull, and entirely empty within. The Lord will secretly sustain them and cause them to wrestle on." Regardless of how this health and economic crisis has beat you down, take your cares to the Lord. Not only does He care, He promises He will meet with you and sustain you.

This present crisis will pass. None of us know the length or severity of the impacts to our friends and family members. We can take this special time of slowing down to renew our minds and soften our hearts with the Spirit's help. I suspect many will look back on these days with a particular fondness for how near the Lord was, and long to be with Him fully in eternity.

á Brakel, *Wilhelmus. The Christian's Reasonable Service, Volume 4, Grand Rapids, Reformation Heritage Books, 1995*



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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

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| April 1 Ford Duncan<br>Joseph Maralit<br>Josiah Sott<br>Will McDaniel                                             | April 15 Sarah Martin<br>Caroline Mobley<br>Ellie Mobley<br>Samuel Mobley<br>Kristin Owens<br>Elizabeth Pennington |
| April 2 Melton Duncan<br>Clara Gearhart                                                                           | April 17 Lucas Baumbach                                                                                            |
| April 5 Robert Pennington<br>Avery Johnson                                                                        | April 18 Edward Carter<br>Katherine Carter<br>Russell McDaniel                                                     |
| April 6 Audrey Burman<br>Joe Earle<br>Tammy Vanderwey                                                             | April 19 Chris Everett<br>Grace Schvaneveldt<br>Jaz Wiley                                                          |
| April 8 Karis Preston                                                                                             | April 21 Karen Gray                                                                                                |
| April 9 Caroline Angell<br>Elysee Baumbach<br>Kay Sporrer<br>Jerry Traynham                                       | April 22 Jimmy Looper<br>Heinrich DuBose-Schmitt                                                                   |
| April 10 David Caldwell<br>Ron McNeely<br>Haley Schvaneveldt                                                      | April 23 Lindsay Duncan<br>Andrew Reese<br>Lydia Sharpe<br>Brian Welch                                             |
| April 11 Mark Baxa<br>Ethan McConnell<br>Jo-Ellen Pujdak                                                          | April 24 Millie Pratt                                                                                              |
| April 12 Rick DeMott                                                                                              | April 25 Jenel Babb<br>Hilary Caldwell<br>Jonathan Phillips<br>Kathy Whigham                                       |
| April 13 Aaron Angell<br>Marian Dean<br>Nate Johnson, Jr.<br>Geri Hansen<br>Chase Trautner<br>Caroline Strickland | April 27 Jon Waterholter                                                                                           |
| April 14 Tabitha Barrington                                                                                       | April 28 Cindy Mann<br>Daniel Strevel                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                   | April 29 William Spell<br>Bill Wheeler                                                                             |

