

Corner of River and Rhett

EXPLORE MEMBERSHIP

Learn more about SPC or become a member

SUNDAYS @ 9:45 AM

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

What will I learn?

Jan. 31	The "Solas" of the Reformation
Feb. 7	The Doctrines of Grace
Feb. 14	Law and the Gospel
Feb. 21	Covenant Theology
Feb. 28	Reformed Worship
Mar. 7	Membership Vows
Mar. 14	Finding Your Place at SPC
Mar. 21	Church History
Mar. 28	New Members' Reception & Luncheon

~There will be Session Interviews for Membership on March 14 and March 21.

~A Membership Class Lunch in the Fellowship Hall will follow the 11:00 am worship service on March 14.

How can I register?

spcgreenville.org/membership
(864) 232-7621 x108

Do I have to join?

If you are interested in becoming a member we request you attend this class; however, attending does not obligate you to become a member.



The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND

THE LORD'S DAY

January 17, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

www.spcgreenville.org

THE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:20-21

Hymns: 236, 243, 202

Anthem: Jesu, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

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THE RIGHTEOUS KING

2 Chronicles 17:1-19

Hymns: 230, 418, 281

Psalms 99A

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper connects with practically every redemptive theme of the Bible. This is no surprise, since all of our life in Christ, the whole spectrum of Christian salvation, passes through the cross of our Lord, which is the explicit subject of the Lord's Supper. I would like, however, to suggest a few redemptive themes that are especially connected to the Lord's Supper and which may serve as examples of a much larger whole of related themes.

Undoubtedly, the primary Old Testament reference for this sacrament is the Passover of Israel. When we gather before the Lord's Table, we should remember Israel's deliverance from bondage to Pharaoh and think of our own redemption from the Egypt of our sin. We should recall how the lamb's blood turned away God's wrath. We should also remember our pilgrim status in this world, and the bitterness of life and the afflictions recalled to us by the unleavened bread. One of our great communion hymns, written in the 8th century by John of Damascus, reminds us eloquently of our fellowship with the exodus Israelites:

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

We should also recall the events of the night on which our Lord instituted the Supper. The disciples heard with dismay Christ's words of the cross; now this Supper was given to them as a means of comfort. Especially significant are the two cups

of which Jesus spoke: the cup of fellowship and gladness he offered to the disciples, which he offers still to us today, and the cup of wrath about which our Lord prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, a cup he alone would drink to the bottom. Believers should look with hope toward the wedding feast of the Lamb to which we are invited through Jesus' death (Rev. 19:9), the very wine of heaven which in the Supper we now drink by faith.

Moreover, the Lord's Supper contains a lesson on the history of redemption. It directs us to the past, as our Lord commanded us to "do this in remembrance of me." Christians are people who look back on the death of Christ as the pivotal moment in history. But Christians also look forward, even as Paul tells us, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes"

(1 Cor. 11:26). We are those whose eyes are fixed on the future horizon when our Lord returns in glory and in power. But the sacrament also speaks to the present. Christians gather before the Lord's table like Israel in the desert seeking provision. We are pilgrims on our sojourn to Canaan, and here is the spiritual manna from which we gain strength for the long journey ahead. Here is the drink for the parched lips of our souls, brought forth not by the striking of the rock but by the striking of Christ upon the cross. Like Abraham coming to Melchizedek from the weariness of his battles, we come to Christ to be fed, provisioned, refreshed, and renewed. Horatius Bonar has us therefore sing:

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
 Here, drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
 Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
 Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

In administering the Lord's Supper, I usually try to tie it in to the gospel message that preceded it in the sermon. In an important way, the sacrament as a means of grace is subordinate to the preached Word, since only God's Word has power to convert. Yet in an equally important way, the Lord's Supper is a most direct application of the preached gospel, as it personally confronts each person present with the reality of his or her own relationship to Jesus Christ. People may endure the sermon with studied indifference, but when the

bread and the cup are set before them they must make a decision about what they are going to do. For when the elders bring the elements of the Supper to the congregation, each of you must assess the actual religion you profess.

Do you rely on the death of Christ as your only hope of life and eternity? And do you commit yourself sincerely in faithfulness to Jesus as your covenant Lord, having publicly professed your faith by joining Christ's church? Have your thoughts and deeds reflected this commitment, and are there matters you need to bring to Christ in prayer before you sit before His Table? Here is the true altar call set before the assembled church, where weary Christians are called to revival and unbelievers are confronted with the consequences of their alienation from Christ. With these thoughts in mind, may God bless you as you prepare to feed upon the bread of God and to drink the royal wine of heaven.

In Christ's Love,
 Pastor Phillips



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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

Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 3 Tamara King, Sue O'Brien
- Jan. 4 Kate Taylor
- Jan. 5 Addis Carter, Charlie Carter, Jim McGoldrick
- Jan. 6 Madison Grubbs, Malachi Mobley, Jan Price, James Schvaneveldt
- Jan. 7 Jeremy Weaver
- Jan. 8 Melissa Fultz, Margaret Holman
- Jan. 9 Elisha Bombaro, Richard Chivers, Marcia Russell, Kylie Spell
- Jan. 10 Henry Martin
- Jan. 11 Chad Bailey, Jim Bishop
- Jan. 13 Zoe Everett, Bill Watkins
- Jan. 15 Gwyn DuBose-Schmitt, Margaret Pomerlyan
- Jan. 16 Jonathan Crunk
- Jan. 17 Joffre Swait
- Jan. 18 Victoria Pujdak, Michael Towery
- Jan. 19 Blue Early, Lori Schvaneveldt, Kelli Smoker
- Jan. 20 Regina Icard, Doug McDaniel
- Jan. 21 John Atwood, Toni Huff, Martin Whigham
- Jan. 23 Carrie Fultz, Doug Hanson
- Jan. 24 Calvin Baumbach, Joshua Baxa, Gary Dean
- Jan. 26 Andrew Bailey, Beth Baxa, Margaret Hook
- Jan. 30 Cheryl Traynham
- Jan. 31 Steve Plating



SPC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
January 3, 10, 17 @ 10 am in the gym
PROPHET, PRIEST, KING
Dr. Jonathan L. Master

2021 Offering Envelopes

The 2021 offering envelopes are on a table outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes this week. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 104. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes. Please use the 2021 envelopes beginning the first Sunday in January. Your 2021 envelope number may be different from the 2020 number.

2021 Greenville Seminary Spring Conference

Who is God?

On March 9-11, we will consider the significance of the doctrine of the Trinity for the gospel and the Christian life. Our speakers include Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., Fred

Sanders, J.V. Fesko, Ryan M. McGraw, Ian Hamilton, Jonathan L. Master, Ethan Bolyard, and L. Anthony Curto. Will you join us?

Learn more about the conference and take advantage of early-bird registration at gpts.edu/conference.

Backpack Blessings

We have been asked again by Augusta Circle Elementary School to provide food for weekend backpacks for children who may not have proper meals when they are not at school. This could be granola bars, fruit cups, microwavable oatmeal, soup or pasta dishes, or any other items children could prepare for themselves. If you are able to contribute to this ministry, please leave any items in the gym or church office, or contact Cyndi Player (864-483-4644).

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this Lord's Day
to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Roy Heath
by Edna Heath.*

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 17

- 8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
- 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Monday, January 18

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Rafiki Bible Study

Tuesday, January 19

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
- 6:30 PM EE Training

Wednesday, January 20

- 5:30 PM FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
- 6:15 PM Covenant Choirs/Youth Ensemble
- 6:30 PM Administration Committee Meeting
- 6:45 PM CAT/Covenant Kids
- 6:45 PM Jr. and Sr. High Bible Studies
- 6:45 PM PRAYER MEETING AND
BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS

Thursday, January 21

- 9:30 AM Precepts Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Mission to Main Street

Friday, January 22

- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study

Saturday, January 23

- 9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery at Mt. Calvary PCA

Memorial Flowers

If you would like to put flowers in the church sanctuary for our worship services on Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special please contact Judy Bishop (246-0951). She will be compiling the 2021 list and there are still quite a few vacant Sundays.

Calvary Presbytery

The one hundredth and forty eighth stated meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be Saturday, January 23rd at 9:00 am at Mr. Calvary PCA. Please be in prayer for the meeting and for the commissioners who will be attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

The Lord's Supper Sunday, January 17th Morning Worship Services

Request from Sympathy & Service

The Sympathy and Service (S&S) committee of SPC is made up of deacons who oversee the general welfare of members who may be in need of some sort of assistance. SPC has a number of members who do not have a family support group nearby and at times reaches out to the church for advice or assistance. The S&S committee would like to have an active list of volunteers to help meet these needs. They are looking for anybody that has a servant's heart whether they are skilled or not. If you have a particular skill, please specify it, as this will allow S&S to efficiently manage the requests as they come in. This list will not be for public use, but is only for S&S use. Also, please include any contractors/services that you have used and are pleased with. S&S will compile a list of reputable contractors/services since they often asked for recommendations. Please contact any member of the S&S committee with your offers of assistance. The members of the S&S committee are Scott Grubbs, David Burman, Mike Carey, Don Welker and Jimmy Looper.