

## 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](http://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 24, 2021

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

[www.spcgreenville.org](http://www.spcgreenville.org)

#### DENYING THE MASTER

2 Peter 2:1-3

Hymns: 280, 173, 241

Anthem: From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

[www.spcgreenville.org](http://www.spcgreenville.org)

#### JOY THROUGH TRIALS

Philippians 4:10-13

Hymns: 379, 46C, 262

Psalms 100A

Mr. Ezekiel B. Dean preaching

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# The West End Herald

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### Why I'm Pro-Life

by Greg Austen, Executive Director of Care Net

January is Sanctity of Life Month

*I remember when reports announced that Princess Kate of England was pregnant. Even the most secular news outlets immediately began talking about the child in her womb as an heir to the throne... But doesn't the dignity we conferred on a 'royal' baby apply also to countless other 'ordinary' babies whose lives are no less significant.*

For me, being pro-life is not about politics. It's about civilized society, common sense, science, human rights, and Scripture. Here's my case:

1. **Civilized Society:** In the 1992 decision *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said: "The ability of women to participate equally in the economic and social life of the nation has been facilitated by the ability to control their reproductive lives." This is associated with what is called the "reliance interest"; that is, the idea that women have come to rely on abortion to maintain their place in society. I'm certainly an advocate for the equality of women. I'm confident, however, that a civilized society can find a way to protect one life in a way that doesn't "rely" on destroying the life of another. What gives us justification to idolize a woman's body and social status, and to place its value over the life of her own child? Is abortion really the best option we have to protect a woman's economic and social equality? I know we can do better.

2. **Common Sense:** Rather than being above a president's paygrade, the pro-life position is common sense: Is the unborn fetus human? Yes. Is it alive? Yes. Then it's human life. It's that simple.

3. **Science:** Human life begins at fertilization, that is, with the union of sperm and ovum. Especially on this side of ultrasound technology, most will easily agree on this. A picture's worth a thousand words. Chuck Colson in his book, *How Now Shall We Live*, described Dr. Bernard Nathanson's use of ultrasound technology to witness

abortion: “Nathanson knew quite well what happened in an abortion. Yet when he saw abstract concepts transformed into vivid images—when he actually witnessed tiny bodies being ripped limb from limb—he was startled and revolted. *Even more sickening, the ultrasound showed babies desperately trying to wriggle away from the suction apparatus. One twelve-week fetus continued to struggle even after it had been severely maimed, opening his mouth in what looked like a scream of fear and pain.*”

**4. Human Rights:** Not all agree that a fetus is a person. The courts have said that to be a person, one must be rational, conscious, and self-aware. Pre-born children certainly have a brain and this potential; they only need time to develop these capacities. It is the same after they are born. They have promise and aptitude, but need time to learn to crawl, walk, speak, read, and defend themselves. That is why personhood should be grounded in who we are, not in what we can do, the stock we come from, our religion, the color of our skin, or the circumstances of our birth. Not grounding personhood in what we are only sets us up for discrimination—or perhaps worse: lynchings, gas chambers, and the furnaces of Auschwitz. Human rights—and all the protections that go with them—are for human persons. And we, including the unborn, are all members of the human family, teeming with hope and possibility.

**5. Scripture:** “The overall picture of the unborn child presented by Scripture is not, as Aristotle would have it, of gestating vegetable life waiting for an animal soul. Instead, the Bible portrays the unborn child the same as it does a developed infant...” Here are just a few examples:

- **Psalm 139:13-17** gives a beautiful poetic description of fetal development in the womb: “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!”
- The callings of Isaiah and Jeremiah while in the womb:
  - ~Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother’s womb he has spoken my name. (Isa. 49:1, NIV)
  - ~“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (Jer. 1:5, NIV)

- **Luke 1:40-45** points to fetal awareness in John the Baptist and fetal development in both Jesus and John: “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice, she exclaimed: ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!’” (Luke 1:39-45) The Creator of our DNA’s intimate care and concern extends to all human life. Period. The unborn children we fight to protect may be potential princes or princesses, statesmen or justices, medical doctors or great, holy people. Or they may have special needs or disabilities, but nonetheless teach us incredible things about love, empathy, and infectious joy. All are little children that Jesus loves. His coming as a human being was the result of the greatest unplanned pregnancy in recorded history. He came to forgive our sins and bring life to dead souls by his Spirit. And these truths—the dignity of all human unborn life, the forgiveness of sins, and the inward fire of perfect love—still move our spirits to leap for joy.

#### South Carolina Statistics

Babies Killed Annually By Abortion: 5,700+  
 Babies Killed Annually in Greenville County: @ 3,500  
 Babies Saved Annually at PWC: 300+

#### Piedmont Women’s Center’s Work

*Piedmont Women’s Center has helped thousands of women choose life for themselves and their babies since 1991.*

We provide the following:

- \* free pregnancy tests
- \* limited OB Ultrasounds
- \* vouchers for maternity wear & baby needs
- \* biblical peer counseling
- \* abortion recovery assistance for women & men
- \* speakers bureau

Locations:

1146 Grove Road, Greenville, 29605, 864.233.3823  
 100 Collins Drive, Greer, 29651 864.848.1407  
 1389 Brushy Creek Road, Taylors, 29687 864.244.1434  
 24 hour hopeline: 864.233.3823  
 Website portal: [www.piedmontwomenscenter.org](http://www.piedmontwomenscenter.org)



## Become A Paper Hearts Volunteer!

Paper Hearts: a koinonia kids ministry, has a mission to help foster relationships between our younger and older generations through something quite simple, yet powerful...SNAIL MAIL!

Akin to the Pen Pal days and “Adopt-A-Grandparent” programs, **Paper Hearts will specially pair our young volunteers with one of our widowed and/ or homebound members for the year.** These pairs will become Paper Hearts “Pals”! We hope and pray, as a result, that our young people and their families will learn to love, pray for, and serve the older generation of our Church.

Paper Hearts Volunteers...

- Can be any age from infant to teen (parent involvement varies by age) -OR- a family.
- Communicate with their Pals at least once a month (Notes, artwork, anything mailable).
- Remember their Pals in prayer!
- Commit to volunteering for the year (sign-ups are yearly).
- Receive guidance & support from our Paper Hearts Team throughout the year.

Are you ready to gain the blessing of a Pal this New Year?

Signup now by going to :

**[www.spcgreenville.org/paperhearts](http://www.spcgreenville.org/paperhearts)**

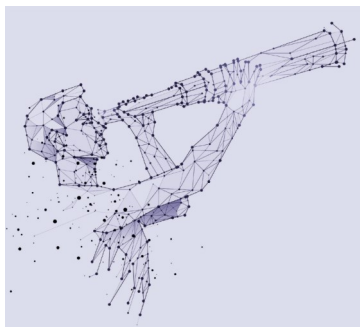
or contact Nicole Welch at 864-979-4158.

Not a kid but want to help? Join the Paper Hearts Team as an encourager/supporter for the kids and families participating.

**Dr. Jonathan Master will be teaching the next 2 Adult Sunday School classes on the Sacraments.**

### 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](http://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*  
**Tom B. Anderson**  
*by Serge and Christa Pomerlyan.*

### Church Calendar

#### Sunday, January 24

- 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
- 7:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting

#### Monday, January 25

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

#### Tuesday, January 26

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

#### Wednesday, January 27

- 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
- 5:30 PM FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
- 6:15 PM Covenant Choirs/Youth Ensemble
- 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 28

- 9:30 AM Precepts Bible Study

#### Friday, January 29

- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study
- 1:00 PM Mission to Main Street

### 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 hundred 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.



### WIC Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 13th @ 10:00 am  
Church Fellowship Hall

Join us for a catered breakfast, fellowship, and a time for fervent prayer.

*Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks...*  
1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18a



### Help Needed

The Sports and Fellowship Committee is in need of volunteers to assist in the kitchen for our Wednesday evening meal beginning in February. There are two areas needed:

**Food Servers** (5:15p-6:30p) - assist Kitty and Sarah with serving food onto plates as folks go through the serving line.

**Clean up** (6:30p-7:30p) - wash dishes using the commercial dishwasher, drying dishes, wiping down tables, and general cleanup.

If you are interested in helping in one of these areas (or have questions about this volunteer opportunity), please contact Nate Johnson.