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WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY

March 7, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

www.spcgreenville.org

AS A THOUSAND YEARS

2 Peter 3:7-10

Hymns: 265, 386, 420

Anthem: Sing, Ye Righteous, Unto the Lord

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

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WITHOUT A DISGUISE

2 Chronicles 18:28-19:3

Hymns: 231, 228, 569 (TH),

Psalms 104B (vss. 12-17)

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Letter from the Associate Minister

"Let Us Not Grow Weary"

"Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."
(Hebrews 12:3)

We live in a world and nation where increasingly evil is called good and good is called evil. In not too distant news, the subject of marriage has come before the Supreme Court of our country. There is no question that our country is divided over the issue of marriage, with the balance sliding more and more in the wrong direction. The Bible is clear on the definition of marriage (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-25; Mt. 19:1-12; Eph. 5:22-33) with all of its benefits. Of course there are many, whether on blogs or television or radio, who misquote and misunderstand Scripture. They, like the devil himself, seem skilled in twisting the words of God and are like the blind leading the blind. Nevertheless, with all that is going on in our country over the issues of marriage, abortion, homosexuality, violence, and a host of other evils, it can be quite maddening as well as disheartening to say the least. What can the righteous do when the foundation seems to be shaking? What can the people of God do when it seems that the wicked are prevailing, whether it is in the case of marriage or any other subject? How are we to live in this present evil age? Well, there are several things to consider. This is by no means an exhaustive list but it is at least a start...

1. Let us remember where we live (Gen. 3; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 2:2; 1 Pt. 2:9; 1 Jn. 5:19). It is good to be honest. This world, including America, is fallen and sinful. We live in a place where evil is present and seemingly prevailing. We praise God that we have been delivered from such a place by grace through faith in Christ and that we are secure in Him with the Holy Spirit as our guarantee. But let us not forget where we temporarily live. This place is not paradise. This place is full of men and women, boys and girls, who are evil and who do evil things, even with a smile on their face. We would do the same but for the grace of God! But let's be honest about where we live. We shouldn't expect anything different from those who are evil.

2. Let us remember who is on the throne (Ps. 2; Rev. 4-5). Don't loose heart. There is a righteous King ruling and reigning who knows all and sees all. No one is getting away with anything. The battle belongs to the Lord and He will win in the end. It is the Lord who laughs last. We must hold fast to our confession and be ready to give a defense. The Lord reigns and is sovereign. Let us remember that we have a Father who knows what He is doing and is working all things together for our good. Our sovereign Lord knows how to keep us and defend us and bring us safely home, even though it is through the valley of the shadow of death. We need not fear any evil because the Lord our Shepherd is with us to the very end.

2. Let us pray down heaven (Ps. 7, 10; Dan. 6, 9; Heb. 4:16; Rev. 5:8; 8:1-5). In so many of the psalms we have David or others who find themselves in distress. It seems their first recourse is prayer. They run to the throne of grace for help. In fact it seems that all throughout the Bible God's people pray in regards to the injustice and wickedness and sin they see all around them and even within them.

3. Let us not forsake the assembling for worship (Ps. 73; Heb.10:23-25). The worse thing to do in times of difficulty or crisis is to abandon corporate worship. Forsaking the gathering together of the saints is detrimental to our spiritual vitality, especially when we realize that we are in spiritual warfare and are not playing a game. Worship gives us the right perspective and it is where the Lord teaches us and rebukes us and corrects and trains us and calms us. There our Lord grants us contentment and joy in Him so that the things of this world tend to fade into the background and we once again

have the right perspective. Worship is meant to stir us up and encourage us to hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering because he who promised is faithful.

4. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus (Heb.12). The Christian life is one of struggle and weariness. The race of faith is difficult as we learn daily. How will we endure as we face the increasing hostility of the world in things such as marriage and all else? We must keep our eyes on the "founder and perfecter of our faith". He despised the shame and joyfully accepted the abuse and is now at the right hand of the throne of God. Let us also remember where our heart is and our eternal home. Let us not trade in such a great salvation for such meagerness as this world. Let us be even willing to suffer and die as we struggle against sin, knowing that our Father has our holiness and good in mind.

5. Let us speak the truth and do good (Mark 1; Rom. 1; 1 Peter 4:12-19). Those to whom the apostle Peter wrote lived under ungodly civil government and were surrounded by an ungodly society. How were they to handle it? They were not to be surprised, to rejoice for being associated with Christ and sharing in his sufferings, to consider themselves blessed, and to "entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good". If we must suffer, then let it be for doing what is good and righteous.

6. Let us remember that this is not our home (Heb. 11:13-16; 13:14). Here we have no lasting city and are therefore not tied to it. We are citizens of heaven more than we are citizens of this earth. And we await with eagerness and joy the great Day when Christ will return to get rid of evil once and for all and usher in the New Heavens and Earth where we will spend eternity with our Lord and Savior.

7. Let us trust God, His power, & His design (Acts; Rom. 1:16-17; 1 Thess. 1). We are told that the gospel is the power of God to salvation and that faith comes by hearing through preaching. And we know that the Holy Spirit is God and will prevail whenever and wherever He chooses. Let us not doubt the power of God but boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. There is no other hope for us or for our country. Let us leave it to God and faithfully believe, know, love, and proclaim the Word of God.

Fight the good fight of the faith and run the race with endurance and know that the same grace that has brought us safe thus far will lead us safely all the way Home. Our God is a mighty fortress whose truth and Kingdom are forever.

Your friend,
Pastor Bailey



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Upcoming Graduates

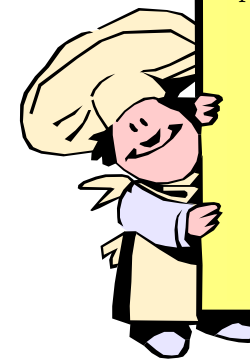
If you are an upcoming graduate (May or December) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 101 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org). We want to be sure we recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.


Membership Class on March 7, 2021 "Reformed Worship" Dr. Richard D. Phillips

New Members' Luncheon

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members,
Sunday, March 28, 2021
immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.

New Members will be introduced to the congregation at the 11:00 am worship service.






SPORTS APPRECIATION NIGHT
Wednesday, March 10
6:30-7:00 pm

Come join us as we honor our youth who were involved in athletics this year.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER TIME
7:00-8:00 pm



Ladies Spring Retreat 2021

Friday, March 19 – Saturday, March 20
 “In the Garden” at Second Presbyterian Church
 Theme: Biblical Hospitality
 Speaker: Barbaranne Kelly
 (Christ Presbyterian Church - New Braunfels, TX)
 Registration Options:
 In-Person: \$25 (lunch included); On-line: Free

Friday Night Fellowship – 7 PM
 A time of sharing testimonies, talents, & dessert

Saturday Sessions – 9:30 AM to 5 PM
 Sessions, lunch, & fun

To register, whether for in-person or on-line, please visit the SPC website. Scholarships available. Questions? Contact Nicole Welch (864)-979-4158.



Showering with Love
WIC
 cordially invites all ladies to a
Bridal Shower for
Olivia Adams (Noah Maralit)
Saturday, March 13, 2021
 10:30 am
Church Fellowship Hall
Olivia and Noah are registered at
Target, Amazon, and Williams Sonoma



The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this Lord's Day to the glory of God and in loving memory of
David Bishop
by Jim and Judy Bishop.

Church Calendar

- Sunday, March 7**
 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 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 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Monday, March 8**
 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 6:30 PM Session Meeting
- Tuesday, March 9**
 10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church
 1:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at the church
- Wednesday, March 10**
 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:30 PM Sports Appreciation Night
 7:00 PM **PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**
- Thursday, March 11**
 9:30 AM Precepts Bible Study
 1:00 PM Mission to Main Street
- Friday, March 12**
 12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study
- Saturday, March 13**
 10:30 AM WIC Shower for Olivia Adams



Daylight Saving Time begins March 14th.
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



March Birthdays

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| March 1 | Maggie Billingsley |
| March 2 | Johnny Mann, Naomi Scott |
| March 3 | Jan Hu, Mike Sworin |
| March 4 | Richard Tabb |
| March 5 | Larry Guy, Christine Korol, Jack Tabb |
| March 6 | Michael Bailey, Callie-Anne Hoopes |
| March 7 | Jean Pennington, Colin Weaver |
| March 8 | Caleb Barbier |
| March 9 | Afton Babington |
| March 10 | Steve Burch, Diana Carey, Elise Farley Dempsey, Grant Looper, Leslie Martin, Jennifer Pennington |
| March 14 | Mike Chivers, Susan Harmon, Tammy Looper, Remington Siemen |
| March 15 | Edna Heath, Carol Larson, Judy McGoldrick, Mark Smoker |
| March 17 | Carolyn McNeely |
| March 18 | Mack Strickland, Katie Upton |
| March 20 | Hanniel Bombaro, Carole Gibson, Olivia Griffin |
| March 21 | Joan Barringer, Hudson Mann |
| March 22 | Israel Bombaro, Adeline Gearhart, Eric Strevel |
| March 23 | Beverly Burch |
| March 24 | Joel Barnett, Mike Carey, Emma Smoker |
| March 25 | Bethany Early |
| March 26 | Rose Babington, Sarah Grubbs |
| March 27 | Ashley Crunk, Blair Duncan, Flynn Preston, Dale Savidge |
| March 28 | Ethan Caldwell, Hayden Caldwell |
| March 29 | Ross Martin |
| March 30 | Fitz King, Jr., Chris Przirembel |
| March 31 | Jack Gray |



The Lord's Supper
March 21 - Morning Worship Services