

**Corner of River and Rhett**

**Second Presbyterian Church  
Deacon Nominees**

The Session calls all communing members of Second Presbyterian Church in good standing to give prayerful consideration in preparation for participation in the important responsibility given to the church of electing godly men to the office of deacon. Our deacon nominees are as follows:

Luke Hoopes

Joseph Maralit

Remington Siemen

Daniel Strevel

Chuck Swope

Please make note of these important upcoming dates in our deacon selection process:

December 5 10 AM Congregational Meeting for Election

January 2 6 PM Ordination/Installation of Deacons

~The Editor



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**THE LORD'S DAY**

**November 28, 2021**

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**MORNING WORSHIP**

8:30 & 11:00 am

Jeremiah 12:1-17

**RUNNING WITH THE HORSES**

Rev. Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 pm

Habakkuk 2:6-14

**AN ORACLE OF WOE**

Mr. Jeff Early preaching

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**LETTER FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER  
THE MINISTRY OF OUR DEACONS**

At our congregational meeting on Sunday, December 5, we will be electing men to serve our church in the office of deacons. The Bible clearly lays out two classes of office in the church: elders to oversee and shepherd, and deacons to serve and lead in the ministry of good deeds. Our *Book of Church Order* describes the diaconal ministry as “one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need.” In this ministry, the deacons minister to those in need, promote the grace of liberality in giving, collect and distribute gifts to those in need of benevolence, care for the property of the congregation, and make arrangements to facilitate the gatherings of the church congregation.

Our first response to this description of the deacons’ ministry ought to be to express our collective gratitude for the labors of these faithful men. As pastor, I am especially aware of our debt to the work of the deacons; I can hardly imagine how we could conduct our services without their faithful service. I can assure you that our deacons make significant sacrifices of time and energy on behalf of our church. This inevitably means that their wives and children also make sacrifices. So let’s make sure that they know how much they are appreciated. As you have opportunity, could you express your appreciation for the faithfulness and ability with which our deacons and their families serve our church?

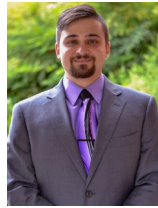
My second reflection is to observe what an important thing it is for the Lord to provide us with new deacons. We believe following the example of the early church in Acts 6, that the Holy Spirit calls deacons to service through the acclamation of the church congregation. On December 5, we will continue this practice through the election of deacons. All these men have been nominated by the congregation, approved by the elders, completed an extensive training program designed to ensure their competence in both doctrine and the duties of this office, and then have each been interviewed by the Session.

Most important for us are the biblical qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3:8-13: deacons should be reverent and honest, self-controlled, not self-serving, and sound in their faith. The godliness of their wives, if they are married, should commend them to the church, as well as the good order of their households. In sum, deacons who will oversee the people and property of the church should have demonstrated such ability in their sphere of their private lives. None of these men are perfect and all have areas for Christian growth, like the rest of us. But their election should signify the congregation's confidence in their commitment to Christ, their maturity as believers, and their established reputation for godliness.

Third, having considered our debt to the deacons and our need for new deacons, let me say a word to those who will be elected. No doubt, you will quickly realize that this is a serious commitment, but there are reasons for you to take up this obligation. First, it is no small thing for the church to set you forth to serve in such an important way. It is my view that one should be reverently open to callings to serve in the church. God calls us into service, and service as a deacon is one of the highest forms. Second, there are few more important things to which one could be called in this life. We are engaged together in work with eternal significance and that is of serious concern to the Lord God Almighty Himself. Should you not be willing to sacrifice in such a cause? Third, you will be greatly blessed through faithful service as a deacon. I believe that our deacons will tell you of a great satisfaction they receive through their work and of the valuable fellowship they experience within the Diaconate. Moreover, Paul concludes his description of deacons by writing this: "For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 3:13). What a rich treasure revealed in those words!

Please pray for God to provide for our church through new deacons who will join the ranks of those already serving. For those not called to this office, please consider how you might offer your own gifts and energies to the work of the gospel in this church. Every member of our church has an important role to play, according to the gifts and graces that Christ has given to each of us. May God meet all our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Rick Phillips



### Luke Hoopes

Luke Hoopes was born the second of five children to believing parents, Duncan and Debbie, in Baltimore, MD, and reared in Tampa, FL from the age of four through the end of high school. Afterwards, he attended the University of Central Florida where he earned his BS in Economics, and then moved to Winston-Salem, NC to earn his MBA and JD at Wake Forest. Luke moved to Greenville, SC in 2018 and joined Second Presbyterian as a Member in 2019, and is employed as an attorney with the offices of Angell Molony. With parents committed to rearing their children in the way they should go, Luke had the importance of involvement with and service in the church impressed upon him from a young age. Luke has served as an intern and counselor at Ridge Haven, leading Bible studies, and on the ministry team with RUF, and in his former home churches.



### Joseph Maralit

Joseph A. Maralit has been a member of Second Presbyterian since 1996. Reared in the Roman Catholic church and wanting to defend his catholic beliefs to Christian friends, he undertook a serious reading of Scripture which dispelled errors and revealed truths; namely, that man cannot save himself and that one's dependence on Christ's salvific work on the cross is sufficient. As a former deacon, Joseph served as the deacon board Secretary, chaired the Sympathy and Service committee, and served as diaconal representative for Missions to North America. Other involvement within Second Presbyterian included teaching Sunday lessons at The Haven, travelling to Peru for summer missions, and teaching Wednesday night catechism for third- and fourth-graders. Joseph has been married to Ashley for 26 years, and together they have five children: Noah (wife, Olivia), Addison, Isaac, Elisha, and Opal.



### Remington Siemen

Remington Siemen was born and reared in Anderson, South Carolina. He attended Anderson University and received a bachelor's degree in Business Management. Remington is married to Irene Siemen, and they are expecting a baby boy in January. In his spare time, Remington enjoys hiking and fishing in the outdoors. He was raised in the PCA and has been a member of Second Presbyterian Church since 2015. He is looking forward to serving the Lord and the congregation of Second Presbyterian by serving as a deacon.



### Daniel Strevel

Daniel was born in Woodstock, Georgia, as the third child of a loving, devoted Christian family. From infancy he was brought up in the PCA, and in God's kind providence, he does not remember a time where he was not a child of God. He attended Cherokee Presbyterian Church in north Georgia for most of his life, and also received a thorough Biblical education attending the Christian school founded by the same church from K5 through high school. Following high school Daniel attended Georgia Tech to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, marrying his lifelong sweetheart and fellow Yellow Jacket, Hope, in their third year. Immediately after graduating in December 2017, they moved to Greenville, South Carolina for Daniel to start his career as a Manufacturing Engineer. Within two months they found a church home in Second Presbyterian. Since settling in Greenville, Daniel has obtained his Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Central Florida, and become the father of two boys.



### Chuck Swope

God has led Chuck on a long and diverse journey of faith and service—from his youth in the Lutheran Church through various religious experiences to a real-time conversion experience into the Reformed Faith in 1990. Most of the years were in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church with his wife, Marjorie, and daughter, Hannah. Upon his retirement from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and Hannah's college graduation in 2015, the family relocated to Greenville. Searching and responding to God's leading, they became members of Second Presbyterian on November 19, 2019. Chuck brings with him a wide range of experience in the construction/maintenance trades, as well as his training/professional involvement in music. His work at Second with Koinonia has not only resulted in meaningful relationships with many of our elderly members, but has led to the visitation outreach of SAMM (Senior Acoustic Music Ministry) with elder Ken Safford. Chuck is trusting God for a blessed and fruitful ministry in the diaconate.

**G. F. Handel's *Messiah*, Part 1  
Sunday Evening Worship, December 12**

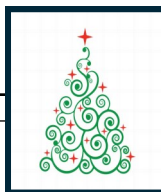
*Second Presbyterian Chancel Choir, Soloists,  
And Chamber Orchestra*



Come hear the words of prophecy proclaimed and fulfilled in this most beloved and inspirational masterpiece.

*Reception to follow*

**Women in the Church  
Christmas Decoration Workday**



Join us in joyfully decorating our church!  
Saturday, December 4 | 10 AM

**Holiday SPC Schedule Reminders**

There will be no Wednesday night activities on:  
Wednesday, December 22  
Wednesday, December 29

Our church offices will be closed December 24-31.

The *West End Herald* will not be mailed  
the last two weeks of December.



**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

Ancient peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's dark season and to pray for the return of light. Today Christians practice the lighting of the Advent wreath. *Advent* in Latin means "coming." It is a time to reflect on the truth revealed by the Apostle John: God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son (Jn. 3:16).



During this season of hope and expectation, we remember how Jesus Christ came to save us and live expectantly for His return. The light of the Advent candles are a testimony to Jesus, the Light of the World (Jn. 8:12), Who dispels sin's darkness and restores mankind's relationship with God. Purple candles remind us of the royal status of the King of kings. Pink reminds us of the joy of the season—that those Who receive Christ as Savior become the children of God (Jn. 1:12). The white candle reminds us of the purity of Christ, Whose perfect sacrifice brings peace between God and man. Putting our faith in Christ alone makes our sins whiter than snow (Is. 1:18).

The Advent wreath is a circle without beginning or ending, symbolizing God's endless love and faithfulness. Out of darkness light shines, pointing us in hope to the One (Jesus the Christ—the Center of Life) Who has overcome the darkness of this fallen world and will be our light in the world to come. We celebrate Christ's saving sacrifice on the cross and watch for the Lord's second coming, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love on the four Sundays before Christmas.

FOUR SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

- ◆ Sunday, Nov. 28 HOPE Candle (Is.2:2-4; Jer. 33:14-16; Jn. 3:16)
- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 5 PEACE Candle (Is. 11:1-10; Lk. 1:76-79)
- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 12 JOY Candle (Is. 35:1-10; Zeph. 3:14-20; Jn. 1:12)
- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 19 LOVE Candle (Is. 7:10-14; Zeph. 3:17; Jn. 3:16)

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRIST Candle (Isaiah 1:18; 9:2-7; 12: 2-4; Jn. 14:6; Phil. 4:4)

**December Birthdays**

December 1	Bonnie Church
December 3	Charlotte Therrell
December 4	Emma Uhall
December 5	John Gray, Addison Maralit, Ashton Scoggins, Ramona White
December 6	Tony Stephens
December 7	Jeff Windt
December 8	Marcus Laughter
December 9	Anya Barringer, Josh Briscoe, Don Nickson
December 10	Josiah Schvaneveldt
December 11	Alice Bailey, Noelle Bombaro, Dempsey Bouchillon, Hope Hughes, Orla Johnson, Ken Pujdak
December 12	Ella Gamble, Anna Ruth Mobley
December 14	Joe Bianchi, Shannon Flaherty
December 15	Monica Bianchi, Henry Gamble, Beth Grubbs
December 17	Shirley Duncan, Jeff Gearhart, Holden Trautner
December 18	Deborah Tingle, Wanda Walton
December 19	Brian Moore, Garison Plourde, Sam Styles
December 20	Geoffrey Barnett, Matthew Griffin, Kate Hughes, Prarie Thompson
December 21	Steven Fultz, Kevin Mobley, Jingle Robinson
December 22	Jennifer Horn
December 23	Sarah Tusing
December 27	Chris Zimmerman
December 29	Rainey Hoopes, Jr.
December 30	Laura Whigham
December 31	Grace King, Wayne Kirk, Lydia Luttrell, Barnetta Stephens



## CHURCH CALENDAR

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

### Sunday, November 28

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
9:55 AM Children's Chapel  
10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP (The Lord's Supper)**  
7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting

### Monday, November 29

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

### Tuesday, November 30

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 (Martin Residence)

### Wednesday, December 1

- 5:15 PM WIC Council Meeting (Ladies' Parlor)  
5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
5:30 PM Christian Education Committee Meeting  
6:15 PM Hope Choir (K4-K5)/Covenant Choir  
(Grades 1-6)/Youth Choir (Grades 7-12)  
6:30 PM WIC Circle 1  
7:00 PM **ADULT PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**  
7:00 PM CAT Kids/Covenant Kids and Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 2

- 7:00 PM Mission to Main Street

### Friday, December 3

- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM Good Grief Dinner and Fellowship (Gymnasium)

### Saturday, December 4

- 4:00 PM Chapel Class Christmas Party

### CHURCH KITCHEN APB

If you have borrowed items from our church kitchen  
(including table cloths or other supplies),  
please return them.

Thanks in advance for helping us minister to many!

## Upcoming Events

- [spcgreenville.org/calendar](http://spcgreenville.org/calendar)
- Dec. 3 Good Grief Dinner and Fellowship  
Dec. 4 WIC Christmas Decoration Church Workday  
Dec. 4 Chapel Class Christmas Party  
Dec. 5 Deacon Elections (10 AM)  
Dec. 7 WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon  
Dec. 12 Handel's *Messiah*, Part 1 (Evening Worship)  
Dec. 15 Christmas Program  
Dec. 17 ACTS Community Christmas Party (Mobley)  
Dec. 18 Sarah Madison Roy Baby Shower  
Dec. 24-31 Christmas Break (Church Offices Closed)  
Jan. 2 Deacon Ordination/Installation (Evening)

## Order Your Christmas Poinsettias Online

Red Christmas Poinsettia in a Six-Inch Pot with a Gold Liner  
PURCHASE ONLINE FOR \$11  
[spcgreenville.org/signup](http://spcgreenville.org/signup)

## Pray for Our Country



Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood.  
Fear God. Honor the emperor.

1 Peter 2:17

## Baby Shower (It's a Boy)



Sarah Madison Roy  
December 18, 10:30am-noon, Fellowship Hall  
Registered at Buy Buy Baby

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this Lord's Day  
to the glory of God in loving memory of*

**Thomas Page Sharp**

By

**Stan and Barbara Woodward**

## Remembering Our Shut-ins

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in  
member, sending a note of encouragement:

**Pat Wheeler**

Spring Park Assisted Living

925 N. Main Street, #304 • Travelers Rest, SC 29690

## Weekly Wisdom

Proverbs 2:6-8 (ESV)

For the LORD gives wisdom;  
from His mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;  
He is a shield to those who walk in integrity,  
guarding the paths of justice  
and watching over the way of His saints.

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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