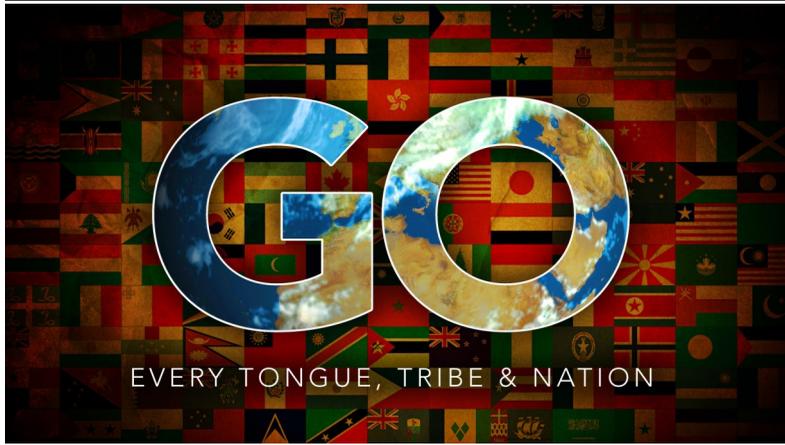


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**Missions Conference 2022**



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Adult Meal \$10 | Kids Eat Free  
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**LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA**

**Laura Park Dye, Missionary Speaker**

Saturday, Jan. 29 | 2-4 PM

11 Bridgeton Drive  
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**January 30, 2022**

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**MORNING WORSHIP**

8:30 & 11:00 am  
Rev. Peter Szabo preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**

6:00 pm  
Rev. Roger Dye, preaching

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**TODAY FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER**  
**QUESTIONS REGARDING BAPTISM**

Since questions concerning the sacrament of baptism have dogged the church for centuries, it is no surprise that I receive a good number of questions regarding baptism. Therefore, I thought it would be good to provide answers to some questions that I frequently receive.

Q: What do the words *baptize* and *baptism* mean?

A: The Greek word for "to baptize" (*baptizo*) means permanently identify with someone or something. Thus baptism is a way in which we are publicly identified as belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ. The word for "baptism" (*baptisma*) means to either wash by pouring or dipping in water. For this reason, the word itself does not determine whether sprinkling or immersion is the correct mode, since it can mean either.

Q: What does the sacrament of baptism represent?

A: The sacrament of baptism is not "an outward sign of an inward change," as is often said, but rather baptism is a "sign and seal of the covenant of grace." Baptism points to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ (most especially his atoning death and the sending of the Holy Spirit for spiritual renewal). Baptism also functions as an official seal, by which God officially marks someone who belongs to his covenant people (see Rom. 4:11).

Q: Why do we practice infant baptism?

A: Strictly speaking, we do not practice infant baptism. We practice covenant baptism. That is, we baptize Christian infants not because they are infants but because they are covenant children through their relationship with Christian parents.

Q: What is the biblical basis for covenant baptism, as opposed to believer's baptism?

A: Here are the basic biblical considerations that lead us to this practice:

- Infants were included in the covenant family and received the sign of the covenant (circumcision) in the Old Testament. This principle is never altered or revoked in the New Testament, whereas other Old Testament practices are revoked. The burden of proof lies not with those who continue what God ordained but with those who would cancel it.
- In general, the new covenant expands rather than contracts the scope of God's grace. We therefore should not expect to see children included in the Old Testament sacrament but excluded in the New.
- God's covenant promise explicitly includes children in the New Testament: "The promise is to you and to your children" (Acts 2:39). Since children receive God's salvation promise, they should receive the sign of God's promise, baptism.
- God's way of salvation has always embraced families. Not all believers' children are saved, but they are all comprehended within God's covenant community: "This is my covenant... between me and you and your offspring after you" (Gen. 17:9-10).
- Of the twelve baptisms recorded in the New Testament, three are household baptisms. In these cases, we are not told that children individually believed, but rather that the head of the household believed and the household was baptized.
- Conferring the covenant sign and seal upon our children is consistent with Jesus' exhortation and example: "Suffer the little children to come to me and do not forbid them... And he took them up in his arms and put his hands upon them and blessed them" (Mk. 10:14, 16).

Q: Why do we baptize by sprinkling, instead of immersion?

A: Because the Bible consistently relates baptism to sprinkling. Consider the example of Exodus 24:6-8, the

teaching of Hebrews 9:11-22, and the prophecy of Ezekiel 36:25-26, "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean... I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."

Q: Why does the Nicene Creed say, "We believe in one baptism for the remission of sins?"

A: People sometimes object to these words as unbiblical. In fact, they are practically a quotation from the Bible: "Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16). Does this mean that we are confessing that forgiveness comes through the ritual of baptism? The answer is *No*. The Bible is clear that forgiveness comes only through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. Baptism is a symbol of the washing of our sins as we call on his name. Speaking the words of the Nicene Creed, we thus believe that baptism is a symbol of the remission of our sins. The word *for* ("one baptism *for* the remission of our sins") should thus be taken and spoken to mean "corresponding to".

Baptism, like the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, is meant to be a picture, not a textbook. Therefore, perhaps the most important thing whenever we witness the baptism of a child or a newly converted adult is for us to marvel, saying, "Christ washed away my sins and now he calls me to walk in purity and spiritual power as I bear His name in the world."

### January Is Sanctity of Human Life Month

Piedmont Women's Center, our ministry partner, encourages you to remember the importance of the sanctity of human life this month. Pray with us that the people of God will affirm and help protect the lives of society's smallest image bearers of God, the pre-born.



### Women in the Church

#### WIC PRECEPTS BIBLE STUDY

Begins Feb. 3 | Studying Acts, Part 2  
Thursdays, 9:30 AM | Conference Room  
CONTACT MARY SETTLE BEFORE JAN. 15  
TO ORDER YOUR STUDY MATERIALS.  
[erussell1670@charter.net](mailto:erussell1670@charter.net)



#### WIC RAFIKI BIBLE STUDY

Begins Feb. 7 | Studying 2 Corinthians  
Mondays, 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall  
CONTACT SYLVIA LONG BEFORE JAN. 15  
TO ORDER YOUR STUDY MATERIALS.  
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Saturday, February 12  
10 AM | Fellowship Hall

Questions? Contact Chris Zimmerman

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**2022 Missions Conference  
January 28-30**



**Replenishing Our Widows' Fund**  
*Honor widows who are truly widows.*  
1 Timothy 5:3

Second Presbyterian Church established the Widows' Fund for the substantial (and often ongoing) needs that come upon some who are widowed and live to an old age. (This is different from the Sympathy and Service fund which meets the short-term needs of all of our members). The reserve balance in this fund has been slowly but steadily declining over the past months. If you are able, above your tithe and other giving to the church, to give to rebuild this fund, please consider making a monthly gift to the Widows' Fund. We praise our God for His abundant provision for those who look to Him.

**A SIGN AND SEAL OF THE  
COVENANT OF GRACE**

We Presbyterians emphasize the covenant aspect of baptism—a sign and seal of the covenant of grace. We do not think that baptism saves someone, but rather, that it signifies them as a part of the community of the church, receiving all of the benefits of that community. Parents bring their child to be baptized in obedience to God, trusting that the child will one day respond to God's promises in faith.

Perhaps one of the most profound articulations of our covenant understanding of baptism can be heard in the words of the French Reformed Church baptismal liturgy:

Little one, for you Jesus Christ came into the world:  
for you He lived and showed God's love;  
for you He suffered the darkness of Calvary  
and cried at the last, "It is accomplished";  
for you He triumphed over death and rose in newness  
of life;  
for you He ascended to reign at God's right hand.  
All this He did for you, little one,  
though you do not know it yet.  
And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled:  
"We love because God loved us first."  
(*Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland*)

God loved us first. He sent His Son to save us. That is what we hold dear.

Baptism enacts this enveloping love of God — the Lord Emmanuel Who comes to us in Jesus Christ, who comes to us in the power of the Holy Spirit, a love that will not let us go.



**January Birthdays**

January 1	Happy New Year 2022!
January 2	Todd Ford
January 3	Tamara King, Sue O'Brien
January 4	Kate Taylor
January 6	Malachi Mobley, James Schvaneveldt
January 7	Heather Uhall, Jeremy Weaver
January 8	Melissa Fultz, Margaret Holman
January 9	Elisha Bombaro, Richard Chivers, Marcia Russell
January 10	Henry Martin
January 11	Chad Bailey, Jim Bishop
January 13	Zoe Everett, Bill Watkins
January 14	Bob Anderson
January 15	Gwyn DuBose-Schmitt, Margaret Pomerlyan
January 16	Jonathan Crunk
January 17	Joffre Swait
January 18	Victoria Pujdak
January 19	Blue Early, Madeline Mobley, Lori Schvaneveldt, Kelli Smoker
January 29	Doug McDaniel
January 21	John Atwood, Toni Huff, Wolfgang Siemen, Martin Whigham
January 23	Carrie Fultz, Doug Hanson
January 26	Andrew Bailey, Margaret Hook
January 30	Cheryl Traynham
January 31	Steve Plating



## CHURCH CALENDAR

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### Friday through Sunday, January 28–30: 2022 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

#### Sunday, January 30

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP (The Lord's Supper)**  
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**  
7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting (Fshp. Hall)

#### Monday, January 31

- 6:30 AM Men's Weekly Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

#### Tuesday, February 1

- 10:00 AM WIC Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

#### Wednesday, February 2

- 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting (Church Office)  
5:15 PM WIC Council Meeting (Gresham Conference Room)  
5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
6:15 PM Hope Choir (K4–K5)/Covenant Choir  
(Grades 1–6)/Youth Choir (Grades 7–12)  
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, February 3

- 9:30 AM Precepts Bible Study with Mary Settle Resumes (Conf. Rm.)

#### Friday, February 4

- Noon Men's Bible Study Lunch  
1:00 PM Mission to Main Street  
6:00 PM Missions Conference Banquet



### EVANGELISM TRAINING LEARN TO SHARE THE GOSPEL EASILY AND EFFECTIVELY.

All are welcome: Interest Meeting  
Feb. 15 | 6 PM | Conference Room  
[spcgreenville.org/evangelism](http://spcgreenville.org/evangelism)

## Upcoming Events

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

- Jan. 28–30 Missions Conference (Banquet 6 PM Jan. 28)  
Feb. 3 WIC Precepts Bible Study Resumes (9:30 AM)  
Feb. 7 WIC Rafiki Bible Study Resumes (9:30 AM)  
Feb. 12 Women's Prayer Breakfast (10 AM)  
Feb. 15 Evangelism Training Interest Meeting (6 PM)



**A WORD FROM OUR SESSION**  
Moving forward, we will have one  
Covenant Baptism Sunday per month.  
Baptisms are never scheduled during  
Lord's Supper services.



### OFFERING ENVELOPES

PICK-UP ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY.  
Questions? Contact Jane Warner, SPC Bookkeeper  
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### 2022 SANCTUARY FLOWERS

RESERVE YOUR DATE  
HONORING LOVED ONES AND  
SPECIAL OCCASIONS TODAY!  
Contact Judy Bishop, SPC  
Flower Ministry Coordinator  
[judy1947@att.net](mailto:judy1947@att.net)

## Pray for Our Country



First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1–2

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

**Roy Heath**

*By*

**Edna Heath**

## Remembering Our Shut-ins

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

**Margaret Hook**

2 Brynhurst Circle | Greenville, SC 29615

## Weekly Wisdom

PROVERBS 3:7–8

Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.  
It will be healing to your flesh  
and refreshment to your bones.

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**Church Services:** **Sunday:** Sunday School - 10 AM

Morning Worship - 8:30/11 AM \* Evening Worship - 6 PM

**Wednesday:** Supper - 5:30 PM \* Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM