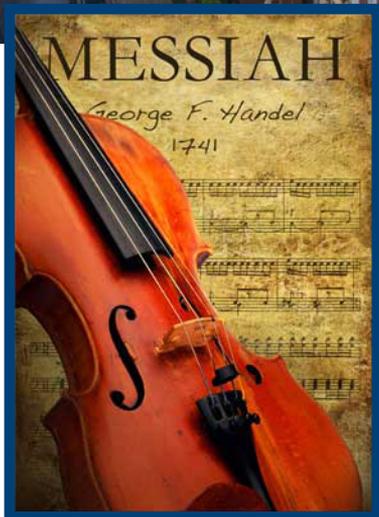


The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



In the spring of the year 1742, a new work of music premiered in a benefit concert for the local hospital and debtor's prison in the city of Dublin, Ireland.

The scope of the work recounts the biblical story of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, set to music by George Frideric Handel. Since that humble beginning,

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Messiah has been presented countless times throughout the world in churches, civic centers, concert halls, and even stadiums. The text is comprised almost entirely of passages from the King James version of the Holy Bible masterfully compiled by Charles Jennens, a lay theologian, poet, and friend of Handel's. He wrote to a friend in the summer of 1741, "I hope Handel will lay out his whole genius and skill upon it, that the composition may excel all his former compositions, as the subject excels every other subject: the subject is Messiah."

In the summer of 2022 the music ministry of Second Presbyterian church began what has become an 18-month project of preparing and presenting the entirety of this beloved work, one section at a time, in the gathered worship of God's people. On Palm Sunday, April 2, the

Chancel Choir and soloists along with chamber orchestra will present the closing portion of this timeless masterwork in the 6:00 evening worship service.

The third and final section of Messiah is probably the least known portion of the work, yet declares the very climax of the

biblical account of the life of our Lord: His victorious rule and reign. The apt title given by Charles Jennens, *A Hymn of Thanksgiving for the Final Overthrow of Death*, indicates the magnificent content.

Part Three

begins with the attestation of Job, "I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." The work then moves into a musical exposition of portions of Paul's epistles from 1 Corinthians 15 and Romans 8. The concluding pieces from chapter 9 of John's Revelation take us to the



George Frideric Handel
February 23, 1685–April 14, 1759

BELIZE

Ray and Michele Call



Ray is an ordained minister with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). With a strong sense of God's calling, the Calls began serving with Mission to the World (MTW) in 2006. Ray and Michele have a passion to see God establish confessionally Reformed churches in Latin America that will render biblical worship to the Triune God and be beacons of light to a world that needs Christ. The Call family has ministered in several places in Latin America and currently serve with MTW partnering with the Presbyterian Church in Belize. Ray is serving as organizing pastor in two church works in Orange Walk Town and San Pablo.

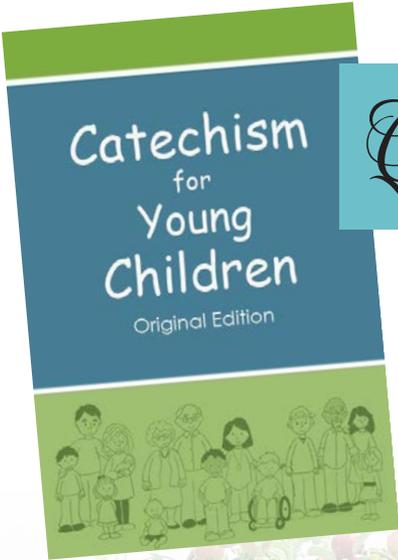
Michele works in the home raising eight children; four of their children are living/studying in the U.S. She also leads a Moms and Prayer ministry, teaching women to pray fervently for their homes and children.

Fun Facts

Belize has around 900 different Mayan ruins and sacred sites.

English is the official language. More than 90% of the people in Belize can read and most can talk in three languages: English, Spanish, and Creole.

Belize is called the "Jewel in the heart of the Caribbean basin."



Catechism
for
Young
Children
Original Edition

Question 23:

What covenant did God make with Adam?

Answer:

The covenant of works.

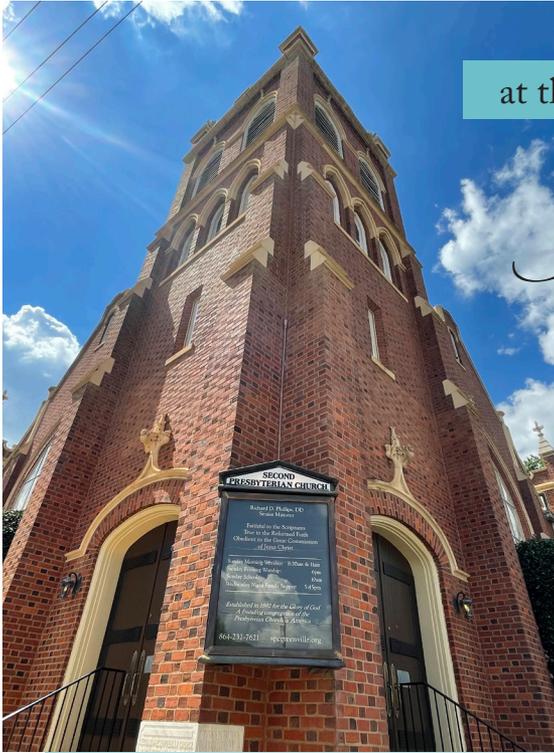
Deuteronomy 7:9

The LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments.

The covenant of works is God's agreement, or *covenant*, with Adam in the Garden of Eden. God told Adam and Eve to have children and rule over the earth. God also said "Don't eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil; in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Was there something wrong with the fruit from that tree? No! The fruit must have been good because everything in the Garden of Eden was perfect. The only special thing about that fruit was that God told Adam not to eat it.

When your parents tell you to do something, do you ever ask why? You might not understand why, but you obey your parents because they love you and obeying them is the right thing to do. ♦

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River & Rhett



Verlyn Smoker
Director of Music

Music is truly a gift from God and a blessed way to express devotion and praise to Him. From the song of Moses to the song of the Lamb, the Word of God is full of singing! Music is a way believers can join together offering to God the honor and praise which is due to Him alone.

Noted below are the age divisions and rehearsal times of our music ensembles on Wednesday evenings:

- Chancel Choir** (Jr. High–Adult): 7:30–9:00
- Hope Choir** (K4–Kindergarten): 6:15–6:55
- Covenant Choir** (1st–6th grades): 6:15–6:55
- Youth Choir** (7th–12th grades): 6:15–6:55

For more information or to participate, contact Mr. Verlyn Smoker at vsmoker@spcgreenville.org. ♦

March & April Birthdays



March 29 Ross Martin, Jack Szrama
March 30 Fitz King Jr., Chris Przirembel
March 31 Jack Gray III



April 1 Ford Duncan Jr., Kevin Fitzgerald, Ryan Horn,
Joseph Maralit, Will McDaniel, Josiah Scott
April 2 Melton Duncan Sr., Clara Gearhart
April 3 Carole Fitzgerald
April 5 Avery Johnson
April 6 Audrey Burman, Joe Earle, Jennifer Superdock
April 8 Karis Preston
April 9 Caroline Angell, Jerry Traynham
April 10 David Caldwell, Haley Haynes, Ron McNeely
April 11 Lewin Giusti
April 12 Rick DeMott
April 13 Aaron Angell, Geri Hansen, Nate Johnson Jr.,
Gabe Musco, Luna Raper, Caroline Strickland,
Chase Trautner
April 14 Tabitha Barringer
April 15 Caroline Mobley, Samuel Mobley, Ellie Mobley,
Kristen Owens, Elizabeth Pennington
April 17 Gerilyn McGaughran, Peggy Nickson
April 18 Russell McDaniel
April 19 Clark Brown, Chris Everett, Mary Kate Gamble,
Grace Harry, Jaz Seawright
April 21 Karen Gray

This Week

Morning Sermon

Dr. Richard D. Phillips
THE WAY TO ZION
Jeremiah 50:1–46

Evening Sermon

Dr. Richard D. Phillips
WHERE, O DEATH?
1 Corinthians 15:54–58

Sunday, April 2

- 8:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:55 A.M. Children's Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 A.M. Membership Class (Room C-209)
- 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 5:00 P.M. Communicants Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP—Handel's *Messiah*, Part 3
- 7:30 P.M. Reception (Gym)

Monday, April 3

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 4

- 10:00 A.M. WIC Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. Evangelism Explosion Training (Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 5

- No Wednesday night meal, activities, or service.
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 6

- 9:30 A.M. Precepts Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 7

- Church Offices Closed
- 11:45 A.M. Good Friday Lunch (Gymnasium)
- 12:30 P.M. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

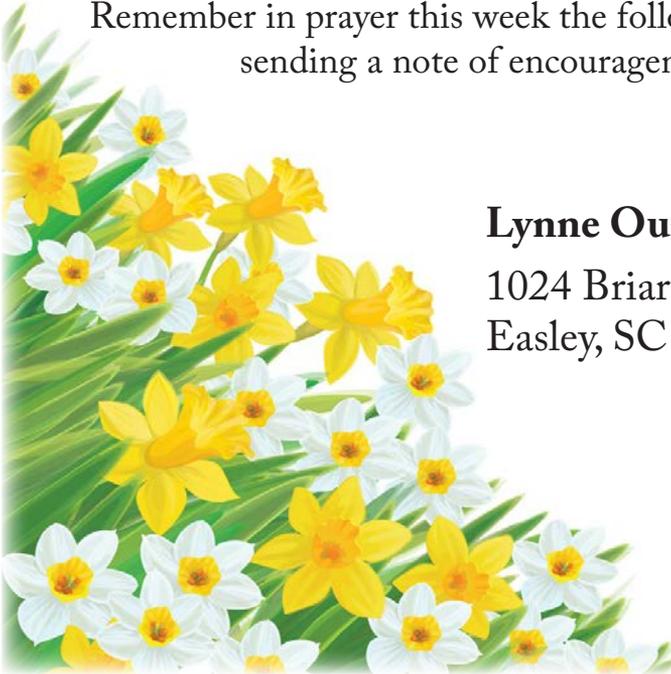
Upcoming Events

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- April 2** *Messiah*, Part 3, in the Evening Service
- April 5** No Wednesday Meal, Activities, or Service
- April 6** Maundy Thursday Service
- April 7** Good Friday Service
- April 9** Easter Sunrise Service at Wyche Pavilion
- April 16** Membership Interviews with the Session Begin
- April 16** The Lord's Supper in the Evening Service
- April 17** Joint Diaconate and Session Meeting

Remembering our Shut-ins

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



Lynne Ouzts

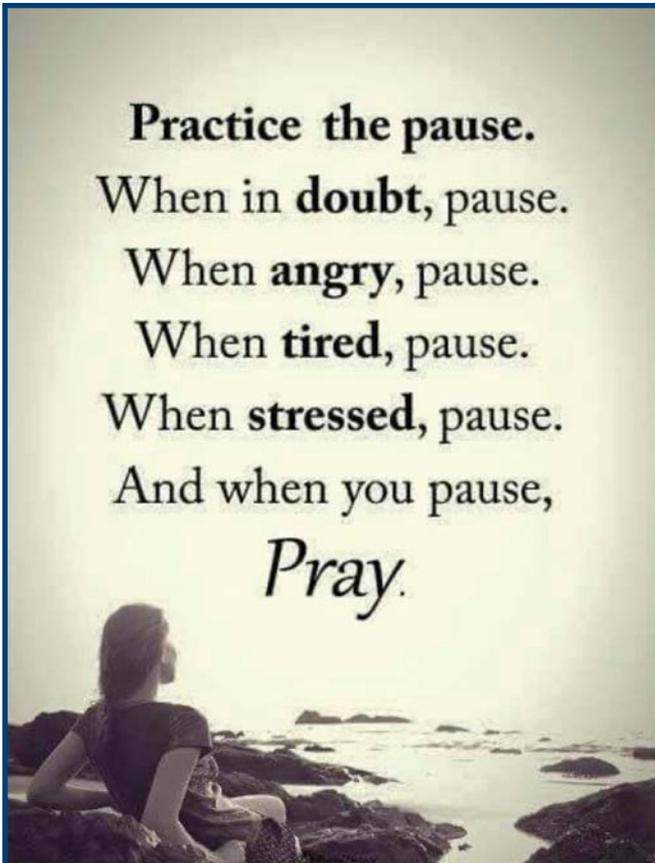
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gathering of numberless saints before the heavenly throne of God proclaiming, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.” The culminating movement emblazons a single word of text—a cascading “Amen,” as the strings, woodwinds, trumpets, and percussion, join the voices to concert the praises of Christ Jesus, the Anointed One.

Join us this Palm Sunday as we begin the journey of Easter week, and may God alone be glorified as we worship His blessed Messiah! ♦

By Verlyn Smoker, Director of Music



Announcements

Membership Class

Gather with Dr. Richard Phillips as we explore together our church distinctives.

- ◆ The “Solas” of the Reformation
- ◆ The Doctrines of Grace
- ◆ Law and the Gospel
- ◆ Covenant Theology
- ◆ Membership Vows
- ◆ Reformed Worship
- ◆ Church History with RE Melton Duncan
- ◆ Welcome Luncheon and Reception for New Members—May 7

SUNDAYS 10:00 A.M. ROOM C-209

Not too late to attend!

Communicants Class

Parents who believe their child is ready to make a credible public profession of faith in Jesus Christ may enroll their child/children in the Communicants Class. The class will give instruction in the basics of the Christian faith and the meaning of the membership vows to be taken. The Class began on March 12 (at 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall) and will run through the end of April. Parents are welcome to attend with their child/children. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jeffrey Early or Dr. Kevin Mobley.

Evangelism Explosion

Would you like to learn how to be more effective in your Christian witness? Training for the Evangelism Explosion course began on Tuesday, March 21, at 6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room. Contact Ken Safford for more information.

Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate (May 2023 or December 2022) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 1001 or clarson@spcgreenville.org). We want to be sure we recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.

Pressing Onward with the Word of God

Ray continues to preach through Genesis at both Faith Presbyterian Church and Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and has started a “catechumen” class for some of the teenagers in our church who were raised in Christian homes. This is a course to go over the basics of the faith as well as the distinctives of our church. After the class, they will be offered the opportunity to talk with the elders and make a formal profession of faith, expressing their trust and confidence in the Lord Jesus. Please be praying for the preaching of God’s Word and for the young people in our catechumen class.

Last week we gathered with some of the members of Faith Presbyterian Church in Orange Walk and passed out flyer invitations to our worship services. We have had more consistent attendance, undoubtedly due to God answering our prayers! Please pray that we will have more visitors and that some new families, couples, and singles would join the church.

Over the next couple of weeks we will have two different half day conferences—one for women and the other for men—from all the Presbyterian churches in Belize. There will be a Biblical message as well as fellowship. Please pray that this will be edifying and for God to receive the glory!

Presbyterian Medical Clinic

A couple weeks ago we had two couples come serve at the Presbyterian Medical Clinic where we live. The Ladds and the Deans. Among them were three doctors and a nurse! The Ladds brought their two boys who also helped lead an afternoon soccer outreach each day of the week for neighborhood kids. Additionally, Michele gave two talks to new and expecting moms about breastfeeding.

Saturday the Carini family arrived and will be our neighbors for a whole month. They have five children that roughly correspond to the ages of some of our youngest, which has been a true blessing. These folks are bringing practical help to the community, showing the love of Christ, and opening doors for the proclamation of the gospel. Please pray for fruit and for open hearts among patients.

Belize Project

Last week a team of 64 composed of families came from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville and served under the auspices of the Belize Project! They did some deaconal work in local villages and schools. Next week a team of 32 from Briarwood High School in Birmingham, Alabama are coming to work with the Belize Project and will be focused on helping deaconal outreaches in our village as well as Presbyterian Day School in Cristo Rey. Please pray for the team as they will also devote an afternoon to helping us clean and organize our church building in Orange Walk and will lead a soccer outreach with upper division students from New Life Presbyterian School. ◆

