

The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



PRAYING

THE Apostles' Creed

The Creed consists of three main parts or articles, corresponding to the three Persons of the Divine Majesty, as it has been so divided in the Catechism and elsewhere.

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The First Article of Creation:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Here, first of all, a great light shines into your heart if you permit it to and teaches you in a few words what all the languages of the world and a multitude of books cannot describe or fathom in words, namely, who you are, whence you came, whence came heaven and earth. You are God's creation, his handiwork, his workmanship. That is, of yourself and in yourself you are nothing, can do nothing, know nothing, are capable of nothing. What were you a thousand years ago? What were heaven and earth six thousand years ago? Nothing, just as that which will never be created is nothing. But what you are, know, can do, and can achieve is God's creation, as you confess [in the Creed] by word of mouth. Therefore you have nothing to boast of before God except that

The Apostles' Creed, though not written by the apostles, is the oldest creed of the Christian church and is the basis for others that followed.

you are nothing and he is your Creator who can annihilate you at any moment. Reason knows nothing of such a light. Many great people have sought to know what heaven and earth, man and creatures are and have found

no answer. But here it is declared and faith affirms that God has created everything out of nothing. Here is the soul's garden of pleasure, along whose paths we enjoy the works of God—but it would take too long to describe all that.

Furthermore, we should give thanks to God that in his kindness he has created us out of nothing and provides for our daily needs out of nothing—has made us to be such excellent beings with body and soul, intelligence, five senses, and has ordained us to be masters of earth, of fish, bird, and beast, etc. Here consider Genesis, chapters one to three.

Third, we should confess and lament our lack of faith and gratitude in failing to take this to heart, or to believe, ponder, and acknowledge it, and having been

ANTIOCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Missionary of the Week

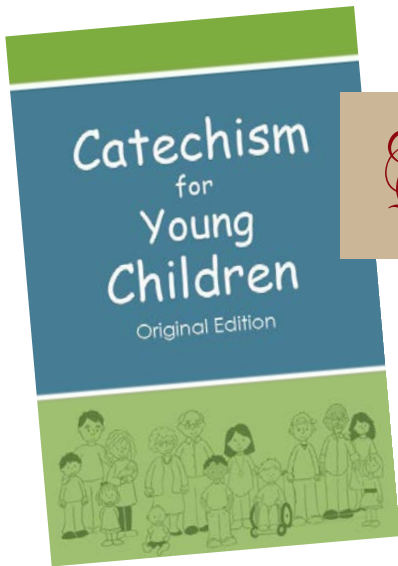


Below is an update from Pastor Zachary Groff. ♦

Thank you for your support of Antioch Presbyterian Church over the last 3.5 years. The Lord has greatly blessed us with encouraging growth, vitality, and warm fellowship. Our average attendance in the first quarter of 2024 is 69–70 attendees per worship service, and 32 in our twice-weekly prayer meetings. More significantly, our session has noted an increasing maturity in our congregation and great spiritual growth among various individuals. Covenant children have professed faith and been welcomed to the Table, one adult has been baptized (as recently as 3/31), several families have come to paedobaptist convictions, many babies and other covenant children have been baptized, other individuals have been convicted of sin and have brought sincere confessions to the pastors and elders for help in overcoming temptation. The Word has been preached fervently and faithfully, with the Spirit's indispensable help. We recently welcomed eleven new adults and six new covenant children in our membership (all of whom are local residents of Greenville and Spartanburg Counties). Our first two interns (myself included) are serving as full-time pastors in the PCA, and two more of our interns are set to graduate from Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary this Spring and enter into pastoral ministry in the PCA, Lord willing.

We are beginning a leadership development-oriented adult Sunday School class this week, with Dr. Pipa and I team-teaching over twelve weeks, to be followed by practical training of any qualified and interested potential officers (elders and deacons) here at Antioch. Please persist in praying for this important phase of our ministry. We trust that this class will be helpful to the congregation as a whole as we encourage our members to be preparing for officer nominations and elections in the coming year, Lord willing.

We are also contracting with an architect to produce a master site plan off of which we will be able to plan for expansion of our parking lot, facility, and ministry capacities. Our parking lot is overflowing onto the lawn around our modest church building, our worship space is nearly full, our Christian education space is full, and our bathrooms are consistently overwhelmed. We hope that the architect and general contractor will be able to give us some guidance on reasonable plans, achievable goals, and suitable measures to accommodate our growing congregation.



Question 78:

Is God pleased with those who love and obey him?

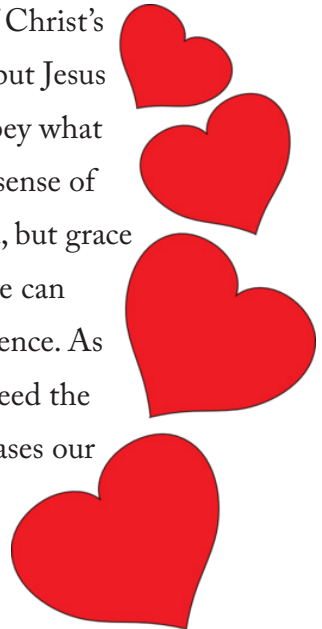
Answer:

Yes; he says,
“I love them that love me.”

Jesus said:

If you love me, you will keep my commandments . John 14:15

Some people say that Christians, because of Christ’s forgiveness, do not have to obey God’s law, but Jesus himself said that “if you love me, you will obey what I command.” God’s grace frees us from any sense of needing to keep the law in order to be saved, but grace also frees us from the power of sin so that we can show our love for God through joyful obedience. As God’s children living in a sinful world, we need the law to show us how to live in a way that pleases our heavenly Father. ♦



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at the corner of

River & Rhett

GRADUATION BANQUET

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Second Presbyterian Church Gymnasium

I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE.

Psalm 139:14

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PAUL CORNETTE, SARAH MOORE, MARIAH WINDT

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NORA HUGHES, MARY SETTLE

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**KENNEDY MCDANIEL, SOPHIA SCOTT,
JAMES VAN STEENBURGH**

8

REBEKAH JOHNSON, NOAH MARALIT

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CINDY DUNCAN, JAMES EARLY

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TRISHA ECONOMIDIS, REESE SCOGGINS

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**SHEPHERD ANGELL, DALTON FORD,
ABIGAIL POMERLYAN**



MAY
Birthdays

This Week

MORNING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

RADICAL CHRISTIANITY

Mark 9:42–50

EVENING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

THE SAMARITAN REVIVAL

Acts 8:4–25

Sunday, May 5

- 8:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:55 A.M. Children's Chapel (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (*Chapel*)
- 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP
- 5:00 P.M. Finance Committee (*Conference Room*)

Monday, May 6

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:00 P.M. Diaconate Meeting (*Conference Room*)

Tuesday, May 7

- 10:00 A.M. WIC Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)

Wednesday, May 8

- 5:00 P.M. Pastoral Care Committee (*Office Work Room*)
- 5:30 P.M. Missions Committee (*Conference Room*)
- 5:30 P.M. **GRADUATION BANQUET SUPPER** (*Gym*)
- 6:45 P.M. **BANQUET PROGRAM** (*Gym*)
- 6:45 P.M. CAT Kids (Ages 3–Grade 4); Covenant Kids (Grades 5–8) (*Sanctuary*)

Friday, May 10

- 12:00 P.M. Men's Luncheon/Bible Study (*Gym*)
- 1:30 P.M. Mission to Main

Upcoming Events

spcgreenville.org/calendar

- May 3** Building Banquet
- May 5** Baptism Sunday
- May 8** Graduation Banquet
- May 15** CAT Kids Program
- May 19** The Lord's Supper in the Morning Services
- May 22** Summer Children's Choir Begins
- May 22** Ask the Pastor (after Prayer Meeting)
- May 29** Ask the Pastor (after Prayer Meeting)
- June 2** All-Adult Summer Sunday School Begins

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more stupid than unthinking beasts.

Fourth, we pray for a true and confident faith that sincerely esteems and trusts God to be our Creator, as this article declares.

The Second Article of Redemption:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, etc.

Again a great light shines forth and teaches us how Christ, God's Son, has redeemed us from death which, after the creation, had become our lot through Adam's fall and in which we would have perished eternally. Now think: just as in the first article you were

to consider yourself one of God's creatures and not doubt it, now you must think of yourself as one of the redeemed and never doubt that. Emphasize one word above all others, for instance, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Likewise, suffered for us, died for us, arose for us. All this is ours and pertains to us; that us includes yourself, as the word of God declares.

Second, you must be sincerely grateful for such grace and rejoice in your salvation.

Third, you must sorrowfully lament and confess your wicked unbelief and mistrust of such a gift. Oh, what thoughts will come to mind—the idolatry you

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have practiced repeatedly, how much you have made of praying to the saints and of innumerable good works of yours which have opposed such salvation.

Fourth, pray now that God will preserve you from this time forward to the end in true and pure faith in Christ our Lord.

The Third Article of Sanctification:

I believe in the Holy Spirit, etc.

This is the third great light which teaches us where such a Creator and Redeemer may be found and plainly encountered in this world, and what this will all come to in the end. Much could be said about this, but here is a summary: Where the holy Christian church exists, there we can find God the Creator, God the Redeemer, God the Holy Spirit, that is, him who daily sanctifies us through the forgiveness of sins, etc. The church exists where the word of God concerning such faith is rightly preached and confessed.



Again you have occasion here to ponder long about everything that the Holy Spirit accomplishes in the church every day, etc.

Therefore be thankful that you have been called and have come into such a church. Confess and lament your lack of faith and gratitude, that you have neglected all this, and pray for a true and steadfast faith that will remain and endure until you come to that place where all endures forever, that is, beyond the resurrection from the dead, in life eternal.

Amen. ♦

Announcements

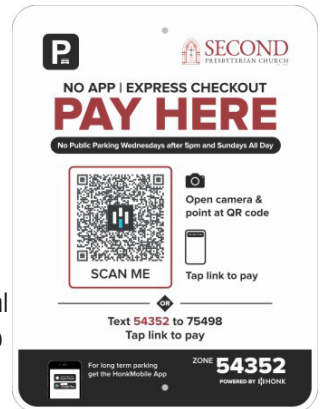
Graduates!

If someone in your family is graduating from high school, technical school, college, or university, please contact the church office so we can prepare for our Graduation Banquet on Wednesday, May 8.

Parking Lot Changes

Second Presbyterian Church is implementing a public pay parking option for weekday, evening, and Saturday parking. Going forward, the parking lot will be regularly checked for illegal parkers and parking notices will be issued. Second Presbyterian members will still be able to park for free at any time. Please note the following about parking at Second Presbyterian:

- On Wednesday evenings and all day Sundays—park anywhere
- During the week, please be sure to have your Second Pres parking window sticker or rear-view mirror hang tag visible
- During the week, please park in the area reserved for church members, marked with signs
- If you receive a parking notice, please contact Nate Johnson (njohnson@spcgreenville.org) for the charge to be voided
- If you are member of Second Pres and need a new/additional parking sticker or hang tag, go to spcgreenville.org/signup to request one



A Time To Build

The Building Campaign Committee recommended the following to the Session & Diaconate of the Second Presbyterian Church of Greenville for approval on April 7, 2024 (both unanimously adopted):

to authorize the Committee to plan and host the May 3, 2024 Banquet; A Time to Build in the SPC Gymnasium—presenting the building plan to the congregation,

May 3, 2024 Banquet; *A Time to Build*

SPC Gymnasium, 6:00 P.M.

Dr. Richard Phillips, Speaker

LS3P, Architects—Trehel Construction, Builder

Ron Babington, Financial Information

Melton Duncan, Campaign Chairman/Emcee

New Hires

Three people have recently been hired and began ministry here on May 1.

Ministerial Intern



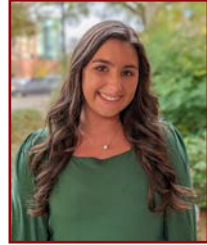
Mr. Josh Lyon will work with youth.

Missions Fellow



Mr. Vitor Cortial will work with missions.

Summer Youth Intern



Miss Caroline Mobley will work this summer with youth.

Summer Children's Choir

From our Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker:

On Wednesday evening, May 22, the Summer Children's Choir schedule will begin with music making and training opportunities for the children of SPC. Our children in grades 1–6 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M., and ages 4–6 will meet from 6:45 to 8:00 P.M. As the name suggests, the main purpose of these groups will be the training and practice of singing together songs of faith in the praises of our Lord. *Note:* these age categories will be consistent with our Sunday School age divisions with class promotions being held at the beginning of the new term in the fall of 2024. We look forward to seeing your covenant children in a few weeks!

Ask the Pastor

After Prayer Meeting on May 22 and 29, we will have another “Ask the Pastor” teaching time. You may submit questions ahead of time to AskThePastor@spcgreenville.org. Pastor Phillips will answer as many questions as time permits.

Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Hannah Perry on Saturday, June 1. Hannah is engaged to marry Ross Martin on August 24. The shower will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Hannah is registered at theknot.com.