

The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



Elder Nomination PROCEDURE Training SCHEDULE

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 ruling elder.

The Session recommended to the congregation which approved the election of not more than three (3) new ruling elders at a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

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Nomination Period Sunday, December 15–Sunday, December 29, 2024
Session Meeting to Approve Slate Monday, January 13, 2025
Contact Nominees for Training January 14–15, 2025
Elder Nominee Training January through June
Congregational Meeting for Election August*, 2025, 10:00 A.M.
Ordination/Installation Service August*, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

*To be determined

Nomination forms may be placed in the offering plate or submitted to the Church office anytime during the intervening week. Each communing member will be allowed to nominate up to the number of elders to be elected. Each member will be asked to sign the nomination form. Unsigned forms will not be used. (There will be no requirement for voter identification during the actual election.)

All elder nominees must meet the requirements of Holy Scripture, the PCA Book of Church Order (BCO), and the Second Presbyterian Church Policy Manual (SPC). Elders must be men who are:

- holy and blameless in life and stewardship (1Tim 3:2; Titus 1:7, 8; BCO 8-2)
- believers in the truth and holiness of Scripture (Titus 1:9)
- the husband of but one wife (1 Tim 3:2)
- temperate (1 Tim 3:2)
- sober-minded (1 Tim 3:2, BCO 8-2)
- of good behavior (1 Tim 3:2)
- hospitable (1Tim 3:2)
- able to teach, exhort and correct (1 Tim 3:2 and Titus 1:9)
- not given over to wine (1 Tim 3:3)
- not violent or quick-tempered (1 Tim 3:3 and Titus 1:7)
- not greedy for money (1 Tim 3:30)
- gentle (1 Tim 3:2)
- not quarrelsome (1 Tim 3:3)
- not covetous (1 Tim 3:3)
- good rulers of their own households (1Tim 3:4)
- not a new believer (1 Tim 3:6)
- possessors of a good testimony among those outside the Church (1 Tim 3:7, BCO 8-2)
- competent in human learning (BCO 8-2)
- those who have been members of Second Presbyterian Church for at least two years at the time of the election (SPC)
- at least 30 years old at the time of the election (SPC)

Six Responsibilities for Elders

1. CHRISTLIKENESS

The emphasis on character highlights that God requires elders be men who are passionate about their relationship with Him and are growing in their faith.

2. FAMILY

God has called elders to care for the emotional, physical, and spiritual wellbeing of their family. An elder's family is his God-given priority.

3. OVERSIGHT

They come to prayerfully discern God's will for the entire church and not simply part of the church. Elders need to see the 'big picture' and understand how the various components fit together.

4. SHEPHERDING

Elders are called to guard, feed, lead, and care for the flock God has placed in their care.

5. DOCTRINAL PURITY

Elders are called to clearly declare and teach sound doctrine while correcting, rebuking, and refuting false doctrine

6. PRAYER

Being fully dependent on God in this spiritual war, is a critical component of leadership knowing that He can do more than anything we ask or imagine.

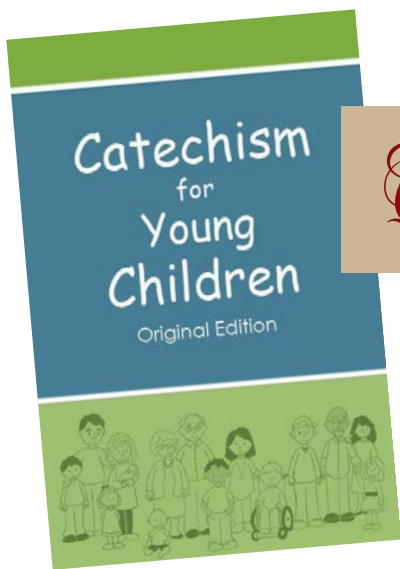
Dwayne Cline

Each member should carefully and prayerfully evaluate all potential nominees against the list of requirements.

All candidates will be required to attend an Elder training course. After the training, the candidates will be examined by the Session on matters of doctrine and life.

The final slate of candidates will be published in the West End Herald (with biographical sketches) the week that the congregational meeting for elder elections is announced. The election will be held by private ballot at 10:00 A.M. during the Sunday School hour. ♦

Nominations for the office of Elder began on December 15, 2024. Those eligible for nomination are communing members in good standing for two or more years and thirty or more years old. If you have a question about the process, please contact Melton Duncan. Nomination forms are available from the ushers at the Sunday worship services or in the church office.



Question 111:

What do we pray for in the first petition?

Answer:

That God's name may be honored by us and all men.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

Psalm 86:12



Hallowed means to be honored in a special way. It means to be honored for holiness, to be set apart for holy purposes. God's name is special and is to be set apart by us. When we love God with our whole heart, then we will want to hallow His name. People who do not love or fear God often use God's name in a reckless and dishonoring way. As Christians, we ought to be careful how we use God's name, and respectfully and lovingly praise and honor Him for all He is and does. ♦

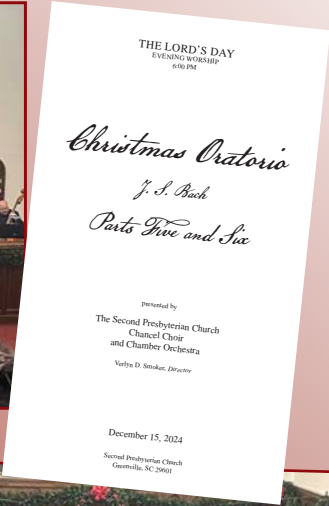
From the Lips of Little Ones, Jeff Kingswood



at the corner of

River & Rhett

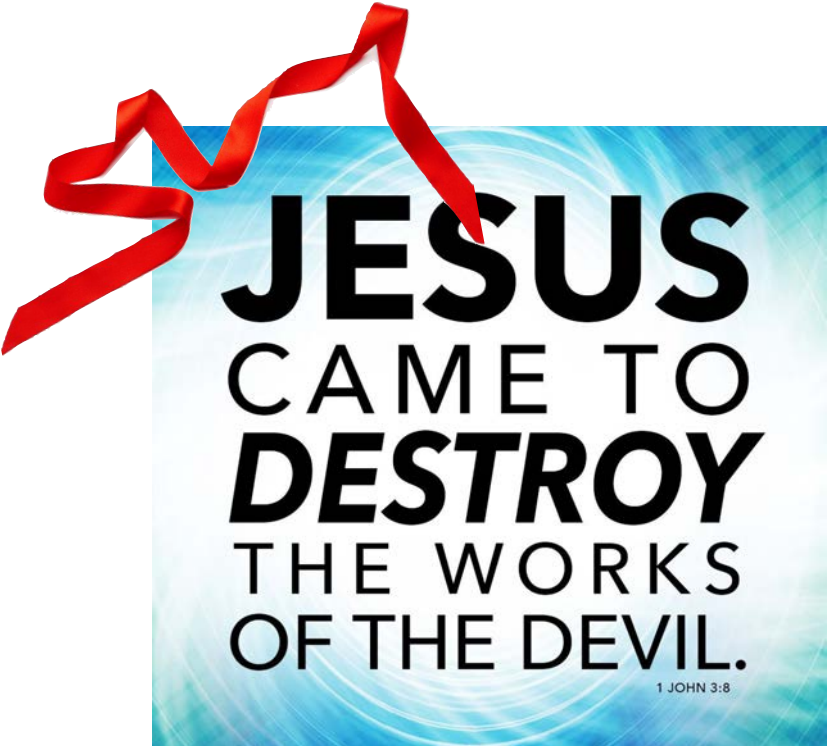
Christmas Oratorio





December Birthdays

- 22 Jennifer Ostrom
- 27 Jordan Renfrow, Chris Zimmerman
- 29 Rainey Hoopes, Jennifer Kinnear, Ely O'Donald
- 31 Grace King, Robert Love, Barnetta Stephens, Sara Waldeschmidt



**JESUS
CAME TO
DESTROY
THE WORKS
OF THE DEVIL.**

1 JOHN 3:8

This Week

Sunday, December 22

8:30 A.M.	MORNING WORSHIP
9:55 A.M.	Children's Chapel (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
10:00 A.M.	Sunday School
11:00 A.M.	MORNING WORSHIP
5:30 P.M.	Season of Prayer (<i>Chapel</i>)
6:00 P.M.	EVENING WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 24

	Church Offices Closed
5:00 P.M.	Lessons and Carols Service

Wednesday, December 25

Church Offices Closed

Thursday, December 26

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, December 28

10:00 A.M.	Sr. High Boys Bible Study (<i>Youth Hut</i>)
10:00 A.M.	Sr. High Girls Bible Study (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)

MORNING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

A SAVIOR IS BORN

Luke 2:8-11

EVENING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS PROMISE

Genesis 3:15



Upcoming Events

spcgreenville.org/calendar

December 24	Lessons and Carols Service
January 3	Friday Night Alive (Phillips Home)
January 5	Baptism Sunday
January 5	Deacon Installation and Ordination
January 19	Communion in the Morning Services

2024 HOLIDAYS Services Schedule

Tuesday 12/24

5:00 P.M. Lessons and Carols Service (*Sanctuary*)

Tues. 12/24, Wed. 12/25, Thurs. 12/26, Tues. 12/31, Wed. 1/1/2025

Church Offices Closed

Wednesday 12/25 and January 1

No Meal, Activities, or Services

Sunday 12/22 and 12/29

8:30 A.M. Worship Service

10:00 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

5:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting (*Chapel*)

6:00 P.M. Evening Service



The December 22 edition of *The West End Herald* will be the last edition of 2024.



Give the gift of good books!
Our Bookstore is located just
outside the church library.



Bookstore

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we wish to each of you a blessed Christmas season, rejoicing in our times of worship together.

Richard Phillips Family

The greatest gift any soul would want or need is Jesus Christ. As you celebrate His coming, albeit to die, may you rejoice in the unspeakable gift of our Savior (Luke 1:68-79).

Dennis Zimmerman Family

Merry Christmas from the Johnson Family! May the Lord bless all of you richly through this season of reflection on our Savior.

Nate Johnson Family

Joy to the world, for Christ "comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found" (Isaac Watts!)

Chase Hauss

This Christmas season may God grant each of you true peace and joy as you worship our Incarnate Mediator, Jesus Christ. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14).

Caroline Nisley

May the true light of the world shine in your hearts now and forevermore. Merry Christmas!

Jeff Early Family

We wish you the Merriest of Christmas Seasons and Love in Christ. We love the congregation of Second Presbyterian Church and pray God's richest blessing upon each and everyone of you.

Melton Duncan Family

Merry Christmas to you who have become heirs to the promises of God. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son...so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Gal. 4:4-5).

Brendon Branigin Family

May the joy of the Lord be yours in abundance as together we celebrate the coming of Jesus to earth as a child, and may our worship of His holy name be both sincere and glorious as we sing to Him songs of praise making music for His glory in this season of wonder.

Verlynn Smoker Family

As we remember Christ's birth, Let us also remember the new birth, the greatest gift of all. Thank you for your prayers, encouragements, and support.

Phil & Carol Larson

Merry Christmas! May the Lord bless you and grant you greater knowledge of and affection for Him in the days ahead.

Josie Lyon Family

May all of us give thanks to God for his unspeakable gift (2 Cor. 9:15).

Vitor & Samara Cortial



Staff Christmas Greetings

Announcements



SPC Cookbooks

The *Second Helpings* cookbooks are available for purchase in the SPC Bookstore. The cost of the cookbook is \$20. Payment may be made with cash or check, payable to SPC, and placed in the Bookstore envelope (the Bookstore is down the hall from the Chapel). Envelopes should be placed in the box under the window. Pick up one for yourself and also as a gift for a relative or friend! Any questions may be directed to Sandra Saragoni.

Nominations for Elders

Nomination forms are on the hallway counter outside the Library. More information is located in this newsletter. The nomination period is from Sunday, December 15 to Sunday, December 29, 2024.

Friday Night Alive

All singles are invited to the Phillips Home for a meal, fellowship, and teaching time on Friday, January 3, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Please contact Sharon Phillips if you need a ride or have questions.

Raising Up Mothers Registration

Registration for the spring Raising Up Mothers term is open now through December 20. The group will meet Friday mornings from February 7 to May 7 studying *When Sinners Say I Do*. More info and registration is at spcgreenville.org/raisingupmothers.

Meetings and Services Cancelled

Due to the holidays, the following meetings and services have been cancelled in December and January:

December 23	Men's Bible Study
December 25	Meal, Activities, Service
December 27	Men's Luncheon
December 27	Mission to Main
December 30	Men's Bible Study
January 1	Meal, Activities, Service
January 3	Men's Luncheon

If you have a pastoral need, instead of contacting the church office, we ask that you please contact directly a Ruling Elder in your Sunday School Community. SPC Ruling Elder phone numbers are available in Touchpoint through the website or app.

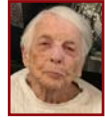
Normal Sunday schedules will continue on Sunday, December 22 and 29.

Christmas Eve

The annual Lessons and Carols service will be held on Tuesday, December 24, beginning at 5:00 P.M.

Death of Two Church Members

Mamie Riggins passed into Glory on December 8. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 4, at 11:00 A.M. (SPC).



Brenda Cumbus died in Christ on Wednesday, December 11.

Viewing: Thursday, December 19, at 11:30 A.M. (McAfee, Main Street Gville)

Burial: Thursday, December 19, at 1:00 P.M. (Woodlawn, Wade Hampton, Gville)

Memorial Service: January 3, at 1:00 P.M. (SPC)

Deacon Installation and Ordination

Our newly elected deacons will be installed and ordained for service in the Evening Service on January 5. A reception will follow in the Gym. Ladies are asked to bring sandwiches and finger foods.

Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Anna Phillips Shaw on Saturday, January 18, at 2:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Anna is registered at Babylist.

*Thou, whom seraphs joy in praising,
Thou, whom angel hosts adore.
Can my stammering tongue be silent
When I owe Thee so much more.
So my song must swell the chorus
While the angels' praises ring.
I, a sinner saved and pardoned,
Have more cause than they to sing.*

Bob Jones Jr.