

The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



The Story of our Church Buildings

by Melton L. Duncan

Second Presbyterian Church, has been a spiritual landmark for one hundred thirty-three years in Greenville beginning on a cold March night in 1892, when members of First Presbyterian Church, residing beyond the Reedy River, gathered in O.P. Mills' building—now a restaurant on South Main Street at Augusta—to address the spiritual needs of Greenville's downtown and West End communities. On March 17, 1892, twenty-seven individuals, led by Rev. Nickels John Holmes, formally organized the Second Presbyterian Church under the Enoree Presbytery of the Southern Presbyterian Church (PCUS).

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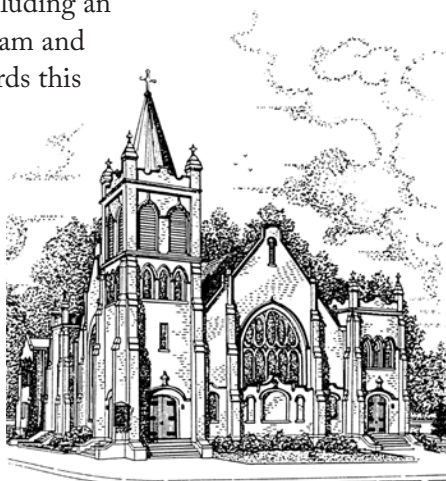
The fledgling congregation moved quickly to establish a permanent place of worship and on May 14, 1893, the church dedicated its first sanctuary building on Rhett & Wardlaw Streets, on the same city block of our present building. The sanctuary was a simple frame building, prioritizing functionality and reverence over ornate design, and it included an organ. It provided a sacred space for worship, preaching, and the administration of sacraments, aligning with the church's Presbyterian emphasis on the "ordinary means of grace."

Our current Sanctuary was entirely built in 1909, designed by Atlanta Architect C.E. Choate, himself a Protestant Minister. Memorials were placed in the Sanctuary in honor of several of our founding church fathers soon thereafter. In 1955 the Chapel & Christian Education Building was erected, and a gymnasium with additional program space was constructed in 1969. In 1985 after a season of growth the church renovated the existing buildings and enlarged the overall campus with the purchase of the "Sitton Property" along Academy Street.

Second Church is again in a season of growth, in 2012 we purchased another adjoining parcel of land on South Academy Street and since 2020 a long-range planning committee has been planning *A Time to Build* which is a master plan for the entire church campus. On June 1st the congregation approved Phase 1 of *A Time to Build*; including an architectural design and campaign program and promised to support, pray and give towards this work and the overall general mission of Second Presbyterian Church to the best of their ability.

The new addition will add a large modern education or program building that will allow every member of the church to have a place to attend Sunday School, which is the basis of our shepherding program and our primary tool to help folks assimilate. The new building will look "new" to New

Members, and "feel" like Second Presbyterian to Existing Members. It will add a dedicated eating space that will hold roughly twice the number we now can hold, serve as the new front door for the church, and give us something like a living room for the church family. ♦



Vacation Bible School

Hey Y'all! It's time to go down on the farm as we discover how to cultivate the Fruit of the Spirit. Join us in the barn as we learn how to sow and grow spiritual fruits. All children completed K4 through 6th grades are invited on this fruitful adventure. If you have any questions or want to assist our covenant children, please contact Caroline Mobley at (864) 775-0487. ♦

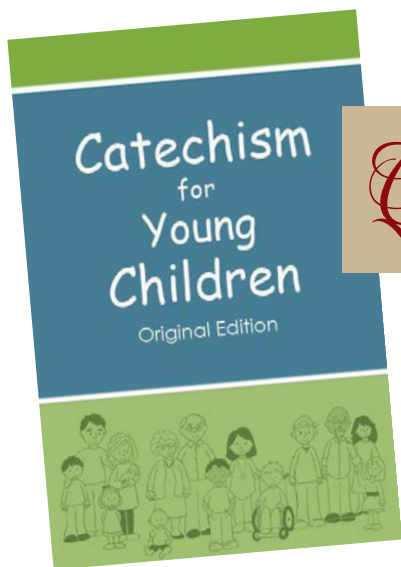
July 7–11, 2025

9:00 A.M. to noon SPC Gymnasium

REGISTER: spcgreenville.org/signup



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT FARM



Question 134:

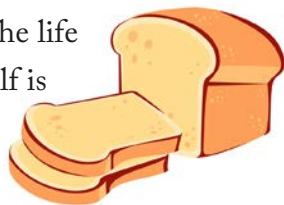
What does the bread represent?

Answer:

The body of Christ,
broken for our sins.

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 1 Corinthians 11:23–24

Just as bread supports our physical lives, so does the life of Christ support our spiritual lives. Christ himself is the only true food of our soul. Communion is a banquet where we who are united to Christ in faith feed on the Bread of Life. The Lord’s Supper, or Communion, is a divine gift given by Christ himself to His people to nourish and strengthen their faith. ♦



As surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup shared with me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

As surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ’s body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

from *Heidelberg Catechism*, #75



at the corner of

*River &
Rhett*

RAFIKI: *Ladies Bible Study*

The Fall class will begin on Monday, September 8, at 9:30 A.M. in the Conference Room. This is a 16-week study in the book of ACTS. Class will not meet on November 24 or all of December. Class will resume January 5 and will end on February 2, 2026.



If you plan to attend the class, you must register by July 20 so lessons may be ordered in time for September. Please register by contacting Sylvia Long with your name, address, phone number, and email. The cost for the class is \$20.

NOTE: Even if you were in the EXODUS class last year, you must register for this year's ACTS class.



8 Christa Pomerlyan, Matthew Wagner

9 Isaac Kugler, Christina Love, Tim Shiou,
Emily Weaver

10 Molly Bulla, Ashley O'Shields

11 Harper Bailey, Levi Mobley, Sandra Wills

12 Linda Bragdon, Judy Pitts

14 Mauvianne Giusti, Jack Shuford,
Meredith Smith, Benjamin Welch

This Week

MORNING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

A PLEA FOR MERCY

Daniel 9:4-19

EVENING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

THE GOSPEL TO MACEDONIA

Acts 16:1-10

Sunday, June 8

8:30 A.M.	MORNING WORSHIP
9:55 A.M.	Children's Chapel (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
10:00 A.M.	Children/Youth Sunday School
10:00 A.M.	All-Adult Sunday School (<i>Gym</i>)
11:00 A.M.	MORNING WORSHIP
5:30 P.M.	Season of Prayer (<i>Chapel</i>)
6:00 P.M.	EVENING WORSHIP
7:30 P.M.	Worship & Music Committee (<i>Conference Room</i>)

Monday, June 9

6:30 P.M.	Session Meeting (<i>Conference Room</i>)
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Tuesday, June 10

7:00 P.M.	WIC Circle 4 (<i>L. Martin Home</i>)
7:00 P.M.	WIC Circle 6 (<i>A. Hanson Home</i>)

Wednesday, June 11

5:30 P.M.	Missions Committee (<i>Conference Room</i>)
5:30 P.M.	Family Fellowship Supper (<i>Gym</i>)
6:45 P.M.	Summer Children's Choirs (Age 4-Grade 6)
6:45 P.M.	WIC Circle 1 (<i>Conference Room</i>)
6:45 P.M.	Elder Training (<i>Room S-309</i>)
6:45 P.M.	Ministry Moment (<i>Gym</i>)
7:00 P.M.	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
7:00 P.M.	Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study (<i>Gym</i>)
7:30 P.M.	Chancel Choir

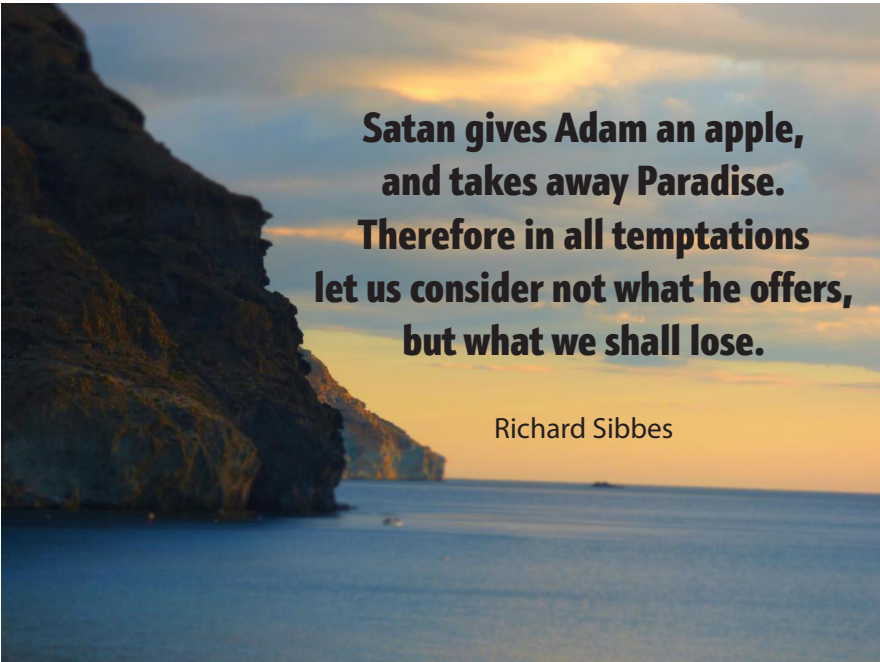
Friday, June 13

12:00 P.M.	Men's Luncheon and Bible Study (<i>Gym</i>)
1:30 P.M.	Mission to Main

Upcoming Events

spcgreenville.org/calendar

June 6	Friday Night Alive
June 15	Baptism Sunday
June 16-21	Sr. High Summer Conference (Pawleys Island, SC)
June 23-27	PCA General Assembly (Chattanooga, TN)
June 29	Ice Cream Social
July 4	Annual Church Picnic
July 7-11	Vacation Bible School
July 21-25	Jr. High Summer Conference (Ridge Haven, NC)
July 27	Ice Cream Social
August 31	Baptism Sunday
August 31	Rally Day



**Satan gives Adam an apple,
and takes away Paradise.
Therefore in all temptations
let us consider not what he offers,
but what we shall lose.**

Richard Sibbes

Announcements

Friday Night Alive

All singles are invited for pizza, a teaching time, and pickleball on Friday, June 6. Dinner begins at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a paddle if you own one. Otherwise, paddles and balls will be provided. Please contact Sharon Phillips if you need a ride or have questions.

Church Picnic

Join the church family for the annual picnic on Friday, July 4! Rain or shine. Inflatables with water begin at 3:00 P.M. Bring lawn chairs and towels.

PLACE: Church Gym and Grounds

TIME: 5:00–8:00 P.M.

FOOD: Barbeque and beverages provided. Please bring generous portions of sides and desserts.

(City fireworks are on Thursday, July 3 this year.)

All-Adult Summer Sunday School

All-Adult Sunday School begins on June 8 in the Gym. Books are available for purchase in the Church Bookstore (located in the hallway outside the Chapel) for \$8. See the schedule below for each week's lesson and teacher.



Date	Chapter	Chapter Title	Teacher
June 8	2	Christ Will Not Break the Bruised Reed	Bianchi
June 15	3/4	The Smoking Flax/ Christ Will Not Quench the Smoking Flax	Early
June 22	5	The Spirit of Mercy Should Not Move Us	Zimmerman
June 29	6	Marks of the Smoking Flax	Cortial
July 6	7	Help for the Weak	Schvaneveldt
July 13	8/9	Duties and Discouragements/ Believe Christ, Not Satan	Branigin

Birth of Covenant Child

Congratulations to John & Michaela Oldham on the birth of Naomi Rose Oldham on May 29. Naomi joins sister Anna at home.

Precepts Bible Study

For the last half-century, Precepts has been training leaders, creating resources, and developing a Bible study method to help people grow in their relationship with God. Mary Settle will be leading the Fall study in the book of Isaiah beginning September 11. Look for more details in the coming weeks!

Sunday, June 29

Several things are happening on this Sunday! Missionary Prayer Band will meet at 5:00 P.M. in the Chapel. Missionary Peter Szabo (Hungary) will be speaking in the Evening Service, and the deacons will be supplying ice cream in the Gym after the Service. We will also be saying goodbye to Vitor and Samara Cortial. They will be returning to Brazil and continuing their ministry there. We thank the Lord for their labors among us this past year.

Good News Club Training

If you are working in the Augusta Circle Good News Club, or would like to, you are invited to a Back2School Children's Ministry Conference on Saturday, August 16, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Conference will be held at Taylors First Baptist Church. Register at cefgreenville.com/b2scmc. Contact Cyndi Player with any questions.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper on June 15:

What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves, of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

From Westminster Shorter Catechism, question 97

Note from our missionaries in Japan, Miguel & Hannah D'Azevedo



God Bless!
-The Isgrig Family

Thank you! Wish
you all the best.

- Jones House

Thank You!

Hannah de Gusman

Thank you!

Elvin Swinley

Many Blessings!
-Mark Francisco

Thank you!!

Isaac Ellis

Thank you!!
-The Lind Family

Thank you!

-James Pitts

Many thanks for a
huge blessing!

-A big
thank you from
the Davis family

THANK YOU!
THE JURE
FAMILY

Thank you so much
for your prayers and
support!

Thank you for
your generous gift
-Coke Family

Thank you!
-The D'Azevedos

Thank you
for being the
means by which
God has greatly
blessed us.

may the Lord
bless you
beyond measure

Thank you for
blessing us so
abundantly!

-Coke Family

Dear Second Presbyterian Church,

From all of us at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Okinawa, we cannot begin to thank you for your generous donation to our building fund. Moving into a larger building where we can offer adult Sunday school, have a dedicated space for children, expand our hospitality with a kitchen, and provide sufficient parking has been our prayer for the past few years. May the Lord bless your congregation for helping to expand the Lord's work in Okinawa, Japan. From all of us at CPC - thank you!