

Beloved Second Church Family,

Laura Lee and I cannot thank you enough for the love, patience, and support you have shown us over the past 18 months. What a high privilege it is to write you a note of joy and thanksgiving during this wonderful season of the year! As I write this letter, I am less than two months away from, God willing, being your Assistant Minister. The very thought of spending the next years of our lives with you all brings us feelings of peace and comfort. We are finding more and more that you are a family we love, belong to, and desire to be with for years to come.

Dear friends, your love for Christ and His word is a tremendous blessing and source of encouragement for each of your ministry staff, but especially one who is new to the ministry. As Rev. Fluhrer said as he departed, this church will be the measuring stick for every church we attend and serve with in the future. I agree with him already, and sincerely believe that what God is doing in our midst is nothing less than a powerful moving of the Holy Spirit through faithful preaching and praying.

Finally, let us join our hearts together in one accord to worship and adore the Triune God who "loves us and has freed us from our sins." Would this be our mutual desire and heart's cry this and every season of the year and of our lives?

Peace be to the Brethren,

Seth and Laura Lee



*"For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*
Isaiah 9:6-7

CHURCH INFORMATION

Website: www.secondpca.org
Telephone: Office (864) 232-7621

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Church Services: Sunday: Sunday School - 10:00 AM

Morning Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 AM * Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Supper - 5:45 PM * Prayer Meeting and Bible Study - 6:45 PM

Radio Broadcast: Sundays, 9:00 AM, Station WLFJ 660 AM

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 15 Christmas Supper and Caroling Downtown
- Dec. 16 Rivertree Singers at Second
- Dec. 18 Jr. High Christmas Party at the Martins
- Dec. 19 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- Dec. 21 College Class Christmas Party at the Shaws
- Dec. 22 No Wednesday night activities
- Dec. 22 Sr. High Christmas party at the Gambles
- Dec. 23-27 Church Office Closed
- Dec. 24 Lessons and Carols
- Dec. 29 No Wednesday night activities
- Dec. 30-31 Church Office Closed

Circle 6 will not meet during December.

Music Notes

- ◆ Wee Worship and Covenant Choir will be singing on Christmas Eve at the Lessons & Carols service. Please have them arrive by 5:15 pm to rehearse. Thank you, Elizabeth.
- ◆ A big thank you to everyone who sang in the Messiah. You all made the evening and music very uplifting. Also, a big thank you to Ellen without whom the evening would not have been possible. —Elizabeth

Thank You

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent illness. I am truly overwhelmed at the love extended to me by my church family. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a warm and caring church.
In His Love,
Alma Palmer*

Listen to Past Sermons

Did you know that over 300 Second Presbyterian Church sermons are archived on the sermonaudio.com website? You can search by Bible passage or topic from over 20 different speakers we have had preach and teach for us the last 3 years. Follow links from www.secondpca.org or search for "Second Presbyterian Church" on sermonaudio.com. Sermonaudio is an excellent source for many PCA churches of reformed Bible preaching.

Church Directory

We will begin working on a new church directory in January, 2011. If you need to make any changes to the existing directory, please email these changes to judy@secondpca.org. Also, if you would like to submit a new digital picture, you may do so as well. We will be scheduling a few sessions for people who need to have their picture taken for the new church directory. Please watch the Herald for further information.

Christmas Supper/Caroling Downtown

Our churchwide Christmas dinner will be Wednesday, December 15, at 5:45 pm in the gymnasium. Following supper we will walk downtown for Christmas caroling.

Congregational Meeting Report

- ◆ **Ed Butler** and **Steve Moore** were elected to the Diaconate on Sunday, December 12, 2010. The Installation and Ordination Service will be January 2, 2011.
- ◆ Also, the 2011 budget was received and supported at the congregational meeting on Sunday, December 12, 2010.

2011 Offering Envelopes

The 2011 offering envelopes have been placed on the shelf outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes. Everyone is encouraged to use offering envelopes. If you are your children need offering envelopes, please call the church office at ext. 18.

Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2010 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than December 31.

Baptism

Trystan Anne Scoggins received the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, December 5, 2010. We are thankful for the Scoggins family and pray that Trystan, Ashton, and Reece will love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives.
"Every time we baptize a child we bear witness that salvation is from God."
—B. B. Warfield

All Wednesday night activities are cancelled for December 22 and December 29.

Christmas Eve Service

LESSONS AND CAROLS
6:00 PM
*We will marvel with the heavenly host
as we hear the good news of our Savior's birth
retold in Scripture and song.*

WIC Shower

*All ladies of the church
are cordially invited
to a baby shower for
Julia and Eugene Holman
Saturday, December 18, 2010
10:30 - 11:30 am
Church Fellowship Hall*

New Address

Ron and Kay (Lindsay) Sporrer
205 Venus Court
Easley, SC 29642
Cell phone: (Kay) 292-8115

Please make these changes in your church directory.

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 19

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
- 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

Monday, December 20

- 6:00 PM Sr. High Girls' B'ball game at St. Marys
- 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' B'ball game at St. Matthews

Tuesday, December 21

- 6:30 PM College Christmas Party at the Shaws

Wednesday, December 22

- 5:45 PM **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES**
- 6:30 pm Sr. High Christmas Party

Thursday, December 23

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 24

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- 6:00 AM Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 25



FROM THE CHURCH STAFF

Due to Christmas holidays the West End Herald will not be mailed the week of 12/27/10.

Christian Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the following families who have lost a loved one over the past several weeks:

- ◆ Julia Stoddard and family in the death of her father, Mr. Kenneth Hettler, on December 3, 2010.
- ◆ Gloria Elrod in the death of her birth mother, Maryland Ervin, on December 8, 2010.
- ◆ Susan McDaniel and family in the death of her father, Mr. Bud Eubanks, on December 10, 2010.

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following member.
Also, send her a note of encouragement.

Mrs. Aurelia Miller
The Haywood Estates, Room 105
1180 Haywood Road
Greenville, SC 29615

The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY
DECEMBER 19, 2010**

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

A BABY IN BETHLEHEM
Ruth 4:11-22

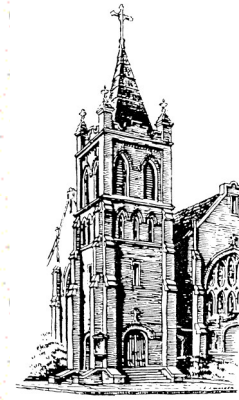
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EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

VENGEANCE IN BLOOD
2 Samuel 4:1-12

Hymns: 208, 225, 307
Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Greenville, South Carolina

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**Letter From The Pastors
Christmas Letters**

As our family approaches our fourth Christmas in South Carolina, I thank God for the wonderful gifts He has given to me. God has given me the free gift of His saving grace. God has given me His own Son, to die for my sins and offer me resurrection life. God has given me the Holy Spirit and the Holy Scriptures, so that I can live in the light of His glory. Along with my whole family, I also thank God that He has given us the gift of serving and participating in the life of this wonderful church. What a gift you all have been to us! We praise the Lord for the love and support you have extended to us during this year. Christmas at Second is always a highlight of my year, from the beautiful decorations, to the Messiah service, and to the Lessons and Carols. I praise God to serve a church where so much of God's beauty is on display, both in our worship and in your lives. I look forward to celebrating with you the greatest gift that came from heaven to earth, the Savior who delivers us from our sin (Mt. 1:21).

In Christ's love,

Rick Phillips

Psalm 133 captures our thoughts at the end of another year of blessing for us at Second Presbyterian Church:

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Running down on the beard,
The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his garments.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the LORD commanded the blessing—
Life forevermore.

The blessings of life forevermore continue to pour upon us from on high as we walk together on this pilgrim journey toward the celestial city. We thank you for your fellowship, friendship, many kindnesses, and for the mutual encouragement. May our Father richly bless you in the coming year!!

In His Service,
Robert Spears