

One thing this says is that we should have high expectations for a man called to this office. In the ordination service, Seth will make several most solemn vows in the presence of God. He will promise to uphold the truths of God's Word. He will vow that God has induced him to seek the office of ministry solely out of a love to God and a sincere desire to promote the gospel. He will vow to be zealous and faithful in defending God's Word and also in pursuing the purity and peace of the Church, even in the face of persecution and opposition. And he will pledge himself to faithful and diligent exercise of his duties as assistant minister in our congregation. Please uphold him in prayer as he makes these solemn vows, asking God to provide the grace for him to keep them.

The congregation will also make affirmations, as Seth is installed as assistant minister at Second Church. You will promise to receive Seth in his office of pastor and minister of the gospel, to receive God's Word from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to his authority in the due exercise of church discipline. Moreover, you will pledge to encourage him in his labors, to assist his endeavors for your instruction and edification, and to provide competent worldly support to him and his family. Please prayerfully consider the sobriety of your promises to Seth and the support of his ministry in our church.

Paul writes that the ascended Lord Jesus has given competent pastor/teachers as a gift to His Church (Eph. 4:11). So we should acknowledge Seth's calling with thanks to the Lord. It has been said that a holy minister is a mighty weapon in the hand of the Lord – may it be so with Seth Starkey. Thank you all for the ways you have helped and supported the Starkeys during Seth's internship, and thank you for the way that I know you will continue in spiritual support of his ministry. By receiving the ministry of God's Word through Seth Starkey you will both honor God and gain much benefit to yourselves and the church. As Scripture teaches: "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you" (Heb. 13:17).

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips

New Members' Class

Begins Sunday, March 6, 2011
10:00 AM in Room C-209 (on second floor)
Taught by Pastor Phillips
The class will meet each Sunday for 6 weeks.
Attending the class does not obligate one to join the church, however, you are required to take the class before joining the church.

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, February 2 - 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Watch for sign-up sheets

CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Fax: (864) 232-7622 * Email: info@secondpca.org
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

Jan. 30	Called Congregational meeting
Jan. 30	Nominations begin for Elder Election
Jan. 30	Ordination Service for Seth Starkey / Reception following service
Feb. 2	WIC Council
Feb. 2	Blood Drive
Feb. 6	Elder Nominations close after evening worship service
Feb. 7	Diaconate meeting
Feb. 8-9	WIC Circles
Feb. 9	Pastoral Care Committee meeting
Feb. 9	Called Session Meeting
Feb. 11	Valentine's Banquet
Feb. 13	Worship & Music Committee meeting
Feb. 13	College Class Lunch
Feb. 14	Session meeting
Feb. 15	PCRT Pastor's Luncheon
Feb. 20	The Lord's Supper at the evening worship service
Feb. 21	Young At Heart
Feb. 23	CE Committee meeting
Feb. 24	WIC Book Club
Feb. 27	Evangelism/Church Growth meeting

Congregational Meeting * Sunday, January 30, 2011
9:55 am in the sanctuary to act on Session's recommendation to elect not more than 2 Elders and begin nomination period. Adults (7th grade and up) will remain in sanctuary for a combined Sunday School class. Children 6th grade and under will go to their SS classes.

Lifetime of Romance



Valentine's Banquet
February 11, 2011 - 6:30 pm
Cost: \$10 per person (12 years and up)
Make reservations by Sunday, Feb. 6
with Ken Safford, Sheryl Plating, or Robert Spears
Registration sheets available on shelf outside the library.

Annual Sports' Banquet

Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

WIC Annual Meeting

CALVARY PRESBYTERY WOMEN IN THE CHURCH
2011 ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, March 5, 2011
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Fairview Presbyterian Church, Fountain Inn, SC
Price to cover lunch: \$8.00 per person payable at the door
—Find out what's going on for women in Calvary Presbytery.
—Find out what Women in the Church is all about.
—Hear an inspiring message on Proverbs 4:18.
—Hear about missions in the upstate.
—Eat a great lunch that you didn't prepare.
—Meet and encourage women from other churches in your presbytery.
As Presbyterians, we are part of something bigger. We are connected...we are to encourage one another. One way to do that is with our presence. We have two large meetings a year, the annual meeting and the fall retreat. Please join us this year.
Free Babysitting will be provided.

The Second Presbyterian Church
Rev. Richard D. Phillips, Senior Minister
announces the Service of Ordination of
Mr. Seth Timmons Starkey

to the Gospel Ministry by
Presbytery of Calvary, Presbyterian Church in America
You are cordially invited to attend and
remain for the reception immediately following
Sunday, January 30, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

Church Directory

We have begun working on a new church directory. If you need to make any changes to the existing directory, please email these changes to judy@secondpca.org. For the next 2 Sundays, Hank Ludwig will be set-up in the sanctuary to take pictures for our new directory. If you would like to have a new picture in this year's directory please stop by and have your picture taken. Also, if you do not have a picture in the existing directory we encourage you to have your picture taken for our new directory. With so many new members it helps them learn their new church family faster if they have a face to match a name. If you would like to submit a digital picture via email (judy@secondpca.org) please do so as soon as possible.

Music Notes

This Sunday's choral anthem is Simeon's Prayer. This was chosen based on Robert Spears' sermon from Sunday evening, January 2. Luke 2:22-35 is the Scripture reference. He spoke to us about Simeon who was a specially-prepared servant (by the work of the Holy Spirit) to honor the Lord Jesus when he was brought to the temple for his dedication. He also encouraged Jesus' parents and all that heard him concerning God's salvation for His people through the long-awaited Messiah. Simeon models for us the worship we should offer our God for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We hope to glorify the Lord this week through our music about this special servant of our Lord.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

During these weeks of heartache and sadness since Mother's sickness and death, we have been so aware of your prayers, love and concern. We sorrow but not as those without hope. Annie Mama is enjoying being in the presence of God at this very moment, and we take great comfort in that knowledge. She loved her Second Pres family, and your love for her and us is evident and greatly appreciated. We, along with Ken, thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, and thoughtful things you do.

With love, Bobby, Johnny, Mott and families

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your outpouring of love, prayers, and practical help for our family during Jennifer's recent "adventure" to the burn center in Augusta. We love all of you so much, and thank God for you!

Love, The Pennington Family

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you and ask the Lord to bless you for the many acts of kindness you have shown me in the past year. You all have busy lives, yet you came to my aid. Thank you for your prayers, service and your love. Thank you again and again.

Joy Smith

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 30

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:55 AM Called Congregational Meeting to act on Session's recommendation for Elder election/Nominations begin Combined Adult SS in sanctuary (7th grade and up)
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL** (6th grade and under)
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 5:30 PM Prayer in the Chapel for the Congregation and Officers
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP** - Seth Starkey's Ordination Service
 7:15 PM Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Starkey
 6:00 PM Wee Worship Choir

Monday, January 31

6:00 PM Sr. High Girls' B'ball game at J. Knox
 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys' B'ball game at ARP

Tuesday, February 1

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828

Wednesday, February 2

5:00 PM WIC Council
 5:00 PM BLOOD DRIVE
 5:45 PM **Family Night Fellowship Supper**
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Thursday, February 3

9:30 AM WIC Precepts Bible Study

Friday, February 4

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 5

9:15 AM I-Mites B'ball game at St. James
 9:30 AM Midget Boys' B'ball game at OLR
 11:30 AM JC Boys' B'ball game at St. Mary
 11:30 AM JB Girls' B'ball game at St. George
 11:30 AM Mites' B'ball game at home
 11:30 PM JC Girls' B'ball game at 4th Pres.

Memorial Flowers

There are numerous openings for Memorial Flowers in 2011. If you would like to place Memorial flowers in the church sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office (ext. 10) or Judy Bishop (246-0951).

January 30; February 6, 20, 27; March 6, 20; April 3, 10
 May 1, 22, 29; July 17, 24; August 14, 28; Sept. 25; Oct. 2, 9; Nov. 13

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following member.
 Also, send her a note of encouragement and/or give her a call.

Mrs. Rubye Benchoff
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 Greenville, SC 29607
 235-9958

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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY JANUARY 30, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

MAN FOOLISH AND FALLEN

Psalm 53
 Anthem: Simeon's Prayer
 Hymns: 110, 486, 473
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM
Seth Starkey's Ordination Service

GIFTS FROM ON HIGH

Ephesians 4:7-12
 Hymns: 1, 296, 642
 Rev. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter From The Senior Minister Ordination to Gospel Ministry

This Sunday evening we will rejoice for a special occasion at Second Church; a service of ordination to gospel ministry of Mr. Seth Timmons Starkey. Ordination to sacred office is always a high and holy event, and all the more so when God sets a man apart for full-time service in the gospel. I hope that all members will make a special effort to be present for this significant occasion.

According to our *Book of Church Order*, "Ordination is the authoritative admission of one duly called to an office in the Church of God, accompanied with prayer and the laying on of hands" (17-1). Ordination publically recognizes a man's calling to gospel service and confers upon him authority in the church in God's name. "Upon those whom God calls to bear office in His Church He bestows suitable gifts for the discharge of their various duties" (BCO 16-3). Therefore, a court of the church approves a man for ordination, based on evidence of gifts, soundness in the faith, and personal godliness.

Let me describe the process by which a man is called to and ultimately ordained into the gospel ministry. It starts with an inward call to ministry, that is, a conviction of divine calling to the office of minister, which should be confirmed by appeal to the counsel of church leaders. A man called to ministry then needs to undertake a course of seminary study in order "to present [himself] to God as one approved,... rightly handling the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). Candidates for ministry come under the care of the presbytery during their seminary training, to ensure that sound spiritual growth accompanies growth in knowledge. Next, a candidate for ministry must perform an internship in a local church, during which he is trained, his gifts are tested, and he is provided opportunity for growth. Along the way, a candidate needs to be licensed to preach in the presbytery. Licensure involves examinations by the presbytery concerning his Christian experience, his call to preach the Gospel, his soundness in theology, his knowledge of the Bible, and his understanding of church government. Licensure also requires the candidate to preach a sermon before the presbytery and to submit papers on theology and Bible. Finally, when a licensed man has completed his internship and his seminary education, he may receive a call to ministry from a local church. His final exams are in church history and the sacraments. Upon approval for ordination by the presbytery, a commission is organized to oversee his ordination into gospel ministry.

This should help you realize what a long road it is that Seth and Laura Lee have travelled to arrive at this Sunday night's ordination service. It has involved years of sacrifice and commitment, all driven by the inward conviction of God's calling to preach the gospel. Through four years of seminary education, Seth has committed himself to the competent handling of God's Word. Through over a year of internship in our church, he has honed and demonstrated his gifts, as well as his personal qualifications to hold the office of minister. Along the way, Seth has been challenged, encouraged, prayed for, and helped by the members of our church. So I hope that we all will take satisfaction in his ordination, with thanks to God and excitement for the Kingdom work that God will accomplish through Seth's ministry.