

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 28

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
9:50 AM Children's Chapel
10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
7:30 PM Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
7:30 PM Christmas Hymn Sing

Wednesday, December 31

Church Office Closed
No Wednesday activities

Thursday, January 1

Church Office Closed

Happy New Year
From the Church Staff

Friday, January 2

- 2:00 PM Senior High Girls' Basketball practice

Scripture Reading for the Week

Isaiah 9: 6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 24 Lessons and Carols
Dec. 24 No regular Wednesday night activities
Dec. 24-26 Church Office Closed
Dec. 28 Christmas Hymn Sing
Dec. 28 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Dec. 31 No Wednesday night activities
Dec. 31 Church Office Closed
Jan. 1 Church Office Closed
Jan. 4 Ordination and Installation of Deacons
Jan. 4 Reception for New Deacons
Jan. 7 WIC Council
Jan. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Jan. 11 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Jan. 13 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
Jan. 13-14 WIC Circles
Jan. 14 Missions Committee Meeting
Jan. 18 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Jan. 19 Young At Heart
Jan. 21 Administration Committee Meeting
Jan. 22 WIC Bible Study begins
Jan. 23 Jr. High Fellowship
Jan. 24 Calvary Presbytery
Jan. 25 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
Jan. 28 CE Committee Meeting
Jan. 30 WIC Game Night in Fellowship Hall

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Tim and Kristen Owens
Cole

Alma Palmer

Jean Pennington
Robert, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Dean

Remembering One Another

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

Ruby Benchoff
304 Dupont Dirve
Greenville, SC 29607
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2014 PCA Ministerial Relief Christmas Offering

RBI's Ministry of Relief has been providing financial assistance and encouragement to retired PCA pastors, missionaries, church servants and their families for 38 years. The predominant assistance we provide is to widows of PCA Teaching Elders. Without this financial assistance they struggle to afford the basic needs of life. In fact, many would live in near poverty without the assistance we provide.

The annual Ministerial Relief Christmas Offering is the principle source of funding to meet the needs of these widows and other PCA church servants. *We need your help more than ever.*

According to the recent PCA Retirement Readiness Survey conducted by RBI, the number of retiring PCA pastors will triple over the next 25 years. Since 82% of wives outlive their husbands by an average of 11 to 14 years, a large portion of those pastors retiring will leave widows who will outlive their retirement accounts resulting in incomes at or below the poverty level. Over the next 25 years, the number of families needing Ministerial Relief will quadruple.

If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause please mark your check PCA Relief Offering and put it in the offering plate or you may donate online at www.pcadonate.org



Basketball Schedule



Jan. 3	8:30 am	I-Mites	Finlay Hall
Jan. 3	8:30 am	Jr. High Girls	St. George
Jan. 3	10:30 am	Jr. High Boys	Home
Jan. 3	11:30 am	Mites	W. Pres. II
Jan. 5	6:00 pm	Sr. High Girls	TLC
Jan. 5	7:00 pm	Sr. High Boys	OLR

Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

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.*

*No Meal * No Nursery*

**Christmas Hymn Sing
Sunday, December 28, 2014
immediately following
the evening service.**

December Schedule

- ⇒ There will be no Wednesday night activities on:
Wednesday, December 31st
- ⇒ The Church Office will be closed:
December 24-26
- ⇒ The West End Herald will not be mailed the week of
December 29th.

Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2014 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than December 31.

2015 Offering Envelopes

The 2015 offering envelopes are on a table outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes this week. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 18. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes. Please use the 2015 envelopes beginning the first Sunday in January. Your 2015 envelope number may be different from the 2014 number.

New Bible Study for Women

All ladies are invited to a new Bible Study beginning Thursday, January 22, 2015 and continuing for 10 weeks each Thursday morning from 9:30-11:30 am. Please join us as we study The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis by Nancy Guthrie. If you plan to attend please call Mary Russell (329-1670) or email (erussell1670@charter.net) as books need to be ordered.

Deacon Ordination/Installation

Sunday, January 4, 2015
Evening Worship Service

There will be a reception for the new deacons in the gym immediately following the evening worship service.

Many Thanks

Thank you to everyone who participated in "Operation Christmas Child" by packing a shoebox. Second Pres. sent 66 out of 100 shoeboxes this year. Please remember to pray for the children who will be receiving these gifts, that each child would experience God's unconditional love and provision. Thanks to Pat Tyner for coordinating this effort.

Gym Closed

The church gym will be closed at 8:00 am Tuesday, December 23rd through Christmas for refinishing.

Some Resolutions by Jonathan Edwards

1. Resolved, that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to God's glory and to my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time...
2. Resolved to do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general...
5. Resolved, never to lose one moment of time; but improve it the most profitable way I possibly can...
7. Resolved, never to do anything that I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life...
9. Resolved, to think much on all occasions of my own dying, and of the common circumstances which attend death...
14. Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge...
21. Resolved, never to do anything that, if I should see it in another, I should count a just occasion to despise him for, or think any way the more meanly of him.
22. Resolved, to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness in the other world as I possibly can, with all the power, might, vigor, and vehemence, yea, violence, I am capable of...
28. Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently that I may find, and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of them.
34. Resolved, in narrations never to speak anything but the pure and simple verity...
53. Resolved, to improve every opportunity... to cast and venture my soul on the Lord Jesus Christ, to trust and confide in him, and consecrate myself wholly to him; that from this I may have the assurance of my safety, knowing that I confide in my Redeemer.



As 2014 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the great privilege of serving here at Second Presbyterian Church. Christina and I have been so richly blessed by the ministry of this church and by being able to serve in some of the wonderful ministries we have here, especially to our children, young adults, and college students. Over this past year, our students' lives have been a true testament to how God's power is made manifest through His Word, the prayers of the church, and the sacraments which our Lord instituted while He was on earth. My prayer is that this Christmas season will be a time of refreshment for you and your families as you gather together. While Christmas can be (and often is!) a time of great business, I hope you will have the opportunity to rest and to reflect on the fact that Christ came to save His people. As we gather together as a church on Christmas Eve, may our fellowship with one another be a true foretaste of that fellowship we shall have in the new heavens and the new earth. As the New Year comes, we will face many joys and challenges together as a church family. My prayer for you as 2015 arrives is the same that the Apostle Paul had for the Philippians:

"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

Merry Christmas,
Scott Cook

Merry Christmas to each of you from the entire Mel Duncan family. What a great blessing to be a part of this beloved congregation. Lynda, the children and I praise God for each one of you and are appreciative of your friendship in the Lord. This past year has been one of God's goodness and care in our lives. Our prayer in this Christmas season is that all of us will find our greatest joy not in consumerism but in Jesus Christ and in the celebration of his birth. In light of his redemptive work accomplished and applied on our behalf we wish each of you great Joy- for born in the city of David, some two millennia ago was a Savior, and his name was *Jesus*.



...I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man...
From the Nicene Creed

Your Friend,
Melton L. Duncan

May the beauty of Christ, Jesus and the joy of His birth fill your hearts and homes this Christmas and throughout the coming year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support and encouragement we have felt as we have made Greenville our new home, and Second Presbyterian our new church home. You have been a source of great blessing to my family and I, and we are truly thankful that our Lord has led us to this place. As we together praise our Heavenly Father in this season of wonder, may our songs of praise and worship inspire us to grow in His wisdom and grace. Kelli and I, and the whole family, would like to extend to each of you, our new church family, our most heartfelt prayers of blessing and peace in this season of rejoicing.

Gratefully, in Christ,
The Smoker Family

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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 - 6:55 PM
Adult Bible Study - 7:25 PM

At the Corner of River and Rhett

As the year draws to a close here at the Corner of River and Rhett I want to give pause and express my thankfulness for the remarkable people the Lord has called to serve Second Presbyterian Church on its ministry support staff. Each complements one another and brings glory to God in excellent ways for the benefit of our congregation. As a Church Administrator it is a joy to serve with these outstanding Christians along with our 615 Active Members in the work and mission of Second Church.

Judy Grant, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Grant grew up at Second Church and returned home to serve in the Church Office in 1999. She maintains the vital link between ministers, members and ministry and in her other call is an accomplished church musician, serving Bethesda United Methodist Church as Choir Director. Together with Haskell they are parents and grandparents. I am thankful for her Love for the Second Church family.

Cyndi Player, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Player has been a substitute church office assistant for a number of years. She is primarily responsible for communicating with SPC members who volunteer to do ministry each week at Second. An active member herself she teaches the 5 & 6 year old SS Class and coordinates Good News Bible Club Ministry. I am thankful for her love for the Children of Second Church.

Jane Warner, Bookkeeper

Mrs. Warner, since 2005 has coordinated the payment of church obligations to missionaries, benevolences, operating expenses as well as record keeping of contributions. This past year she took on the work for our daughter church Christ Church Charleston. Together with her husband John they are parents and look forward to being grandparents next year. They are active members at First Presbyterian. I am thankful for her attention to Financial Detail.

At the Corner of River and Rhett continued

Harry B. Jones & Kelly Collins, Custodians

Since 2009 Mr. Jones has been with us - joined a few years later by Mr. Collins - and have taken care of our beautiful facility. Both active members at Mountain View Baptist (with whom we have held our Easter Sunrise Service) they are well known faces in our congregation. Together with his wife Patsy Mr. Jones is a father and grandfather. Mr. Collins recently was engaged. *I am thankful for their Friendship and Love for The Church.*

Lynn & Ben Shaw, Cooks

This church likes to eat and since 2004 have been blessed by the Shaw's cooking our Wednesday Night meals. Dr. & Mrs. Shaw are active members at Redeemer PCA in Sylva, NC. Together they are parents and grandparents and are active in a variety of ministries within the broader church including SPC Bible Studies, Banquets and special events. *I am thankful for their Creativity and Wisdom.*

Kitty Swillen Cook's Assistant & Special Ministry

Mrs. Swillen has assisted SPC in Food Ministry for many years, especially our regular ministry luncheons and special events. She is a longtime member who has served the church in a variety of ways. *I am thankful for her Cheerfulness.*

The West End Herald will return on January 5, 2015.



The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY
December 28, 2014**

**MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM**

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT - JOY AND HUMILITY

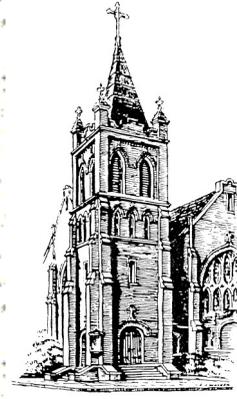
Philippians 2:1-18
Hymns: 226, 229, 219
Anthem: How Great Our Joy!
Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM**

**WALKING ON THE SEA
Mark 6:45-52**

Hymns: 108, 498, 630
Psalter: Psalm 68 (verses 9-19)
Mr. Jeffrey J. Windt preaching

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Christmas Letters

On behalf of our whole family, Sharon and I wish each and every one of you a wonderful Christmas celebration this year. Your love and support of our ministry in this church is a true gift to us and we are so grateful to serve this community of believers. In the busyness of the holiday, may the Lord enable us all to open our hearts with joy for the birth of our Savior and the salvation he has brought into our world. We rejoice to celebrate Christmas with you and hope that you will be blessed both in the gatherings of our church and with your families in your homes. May the Lord bless you.

In Christ's love,
The Phillips Family

In this season we remember and celebrate the wonderful and eternal gift from our Heavenly Father: the giving of His only and beloved Son for us. In Jesus we have received all things good: Love, Hope, Faith, Purpose, Truth, and Grace. These we receive both directly from our Father and also through His other children. This is our nineteenth Christmas season with you, our Second Presbyterian Church family. Jenny and I have received, through you, many of these priceless gifts from our Heavenly Father. Therefore we constantly give thanks for you all. We pray to the Father for His blessings to fall upon this part of His kingdom and for us together to be fruitful and faithful in the coming year. Each one of you is a special gift to us that is far beyond what we deserve or could even hope for.

In His Service,
Robert and Jenny