

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, April 19

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 5:15 PM Men's Ensemble Rehearsal  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

### Monday, April 20

11:45 AM Young At Heart

### Tuesday, April 21

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 22

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting  
 5:45 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 yrs. old-Kindergarten)  
 6:15 PM Children's Choir (1st-4th grade)  
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (5th-8th grade)  
 6:15 PM Youth Ensemble (Sr. High & College)  
 6:55 PM CAT Kids  
 6:55 PM Covenant Kids  
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**  
 7:25 PM College & 20's Class  
 7:25 PM **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 23

9:00 AM Calvary Presbytery Stated Meeting  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion

### Friday, April 24

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Jr. High Fellowship

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 29:3-4

*The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. (ESV)*

## Upcoming Events

April 18	WIC Brunch
April 19	The Lord's Supper at the evening service
April 20	Young At Heart
April 22	CE Committee Meeting
April 23	Calvary Presbytery at Clemson PCA
April 24	Jr. High Fellowship
April 26	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
May 3	Elder Vow Renewal at the evening service
May 4	Diaconate Meeting
May 6	WIC Council
May 6	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
May 6	GRADUATION BANQUET
May 7	National Day of Prayer
May 10	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
May 11	Session Meeting
May 12	WIC Circles 1-5
May 13	Missions Committee Meeting
May 13	CAT KIDS PROGRAM
May 17	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
May 18	Young At Heart
May 20	CAT Kids Spring Fling
May 20	Administration Committee Meeting
May 20	WIC Circle 6
May 22	Jr. High Fellowship
May 24	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
May 27	CE Committee Meeting
May 27	MUSICAL CAT KIDS BEGINS

## Upcoming Dates

June 7	All Adult Sunday School begins
June 8-12	General Assembly-Chattanooga, TN
June 13-20	Mission Trip to MTW-Cherokee
June 22-26	Vacation Bible School
July 4	Annual Church Picnic
July 6-11	Sr. High trip to Edisto Island
July 13-17	Mission Trip to Calvary Home
July 17-25	Mission Trip-Cajamarca Peru
July 20-24	Jr. High trip to Ridge Haven
August 9	Missions Emphasis Sunday
August 30	Rally Day
September 25-27	World Missions Conference

## Remembering One Another

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

**Mrs. Lila Riggins**  
 801 Musgrove Street  
 Clinton, SC 29325

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Verlyn and Kelli Smoker**  
**John, Emma, and Mark**  
**Robert and Jenny Spears**  
  
**Daniel Spears**  
**Katie Spears**

## Missionary for the Week

**Rev. & Mrs. Josh Rieger**  
**MTW England**

In England and Wales there are, by some accounts, 24 churches that would consider themselves to be confessional churches holding to the Westminster Confession of Faith. This is in the land where this confession was written. One denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW), has about half of those churches and has been working with Mission to the World and the PCA for two decades with a vision to plant confessional, Bible believing, Presbyterian churches all over England and Wales. We will work with Gateshead Presbyterian Church in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne/Gateshead area, to plant another church in Northern England. We have a heart for those who already have placed their trust in Christ, but do not have a confessional reformed church nearby, and especially for those who have been born and raised, never having learned the truth of the gospel. We yearn to see people coming to faith in a God they have not before known or worshiped and turning their lives to His service.

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### Young At Heart

The Young At Heart monthly luncheon will be Monday, April 20 at 11:45 am in the Church Fellowship Hall. The cost of the catered meal is \$7.00 per person payable at the door. Mr. Melton Duncan will speak to us this month on "Finding Your Place at Second."

### New Baby

We rejoice with Aaron and Olivia Angell in the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, on Thursday, April 9, 2015. Caroline weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well.


- If you would like to sign-up to take the Angells a meal following the birth of their daughter please go to [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) and use the code 1892, password-Angell.

### Flowers for Mother's Day

May 10th is Mother's Day and there is a vacancy that Sunday to put Memorial Flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone special. If you would like to do this please call the church office or Judy Bishop (246-0951). There are also other dates available if you would like to have another date.

### Elders' Vow Renewal


The Elders will renew their vows at the evening worship service on May 3, 2015.



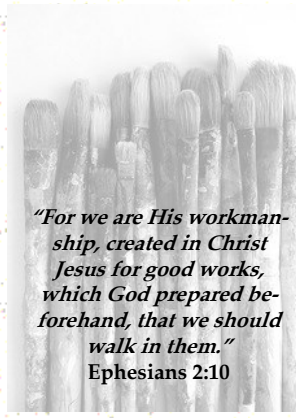
### CAT Kids Program

Wednesday, May 13  
 Supper: 5:45 PM  
 Program: 7:00 PM

*Come and see what our covenant children have learned this year in CAT Kids.*



### WIC Annual Brunch



*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*  
 Ephesians 2:10

### The Art of the Master

Ladies of All Ages are invited to the

**WIC Annual Brunch**  
**Winifred Baker, Speaker**

Saturday, April 18

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Church Fellowship Hall

Nursery Care available upon request

Register on Church Website

RSVP to Beth Gustafson (844) 534-1447

[marjorieelizabethgustafson@gmail.com](mailto:marjorieelizabethgustafson@gmail.com)

### Treasurer's Report

#### MARCH 2015 & YTD

	Actual		
	March 2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget
Offerings	147,980	313,859	336,500
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	74,083	236,212	249,479
Mission Disbursements	<u>27,849</u>	<u>13,820</u>	<u>38,019</u>
Total Outlays	101,932	250,032	287,498
Net Offerings	46,048	63,827	

—Contributions in March 2015 were \$147,980.

—Contributions YTD March 2015 were \$272,942 versus \$253,757 for YTD March 2014.

—Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the financial resources necessary for the programs and ministry of SPC.

—If you have any questions, please contact Bobby Mann or Jeremy Weaver.

### Good News Club 11th Annual Golf Classic

The Cliffs Valley—April 28th  
 The Cliffs at Walnut Cove—June 2  
 The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards—October 12  
 Visit [www.cefgreenville.com](http://www.cefgreenville.com) for more information.

### Calvary Presbytery

The 126th Stated Meeting of Calvary Presbytery will be held on Thursday, April 23rd at Clemson PCA. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am. Please be in prayer for God's blessing on this meeting and for the commissioners attending from Second. Visitors are welcome.

### Use Your Musical Gifts to Serve

Spring is an excellent time for fresh starts and the choral music ministry of Second Church is preparing to make a fresh start this Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 pm. If you have been waiting for an opportune time to join, or re-join, the Chancel Choir then—NOW IS THE TIME! The choir will resume weekly rehearsals this week with an eye toward the spring and summer months. Even if you would merely like to visit a rehearsal to find out what it's like you are most welcome to do so. Child care is always provided. Hope to see you on Wednesday!

~Verlyn Smoker, Director of Music

### Men's Chorus

On Sunday evening, May 10, a men's ensemble will be singing for the evening service. Any man who would like to join his voice with this group is welcome to do so—High School and College age young men are also welcome. We will be rehearsing on Sunday evenings **April 19** and **May 3** from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. Please call, text or email Verlyn Smoker if you would like to be a part of this vocal ensemble. He can be reached at 864-979-9378 or [vsmoker@spcgreenville.org](mailto:vsmoker@spcgreenville.org).

### All Adult Sunday School

This Lord's Day, April 19th, SPC will have a special All Adult Sunday School to hear from our visiting minister, Dr. Richard Belcher (Professor of RTS Charlotte) on "What Does Adam Have To Do With the Gospel?" The class will meet in the sanctuary at 10 am and will conclude by 10:40 am.





them as a means of comfort. Especially significant are the two cups of which Jesus spoke: the cup of fellowship and gladness he offered to the disciples, which he offers still to us today, and the cup of wrath about which our Lord prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, a cup he alone would drink to the bottom. Believers should look with hope toward the wedding feast of the Lamb to which we are invited through Jesus' death (Rev. 19:9), the very wine of heaven which in the Supper we now drink by faith.

Moreover, the Lord's Supper contains a lesson on the history of redemption. It directs us to the past, as our Lord commanded us to "do this in remembrance of me." Christians are people who look back on the death of Christ as the pivotal moment in history. But Christians also look forward, even as Paul tells us, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor. 11:26).

We are those whose eyes are fixed on the future horizon when our Lord returns in glory and in power. But the sacrament also speaks to the present. Christians gather before the Lord's table like Israel in the desert seeking provision. We are pilgrims on our sojourn to Canaan, and here is the spiritual manna from which we gain strength for the long journey ahead. Here is the drink for the parched lips of our souls, brought forth not by the striking of the rock but by the striking of Christ upon the cross. Like Abraham coming to Melchizedek from the weariness of his battles, we come to Christ to be fed, provisioned, refreshed, and renewed. Horatius Bonar has us therefore sing:

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here, drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

In administering the Lord's Supper, I usually try to tie it in to the gospel message that preceded it in the sermon. In an important way, the sacrament as a means of grace is subordinate to the preached Word, since only God's Word has power to convert. Yet in an equally important way, the Lord's Supper is a most direct application of the preached gospel, as it personally confronts each person present with the reality of his or her own relationship to Jesus Christ. People may endure the sermon



with studied indifference, but when the bread and the cup are set before them they must make a decision about what they are going to do. For when the elders bring the elements of the Supper to the congregation, each of you must assess the actual religion you profess.

Do you rely on the death of Christ as your only hope of life and eternity? And do you commit yourself sincerely in faithfulness to Jesus as your covenant Lord, having publicly professed your faith by joining Christ's church? Have your thoughts and deeds reflected this commitment, and are their matters you need to bring to Christ in prayer before you sit before His Table? Here is the true altar call set before the assembled church, where weary Christians are called to revival and unbelievers are confronted with the consequences of their alienation from Christ. With these thoughts in mind, may God bless you as you prepare to feed upon the bread of God and to drink the royal wine of heaven.

May God bless you this week.

Pastor Rick Phillips



#### CHURCH INFORMATION

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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



### Graduation Banquet



Wednesday, May 6, 2015  
5:45 PM \* Church Gymnasium

Join us as we honor our 2015 graduates:

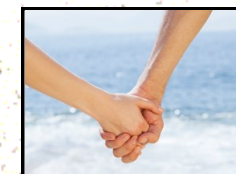
#### High School/Home School

James Compton	High School
Caleb Ecarma	Home School
Elise Farley	Bob Jones Academy
Emily Godwin	Riverside High School
Noah McConnell	Home School
Elizabeth Pennington	Greer Middle Charter
Hannah Phillips	Home School
Austin Shipp	Greenville Classical Academy
Katie Upton	Home School

#### Colleges/Universities/Seminaries

Aryn Baxa	Columbia International Univ.
Scott Cook	RTS Charlotte
Rob Gustafson	Erskine
James Pratt	Bob Jones University
Faith Russell	Greenville Tech
Nathan Sasser	USC

If you are graduating in May or December, 2015,  
and have not contacted the church office please do so this week.  
232-7621, ext. 10 or [jgrant@spcgreenville.org](mailto:jgrant@spcgreenville.org)



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Marriage Seminar**  
"Created, Fallen, Redeemed"  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips

May 14-15, 2015 \* 6:00 pm  
Includes a delicious meal both nights  
\$40 per couple  
Nursery Provided

Register Online @ [www.spcgreenville.org](http://www.spcgreenville.org)

**WIDOW'S FUND**

*The purpose of this fund is to minister to the widows of the congregation by providing financial assistance. The funding is provided by designated contributions outside of the church budget and shall be used only for the purposes of this ministry. The Session shall determine and designate women eligible for the fund.*

There is currently an urgent need for contributions to the SPC Widow's Fund. Trustees have been appointed to administer these funds. **Can you assist?** Make checks or cash gifts out to Second Presbyterian Church and designate "Widow's Fund."

**GYM SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY**

A friendly reminder to folks to stay clear of room C211 the next few weeks while the deacons work with selected vendors to improve the Gym HVAC system. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade SS has moved across the hall for the next two Sunday Mornings.

**VISITING MINISTER**

Dr. Richard Belcher will be preaching this Sunday at the morning worship services. He serves as the John D. and Frances M. Gwin Professor of Old Testament and the Academic Dean at RTS Charlotte. He is an ordained minister in the PCA and pastored an urban nondenominational church in Rochester, NY for ten years before pursuing a Ph.D. This pastoral experience in an unusual and challenging setting gives him great insight into the practical, modern issues that will be faced by future pastors studying with him at RTS. He graduated from Covenant College and received his M. Div from Covenant Seminary. He also received a S.T.M. from Concordia Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. is from Westminster Theological Seminary. He has served as stated supply for numerous churches in the Charlotte area since coming to RTS Charlotte in 1995.

The Editor



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**Return Service Requested**

**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD'S DAY**

April 19, 2015

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

**MISSION IN WARFARE CONDITIONS**  
Revelation 12

Hymns: 453, 437, 578

Anthem: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  
Dr. Richard P. Belcher, Jr. preaching

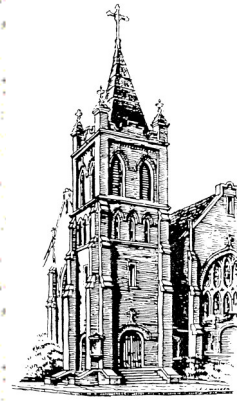
**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 PM

**DOXOLOGICAL PRAYER**  
Matthew 6:1-3c

Hymns: 2, 4, 420

Psalter: Psalm 77 (verses 1-10)  
Rev. Robert E. Spears preaching

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April 13, 2015

**Letter from the Senior Minister  
The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper connects with practically every redemptive theme of the Bible. This is no surprise, since all of our life in Christ, the whole spectrum of Christian salvation, passes through the cross of our Lord, which is the explicit subject of the Lord's Supper. I would like, however, to suggest a few redemptive themes that are especially connected to the Lord's Supper and which may serve as examples of a much larger whole of related themes.

Undoubtedly, the primary Old Testament reference for this sacrament is the Passover of Israel. When we gather before the Lord's Table, we should remember Israel's deliverance from bondage to Pharaoh and think of our own redemption from the Egypt of our sin. We should recall how the lamb's blood turned away God's wrath. We should also remember our pilgrim status in this world, and the bitterness of life and the afflictions recalled to us by the unleavened bread. One of our great communion hymns, written in the 8<sup>th</sup> century by John of Damascus, reminds us eloquently of our fellowship with the exodus Israelites:

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness  
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

We should also recall the events of the night on which our Lord instituted the Supper. The disciples heard with dismay Christ's words of the cross; now this Supper was given to