

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, November 12

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 10:00 AM Diaconate Training  
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**  
 12:30 PM New Members' Luncheon  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**  
 7:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Monday, November 13

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Session Meeting

### Tuesday, November 14

10:00 AM WIC Circle 3 meets at the church  
 1:30 PM WIC Circle 5 meets at the church  
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training  
 6:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at Tammy Loopers'  
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at Panera Bread

### Wednesday, November 15

5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 & 5 year olds)  
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (grades 1-6)  
 6:15 PM Youth Ensemble (grades 7-12)  
 6:15 PM Administration Committee Meeting  
 6:45 PM Diaconate Training  
 6:50 PM WIC Circle 1  
 6:55 PM CAT/Covenant Kids  
 6:55 PM Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies  
 6:55 PM **PRAYER MEETING FOR ALL ADULTS**  
 7:25 PM **BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL ADULTS**  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 16

5:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice  
 6:00 PM Mission to Main  
 6:00 PM LightBringers in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, November 17

12:00 PM Men's Lunch and Bible Study

### Saturday, November 18

1:30 PM Wedding of Callie Therrell and Rainey Hoopes

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 8 Pastoral Care Committee  
 Nov. 8 Missions Committee  
 Nov. 10 Middle School Bowling Night  
 Nov. 10 High School Game Night @ church  
 Nov. 12 New Members' Reception and Luncheon  
 Nov. 12 Worship & Music Committee  
 Nov. 13 Session Meeting  
 Nov. 14-15 WIC Circles  
 Nov. 15 Administration Committee  
 Nov. 16 LightBringers  
 Nov. 19 The Lord's Supper at the morning services  
 Nov. 20 Young At Heart  
 Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Dinner & Service  
 Nov. 23-24 Church Office Closed  
 Nov. 29 CE Committee Meeting

## Mark Your Calendars

Dec. 1 High School Christmas Party  
 Dec. 2 WIC Decorating for Christmas  
 Dec. 3 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting  
 Dec. 4 & 6 Choir Rehearsals for Messiah  
 Dec. 7 LightBringers Christmas Party  
 Dec. 8 Middle School Christmas Party  
 Dec. 9 WIC Cookie Exchange  
 Dec. 10 Deacon Election  
 Dec. 10 Messiah Presentation  
 Dec. 12 WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon  
 Dec. 13 Christmas Dinner & Program  
 Dec. 15 Mobley Fold/ACTS SS Class Christmas Party  
 Dec. 18 Young At Heart Christmas Lunch & Program  
 Dec. 22-26 Church Office Closed

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 112:4-6

*Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. (ESV)*

## 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.

**Ann Brand**  
 139 Fawnbrook Drive  
 Greer, SC 29650  
 864-801-2465

## Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**Daniel and Haley Maycock**  
**Daisy Claire**

**Louise McAlister**

**Rich and Lois McCall**

## Missionary of the Week

### Bethany Christian Services November is National Adoption Month

Thousands of children in the U. S. foster care system are waiting to be adopted. Through adoption, these children can have a permanent family that provides the love, stability, and guidance they desperately need. Please join Bethany Christian Services this November in raising awareness and praying for children in foster care who are waiting for a family to call their own. Bethany's N.O.W. (No One Without) campaign is an initiative to ensure no child goes without a loving family. You can learn more about this program and how you can help at [www.bethany.org](http://www.bethany.org). This month Bethany Christian Services will also be celebrating and supporting those touched by adoption. If you or someone you know is a birthparent, adoptee, or adoptive parent, Bethany Christian Services' Post-Adoption Contact Center is available to support ALL who have been touched by adoption. Visit [bethany.org/pacc](http://bethany.org/pacc) to learn more.

## Middle School Bowling Night



All middle school youth (6th-8th grades) are invited to "bowling night" at Wade Hampton Lanes in Taylors on Friday, November 10th at 6:30 pm. We will then head to The Cookout for food/milkshakes. Drop-off will be at the bowling alley at 6:30 pm and pick up will be at The Cookout around 9:30 pm. Please RSVP to Sharon Phillips (sharonps103@aol.com or 864-569-8765) ASAP.



**High School Game Night**  
**Friday, November 10th**  
**6:30 pm @ the church.**

## The Shoebox-Deadline: Nov. 12th

Operation Christmas Child  
 National collection week is coming up in November. Return filled boxes to the church office by November 12th. Remember to include \$9.00 for postage.

## Church Directory

John Smoker will be taking pictures of our new members at the New Members Luncheon on Nov. 12th. If you need to update your picture please stop by and see John at the luncheon. Also, if you need to update new addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. please contact the church office with your new information.

232-7621, ext. 101 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org

## LightBringers

Thursday, November 16, 2017  
 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
*For 5th-8th grade girls and their mothers*  
 If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Bailey.  
 770-898-2318



**WIC will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sat., Dec. 2.**  
**Come join them as the ladies beautify the church for this Christmas season.**



*Together with Their Families*  
**Callie-Anne Elizabeth Therrell**  
 and



**Duncan Rainey Hoopes, Jr.**

*Invite You To Their Wedding*  
 November 18, 2017 at 1:30 pm  
 Second Presbyterian Church

## Treasurer's Report

### OCTOBER 2017 & YTD

	Actual		YTD Budget
	Oct. 2017	YTD 2017	
Offerings	106,288	1,007,457	1,159,167
Outlays:			
Operating Expenses	78,095	883,536	1,009,809
Mission	0	121,445	149,358
Total Outlays	78,095	1,004,981	1,159,167
Net Offerings	28,193	2,476	

- Contributions in Oct. 2017 were \$106,288 versus budget of \$115,917.
- Contributions for Oct. 2016 were \$160,240.
- Contributions YTD Oct. 2017 were \$1,007,457 compared to YTD Oct. 2016 of \$1,045,014 or decrease of \$37,557.
- Actual contributions YTD are behind budget by \$151,710.
- Operating expenses for Oct. 2017 were \$78,095 versus the budget of \$100,981.
- For first 10 months of 2017, **cash inflows exceeded outflows** by \$2,476.
- Fourth quarter missionary and benevolence commitments are planned to be paid before year end.
- 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 Doug McDaniel or David Rainey.

## Thanksgiving Dinner & Service

**Wednesday Nov. 22**

**Dinner :**

**5:30 PM - Gym**

**Service:**

**7:00 PM - Sanctuary**



**The Church Office will be closed**  
**Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th.**

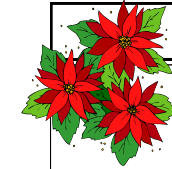
## It's Cookie Swappin' Time



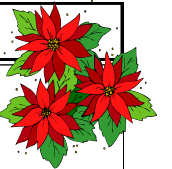
The WIC Cookie Swap will be Saturday, December 9 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am until 12 noon. Instructions for this event will be given out at the November Circle meetings and flyers will be posted throughout the church. Come with your best cookies and join in the fun, food, and fellowship!

**Young At Heart**  
**Thanksgiving Lunch & Program**  
**Monday, November 20th @ 11:45 am**  
**Speaker: Bill Watkins**  
**"Faithfulness in Service"**

## Christmas Poinsettias



It's time to order the Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. This year you may purchase a white Poinsettia for \$10.25. Orders will need to be in by Dec. 6th.



If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office. (Please do not put in the offering plate.)

I would like to purchase \_\_\_ Poinsettia (s) at \$10.25 ea. Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_



Church membership also involves supporting the church in its work. Under normal circumstances, each member should be actively involved in some form of service, whether it is teaching children's Sunday School or helping in the nursery, ushering, visiting the sick, and inviting friends and neighbors to church. We all have spiritual gifts, and they belong not to us but to one another, and our gifts are to be employed in the church for the work of the gospel. We are "individually members one of another." (Rom. 12:5) Moreover, we should all be faithful in evangelism and fervent in personal and corporate prayer.

Church membership involves financial support of the church. God's Word teaches us to support the Lord's work by giving regularly, proportionately and joyfully: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income." (1 Cor. 16:2) Our regular pattern should be to tithe, which means giving a tenth of our gross income to support the church. But many of us will be able to give more, "for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

*Submit.* God has ordained elders and shepherds to oversee the church, and this requires that church members submit to this spiritual authority. "Obey your leaders and submit to them," says the Bible, "for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account." (Heb. 13:17) This surely implies that you should be praying for your pastors, elders, and deacons, who have a heavy obligation and are subject to spiritual attack. I especially want to echo Paul's request that you pray "also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel... that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak." (Eph. 6:19-20)

*Study:* Our church membership vows include the promise to "study the purity and peace" of the church. This means that members are called to lead lives that will honor our Lord Jesus Christ, and that will encourage our brothers and sisters to mature in their faith. It is important how you live! Moreover, we are to study – that is, to actively cultivate – the peace of the church. Paul writes that we must bear with one another, "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3) We should loathe few things more than that



any of us should disturb the purity and peace of the church, and we should gladly suffer all manner of personal loss for the sake of the spiritual well-being of the church and its members.

None of these vows involve a special or onerous obligation. These are the normal commitments every Christian should happily make. And we will not find any of this burdensome. Rather, as we live together in Christ, thinking more highly of others than ourselves and being zealous for the gospel, God will bless us all together with righteousness, peace, and joy, and he will use our church for things that will last forever.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Phillips



**New Members' Luncheon**

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, November 12, 2017** immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium. **Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.** **Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.**

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

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Upcoming Monthly Events 7

**Church Services:** **Sunday:** Sunday School - 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 AM \* Evening Worship - 6:00 PM



**Reading Through the Bible in 2017**

Below is the schedule for reading through the Bible in 2017. We invite all members to participate in this exciting adventure of reading through the Bible in one year. The amount of reading is balanced each day, rotating from OT to NT and using Sundays as "catch-up" days.

Nov. 13	Ezekiel 31-33
Nov. 14	Ezekiel 34-37
Nov. 15	Ezekiel 38-40
Nov. 16	Ezekiel 41-44
Nov. 17	Ezekiel 45-48
Nov. 18	James 1-5

**Letter from LT. Stephen R. Scott, SUN, CHC  
Command Chaplain, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

First of all, I wanted to thank you all for your continued support and prayers over the years for the children, Londa, and me. Londa has been busy at home teaching the children (Sophia, 14; Josiah, 12; Naomi, 9; Caroline, 3). We both enjoy watching them get excited about what they are learning. Life stays pretty busy for us all as a family with school, sports, and exploring new places here in California.

I am currently stationed in San Diego. After finishing up an operation tour with the Marines at Miramar one year ago, I transitioned back to the Navy blue uniform to work with fast attack nuclear submarines at Naval Base Point Loma. We currently have a squadron of 5 subs. We also have the Underwater Rescue Command (URC) that performs submarine rescue all over the world for any US submarine and our allies. I typically would not go out with these subs for a full deployment, but I have had opportunity to get underway for short periods of time.

I recently returned from one of these brief underway periods with one of our submarines and I was reminded of the prophet Jonah for a number of reasons.

First, being in the belly of a submarine under water for three days is pretty surreal. Unlike Jonah, I didn't have to deal with the water, slime, smell and darkness that he endured in the belly of that great fish, but it did bring to reality the challenges that these submariners face when they get underway on deployments. I have a greater appreciation for the sacrifices that they make while serving our country. I noticed that little things such as the ability to see the blue sky or clouds or birds are absent because they have to look at a computer screen for 6-8 hours at a

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time. Obviously space is limited on a submarine and within these close quarters, friction takes place and stress elevates. It is always difficult to leave family members behind for extended periods, but on a submarine, communication with the outside world and any loved ones back home is few and far between.

Second, I am reminded of the mission of calling that Jonah was given by God. He didn't want to go to the people of Nineveh because he was fearful and quite honestly didn't think they deserved God's grace and mercy. Humanly speaking, and in Jonah's eyes, he saw no point. There are times as a Navy Chaplain that the mission seems overwhelming. There are countless spiritual battles that Christians face while serving the military. Sometimes the tasks seem as though you are all alone—much like Elijah on Mt. Horeb. But God is faithful, just as He was with Elijah, Jonah and countless other saints from Scripture who were called by God to be a shining light in this dark world.

Third, and most importantly, I am reminded of the work that God did through His servant Jonah in reaching a nation with the Gospel. The attitude that Jonah had through this whole process was pretty selfish, yet God in His great love chose to save a wicked nation and bring them to their knees in repentance. I am reminded that even though this calling has challenges at times and I sometimes honestly am unsure how to best counsel a sailor who is lost in sin and shows no remorse or possibility of turning, I think of God and His great sovereignty. I am an instrument in the Father's hands to go into this world and *"in my heart regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks me for a reason for the hope that is in me"* 1 Peter 3:15.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement as I and my brothers in the Lord serve our country and our service members in this humbling and amazing calling. I covet your continued prayers in the following areas:

- Pray for wisdom in my daily counseling of sailors as I seek to live out the Gospel.
- Pray for safety as these submariners perform some difficult and dangerous work under water for weeks and months at a time.
- Pray for strength as I juggle responsibilities as command chaplain and the San Diego region suicide training coordinator.
- Pray for wisdom for Londa and me as we seek out where God is calling us to serve in our next tour.

In Christ, Stephen Scott



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND  
THE LORD'S DAY  
November 12, 2017**

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

**THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM**  
Genesis 25:1-11  
Hymns: 94, (499/359), 546  
Anthem: For All the Saints  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
6:00 pm

**NOT ASHAMED!**  
2 Timothy 1:11-12  
Hymns: 605, 505, 705  
Psalm 10:12-18  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching



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**Letter from the Senior Minister  
Membership Vows**

This Lord's Day, November 12, 2017 at the 11:00 am worship service we are delighted to introduce new members into our congregation. It is my prayer that all those who have joined will be greatly blessed through this church and that they will be a blessing to us and a help to the work of the gospel here.

Married couples find that it is helpful to attend weddings, since they are reminded of the vows they gave one another. In a similar way, I hope all church members will pay attention to the vows taken by the new members this Sunday. We sometimes are tempted to think that it is the new members who will take our church forward in ministry, but the reality is that it is the faithfulness of all members – old and new – that enables us to be effective in serving God. Let me therefore remind us all of our membership vows, solemn promises that are most fitting for Christians to make.

*Support:* The first promise is to support the church in its worship and work. Members support the church in its worship by attending regularly and participating in a spiritual and whole-hearted manner. The Bible tells us not "to give up meeting together." (Heb. 10:25) I can tell you that it encourages the preacher to have the members present and actively participating! But it encourages everyone to see their brothers and sisters faithfully gathering as a church. Allowing for illness or works of necessity and mercy, Christians ought to support the morning and evening worship services on the Lord's Day, as well as activities that occur throughout the week whenever possible. Our attitude should be, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:10)