

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 26

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**
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Monday, November 27

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 28

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training

Wednesday, November 29

5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
 6:15 PM Hope Choir (4 & 5 year olds)
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir (1st-6th grades)
 6:15 PM Youth Ensemble (7th-12th grades)
 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 30

5:00 PM Jr. High Boys' Basketball practice
 6:00 PM Mission to Main

Friday, December 1

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study
 6:30 PM High School Christmas Party

Saturday, December 2

9:00 AM WIC Decorating for Christmas

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 112: 7-9

*He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
 His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his
 adversaries. He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
 his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
 Nov. 23-24 Church Office Closed
 Nov. 29 CE Committee Meeting
 Dec. 1 High School Christmas Party
 Dec. 2 WIC Decorating for Christmas
 Dec. 2 Perry Correctional Christmas Party
 Dec. 3 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting
 Dec. 4 Diaconate Meeting
 Dec. 4 & 6 Choir Rehearsals for Messiah
 Dec. 6 WIC Council
 Dec. 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Dec. 7 LightBringers Christmas Party
 Dec. 8 Middle School Christmas Party
 Dec. 9 WIC Cookie Exchange
 Dec. 10 Congregation Meeting to elect Deacons and receive and support 2018 budget
 Dec. 10 Handel's Messiah (Part 1) Presentation
 Dec. 10 Churchwide Reception following Messiah
 Dec. 12 WIC Circles
 Dec. 12 WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 13 Christmas Dinner & Program
 Dec. 15 Mobley Fold/ ACTS SS Class Christmas Party
 Dec. 15 Watkins Home Group & Fold Christmas Party
 Dec. 17 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 Dec. 18 Young At Heart Christmas Lunch & Program
 Dec. 20 No Wednesday Night Activities
 Dec. 20 Churchwide Christmas Caroling
 Dec. 22-26 Church Office Closed
 Dec. 24 Lessons and Carols
 Dec. 27 No Wednesday Night Activities
 Dec. 29 Church Office Closed
 Dec. 31 Christmas Hymn Sing

SAVE THE DATE

SPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE

January 26-28, 2018

Speakers:

Reid Jones, Clemson RUF

Rev. Jegar Chinnavan, First Asian/Indian PCA

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.

Sara Cater
 11 Colgate Avenue
 Greenville, SC 29617
 864-246-3292

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Doug and Susan McDaniel
Andie

Jim McGoldrick

Ray and Mariann McKenney
Cassandra and Nelson

Missionary of the Week



Rev. and Mrs. Esaie Etienne
MTW-Haiti Mission

Esaie and Natacha are natives of Haiti who have lived in the U.S. for over 20 years. They were married in 1997 and have three boys. Esaie has an M.Div. from RTS Orlando and is an ordained minister of the PCA in the Southwest Florida Presbytery. He has been in church-planting ministry since 1993 in South Florida, Central Florida, and Haiti. Natacha has a B.A. in elementary education.

In 2006, Esaie and Natacha decided to return to their homeland for ministry under the umbrella of Mission to the World. After deputation, they moved in 2008 to the city of Gonaives and in 2009 to Port-au-Prince. Following several disasters, Esaie and Natacha returned to South Florida to live. Esaie travels back and forth to Haiti monthly for the ministry.

Their ministry is comprised of church planting, leadership training, and mercy ministry, which includes a school for children, a medical mission, and a children's home.

2018 Offering Envelopes

The 2018 offering envelopes are being prepared. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 104. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes.

Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that in order to obtain a 2017 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than December 31.

There will be a Congregation Informational Budget meeting on December 3rd following the evening worship service.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on December 10th, at 10:00 am to elect Deacons and to receive and support the 2018 budget.

Volunteers Needed

Men and women are needed to help decorate the Haven for Christmas again this year on Thursday, November 30th beginning at 9:00 a.m. We should be able to finish the decorating in 2-3 hours depending on the number of members willing to help.

If you are willing to help again this year, please contact:
Barnetta Stephens at barnettastephens@gmail.com or
Judy Pitts at larrypitts@gmail.com.

Thank You

*Dear Church Family,
We're so very thankful for all the prayers, visits, encouraging phone calls, yard upkeep and overall sacrificial giving towards us during my stay and recovery in the hospital and rehab. We are humbled to be the recipients of such love and concern. You were Jesus' out-stretched arms to our family. God bless you!
Love to each of you, Larry Babb and family*

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

Handel's Messiah (Part One) December 10, 2017

Presented by The Chancel Choir
at the evening worship service.
Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family.
A Reception for the church will follow.

Youth Christmas Parties

High School Christmas Party @ the Spinnenwebers
Friday, Dec. 1st @ 6:30 pm

LightBringers Christmas Party
Thursday, Dec. 7th @ 6:00 pm

Middle School Christmas Party @ the Baileys
Friday, Dec. 8th

Change of Address

The following have recently had an address change. Please make these changes in your church directory.

Mark and Kimberly Robertson
133 North 101, Saluda Gap Road
Landrum, SC 29356

Fred and Kate Taylor
112 W. Broad St., Unit 301-B
Greenville, SC 29601

Garison and Amy Plourde
400 Trailblazer Drive
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Brian and Sarah Moore
103 Summitbluff Drive
Greenville, SC 29617

Rainey and Callie Hoopes
20 Gayle Street
Piedmont, SC 29673

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.**

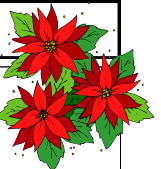
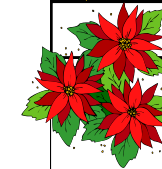
It's Cookie Swappin' Time



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!

*Family Night Christmas Dinner and Program
Wednesday, December 13th @ 5:30 pm, Church Gym
Dinner: 5:30 pm * Program: 6:45 pm*

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 # _____



In our thanksgiving celebrations, we retell the story of the sacrifices made by these intrepid believers. On September 6, 1620, the Pilgrim ship *The Mayflower* set sail from Plymouth, England, striking land off Cape Cod on November 11. Cramped in wet and cold quarters, many of the people were sick. Included in the passengers were three pregnant women, one of whom gave birth during the stormy voyage and another of which had a son while the passengers were waiting to disembark in America (and one of whose descendants is my own wife!). The Pilgrims sustained themselves during this exceedingly dangerous voyage by praying to the Lord for His help, reminding us of *God's power* to deliver His people through every kind of trial.

After landing in their new home, dubbed Plymouth, New England, the Pilgrims faced the immediate danger of a fiercely cold winter. They began life in their new home with a prayer service and then began building hasty shelters. It soon became clear, however, that they were unprepared for the danger of starvation during the winter that soon began. Many were afflicted by sickness and almost half of the original Pilgrims died before spring arrived. How, then, did any of them survive? The answer reveals *God's sovereignty*.

The Pilgrims, it turned out, had landed in the midst of a great nation of Native Americans. The habitable land on which they had begun building had been the Indian village of Patuxet, which had been completely wiped out by a disease brought to the New World by Europeans. Therefore, not only were the Pilgrims facing death by starvation but they also would have to fear potentially hostile natives on whose land they had stumbled. How could God deliver them from such deadly danger so far from any source of help or support? The answer arrived one December day when two Native Americans strolled into their village. As Pilgrims scrambled for their muskets, one of the Indians astonished them by speaking clearly in their own language. His name was Squanto, and he introduced his friend as Samoset. Squanto had grown up on this very land and had only recently returned after having been enslaved by English traders, from whom he had learned to speak our language. After a period of slavery, he had been purchased and set free by Spanish monks who had taught him about Jesus Christ. Into the midst of the Pilgrims had emerged the last thing anyone could ever have expected: a friendly, English-speaking, Christian native who possessed a detailed knowledge of the area! Even the Pilgrims, with their great faith, were astonished.



Squanto stayed with the Pilgrims and provided the help that enabled the community to survive. He showed them where herring had begun their migration. He taught them to fish with traps and to stalk game in the forest. He showed them which berries could be picked and taught them to plant corn with natives' seeds purchased from a local tribe. He interceded for the Pilgrims among nearby Native Americans so as to avoid hostile attacks.

If there was ever a display of God's sovereignty, it occurred right in the founding days of our nation, among heroic Christians who risked all for the worship of the Lord. But, above all, in addition to God's holiness, power, and sovereignty, the Pilgrim story reminds us today of *God's faithfulness*. He does not forget His people and He makes provision for our needs. God's greatest provision was the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. No wonder that when the Pilgrims had survived their first year in the New World and had taken in their first year's harvest, that they invited guests from the surrounding tribes and gave a special thanksgiving feast to the Lord. We repeat that tradition this week. As we do so, let us as Christians endeavor that our nation would not forget the faithful God to whom we give thanks. And let us pray that there would be a renewal of that Pilgrim spirit as we trust God to meet all our needs as we seek to live before Him and worship Him according to His Word.

May the Lord bless you all this Thanksgiving!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



Reading Through the Bible in 2017

Nov. 27	Hosea 1-5
Nov. 28	Hosea 6-10
Nov. 29	Hosea 11-14
Nov. 30	Joel 1-3
Dec. 1	Amos 1-5
Dec. 2	Amos 6-9



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED BY SESSION INTO COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP

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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

Corner of River and Rhett

DEACON NOMINEES

Please be in prayer for the following men as they stand for election to the Board of Deacons on December 10, 2017.

Scott Grubbs
Rainey Hoopes
Ron Mahon
Todd Walton

During the fall Deacon Training Class these men have studied the Biblical Basis for the Office of Deacon, Westminster Standards, PCA Book of Church Order, and SPC Policy Manual. They have completed an English Bible test and prepared a paper on the biblical basis for the office of Deacon.

The Session calls all communing members of Second Presbyterian Church in good standing to give prayerful consideration in preparation for participation in the important responsibility given to the church of electing godly men to the office of deacon.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TO ELECT DEACONS**

**Sunday, December 10, 2017
10:00 am**

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE

**Sunday, January 7, 2018
6:00 pm**

~The Editor



The Second Presbyterian Church

105 River Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

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

November 26, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 am & 11:00 am

SELLING THE BIRTHRIGHT

Genesis 25:27-34

Hymns: 715, 635, 511

Anthem: Now Thank We All Our God

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

A CALL TO SOUND DOCTRINE

2 Timothy 1:13-2:2

Hymns: 65, 364, 561

Psalms 12

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Letter from the Senior Minister

**Learning the Attributes of God
Through Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is the distinctly American holiday that we celebrate as a nation, continuing a tradition of giving thanks to God that goes back literally to our earliest days as a country. It says much about the wonderful heritage of our nation that we look back to our founding to see so many instances of God's marvelous saving help, for which our forebears gladly gave praise to him and offered him thanks. As Christians, we believe that it is through the Holy Scriptures that we gain our primary and authoritative understanding of God. But, guided by the Bible, we can also learn of Him through His wonderful acts in history, including the history of America. So what does Thanksgiving tell us about the attributes of our God?

The people who celebrated the first Thanksgiving were Christian "pilgrims" who endured unimaginable sufferings in order to worship God as they believed He should be worshiped. It is hard to imagine any such people today who would literally give up everything because they refused to offer corrupted worship to the Lord. Part of a broader Puritan movement that opposed the compromises of the Anglican Church under the rule of Elizabeth I, the Pilgrims fled to Holland when her successor, King James I (of the King James Bible), whose intolerance of true religion had prompted their mistreatment. In time, the opportunity of a fresh start in the New World prompted the Pilgrims to take up the incredibly difficult proposition of moving to and settling in the wilderness of what is now America. In this way, the Pilgrims remind us of *God's holiness*. Hebrews 12:28 says, "let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."