

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, December 3

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 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting

### Monday, December 4

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday, December 5

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

### Wednesday, December 6

5:00 PM WIC Council  
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care 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)  
 6:50 PM WIC Circle 1 Christmas Party  
 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, December 7

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

### Friday, December 8

12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Middle School Christmas Event

### Saturday, December 9

10:00 AM WIC Cookie Exchange

## SAVE THE DATE

### SPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE

January 26-28, 2018

Speakers:

**Reid Jones, Clemson RUF**

**Rev. Jegar Chinnavan, First Asian/Indian PCA**

## Upcoming Events

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. 6 WIC Circle 1 Christmas Party  
 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. 11 Session Meeting  
 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. 16 Wedding of Madison Lindquist / Daniel Grubbs  
 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

## Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 116: 5-7

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
 our God is merciful.*

*The LORD preserves the simple;  
 when I was brought low, he saved me.*

*Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
 for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. (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.

**Elizabeth Cureton**  
 107 McMakin Drive  
 Greenville, SC 29617  
 864-235-4776

## Praying For One Another

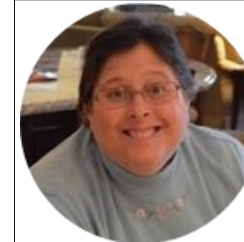
Remember in prayer this week the following members.

**John and Mary McMillian**

**Ron and Carolyn McNeely**

**Dan and Terri McNeil**

## Missionary of the Week



**JUNE GALLMAN**  
**Presbyterian Evangelistic**  
**Fellowship**  
**Costa Rica**

June has been an educator at a women's prison in San Jose for 20 years teaching English. She also teaches 7th-9th grade English. She also owns a half-way house that will house several of the women inmates and their children once they are released. She is working to increase that number and eventually own another home.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Salvation of Inmates
- Her health and ability to work
- The half-way house "Casa Eleos"
- Finances to purchase the necessary items for the classes being taught in the prison

## 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.

 **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.** 

**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.**

## Soundroom Workers Needed

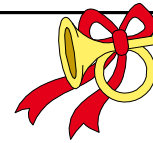
Additional soundroom workers are needed for each of our three Sunday services as well as our Wednesday evening service. Volunteers must be 16+ years old, dependable, responsible, and only slightly technical. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Nate Johnson (njohnson@spcgreenville.org)

## December Schedule

- ⇒ There will be no Wednesday night activities on:  
Wednesday, December 20  
Wednesday, December 27
- ⇒ The Church Office will be closed:  
December 22-26
- ⇒ The West End Herald will not be mailed the week of:  
December 25th.



## 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 Event  
The Greenville Chorale Concert  
Friday, Dec. 8th (meet in church parking lot at 6:30 pm)

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

*Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lindquist  
and  
Dr. and Mrs. Scott Grubbs  
invite you to witness the covenant marriage of*

**Daniel**

*and*

**Madison**

*December 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Reception to follow*

*For registry information and rsvp visit:  
[www.danielandmadison2017.com](http://www.danielandmadison2017.com)*

## Christmas Caroling

There will be an opportunity for church members to go caroling this year to shut-ins within the congregation. Mark your calendars for the night of Wednesday, December 20th. Notify Mel Duncan (mduncan@spcgreenville.org, 232-7621 ext 102) if you would like to participate. Let Mel know if you would be willing to drive. Groups will be organized by geography and then meet at the church afterwards for refreshments.

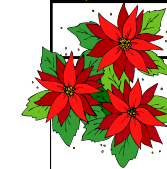
## It's Cookie Swappin' Time



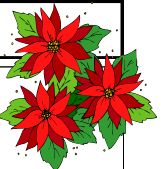
The WIC Cookie Swap will be Saturday, December 9 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am until 12 noon. Instructions for this event are posted throughout the church. Come with your best cookies and join in the fun, food, and fellowship!

## Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon Monday, December 18, 11:45 am Program: Youth Christmas Recital

## 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 # \_\_\_\_\_



following the example of the early church in Acts 6, that the Holy Spirit calls deacons to service through the acclamation of the church congregation. On December 10, we will continue this practice through the election of deacons. All these men have been nominated by the congregation, approved by the elders, completed an extensive training program designed to ensure their competence in both doctrine and the duties of this office, and then have each been interviewed by the Session. Most important for us are the biblical qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3:8-13: deacons should be reverent and honest, self-controlled, not self-serving, and sound in their faith. The godliness of their wives, if they are married, should commend them to the church, as well as the good order of their households. In sum, deacons who will oversee the people and property of the church should have demonstrated such ability in their sphere of their private lives. None of these men are perfect and all have areas for Christian growth, like the rest of us. But their election should signify the congregation's confidence in their commitment to Christ, their maturity as believers, and their established reputation for godliness.

Third, having considered our debt to the deacons and our need for new deacons, let me say a word to those who will be elected. No doubt, you will quickly realize that this is a serious commitment, but there are reasons for you to take up this obligation. First, it is no small thing for the church to set you forth to serve in such an important way. It is my view that one should be reverently open to callings to serve in the church. God calls us into service, and service as a deacon is one of the highest forms. Second, there are few more important things to which one could be called in this life. We are engaged together in work with eternal significance and that is of serious concern to the Lord God Almighty Himself. Should you not be willing to sacrifice in such a cause? Third, you will be greatly blessed through faithful service as a deacon. I believe that our deacons will tell you of a great satisfaction they receive through their work and of the valuable fellowship they experience within the Diaconate. Moreover, Paul concludes his description of deacons by writing this: "For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 3:13). What a rich treasure is revealed in those words!



Please pray for God to provide for our church through new deacons who will join the ranks of those already serving. For those not called to this office, please consider how you might offer your own gifts and energies to the work of the gospel in this church. Every member of our church has an important role to play, according to the gifts and graces that Christ has given to each of us. May God meet all our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Phillips

*Please be in prayer for the following men as they stand for election to the Board of Deacons on December 10<sup>th</sup>.*

Scott Grubbs  
Rainey Hoopes  
Ron Mahon  
Todd Walton



#### 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



### Letter from the Koinonia Ministry

This is the time of year when most of us gather in churches and in homes around the Christmas tree with family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our homes are busy with preparations: decorating with garlands of green, baking those cookies that we look forward to sharing every Christmas season, playing our favorite Christmas hymns, attending special music programs as we sing about the birth of Christ, and anticipating our family gatherings to worship and exchange gifts in remembrance of God the Father's Gift to us. It's a joyous, wonderful time of year. But for many of our members, this is a time of loneliness and sadness as past Christmases are fondly remembered. Remembering holidays that were once celebrated with spouses and children, when their homes were filled with music and laughter and the sounds of holiday preparations. Those times have passed and now, for some of these members, the silence in their homes is deafening as they reflect on memories of those yester-years.

In 2010, the U.S. Census estimated that 28% of adults aged 65 and over lived alone. Interaction with others is crucial to positive emotional health. Various studies have shown that isolation is associated with higher rates of chronic disease, depression and even death. Feelings of loneliness, anxiety or depression are issues that those who live alone commonly face. (*Some who live alone may not be seniors, but single and experience these same feelings of aloneness.*) What is worse than being alone between the Thanksgiving and New Year's holidays?

This is not an uncommon problem around the world nor here at Second. It's important, therefore, for our active members to take notice of those members in our church who live alone and do not have family close by. Second has a current membership of approximately 232 family units. Forty-five (does not include single members) of these either live alone because of widowhood and/or are home bound because of health and mobility restrictions. Here are some ways in which you might reach out to our widowed and shut-in members to make Christmas 2017 a special one:

- Plan a visit and take along a small gift or a home-baked treat.
- Invite a shut-in or widowed member to a Sunday service or music program and offer them a ride.

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## Corner of River and Rhett

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- Offer to bring a member to your home for hot chocolate and cookies and let them help decorate.
- Offer to decorate their home for Christmas and take along Christmas tea to enjoy together.
- Make a phone call, ask about their family Christmas traditions, then *listen*.
- Send a Christmas card and tell of one special memory you have of them.

If you would like to make this year a joyous Christmas holiday for one of these members—home-bound, single or widowed) but are not sure who to invite, please contact Judy Pitts or Barnetta Stephens for suggestions. Remember, *time is the best gift of all* and a blessing awaits you.

- Koinonia Ministry

### Reading Through the Bible in 2017

Dec. 4	1 John 1-5
Dec. 5	2 John; 3 John; Jude
Dec. 6	Obadiah; Jonah 1-4
Dec. 7	Micah 1-5
Dec. 8	Micah 6-7; Nahum 1-3
Dec. 9	Habakkuk 1-3

### 2018 Greenville Seminary Theology Conference

*"The Person and Work of Jesus Christ:  
the Lord of Glory"*  
March 13-15, 2018

#### Registration is now open

GPTS Spring Theology Conference Registration Page  
*Members of supporting churches receive a 20% discount*  
Choose Registration (Early Bird Rate); at the bottom of the page, check the box for "I have a discount code."  
Discount Code is: gsdonorchurch



## The Second Presbyterian Church

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Greenville, South Carolina 29601-2537

Return Service Requested

### WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

December 3, 2017

#### MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 am & 11:00 am

#### SINS OF THE FATHER

Genesis 26:1-35

Hymns: 194, 193, 570

Anthem: The Glory of the Father  
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

#### THE GOD WHO DECREES

Daniel 8

Hymns: 218, 219, 196

Psalms 13

Rev. Chad Bailey preaching



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Corner of River and Rhett Streets  
Greenville, South Carolina

November 27, 2017

## Letter from the Senior Minister The Ministry of Our Deacons

At our congregational meeting on Sunday, December 10, we will be electing men to serve our church in the office of deacons. The Bible clearly lays out two classes of office in the church: elders to oversee and shepherd, and deacons to serve and lead in the ministry of good deeds. Our *Book of Church Order* describes the diaconal ministry as "one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need." In this ministry, the deacons minister to those in need, promote the grace of liberality in giving, collect and distribute gifts to those in need of benevolence, care for the property of the congregation, and make arrangements to facilitate the gatherings of the church congregation.

Our first response to this description of the deacons' ministry ought to be to express our collective gratitude for the labors of these faithful men. As pastor, I am especially aware of our debt to the work of the deacons; I can hardly imagine how we could conduct our services without their faithful service. I can assure you that our deacons make significant sacrifices of time and energy on behalf of our church. This inevitably means that their wives and children also make sacrifices. So let's make sure that they know how much they are appreciated. As you have opportunity, could you express your appreciation for the faithfulness and ability with which our deacons and their families serve our church?

My second reflection is to observe what an important thing it is for the Lord to provide us with new deacons. We believe,