

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 24

11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
LESSONS AND CAROLS

Monday, December 25



Tuesday, December 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 27

NO REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Friday, December 29

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Scripture Reading for the Week

Matthew 1:20-23

Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (ESV)

Upcoming Events

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
Jan. 1 Church Office Closed
Jan. 3 WIC Council
Jan. 3 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Jan. 7 Finance Committee Meeting
Jan. 7 Deacon Ordination and Installation
Jan. 7 Reception for New Deacons
Jan. 7 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Jan. 8 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
Jan. 9-10 WIC Circles
Jan. 10 Missions Committee Meeting
Jan. 13 WIC Shower for Daniel & Madison Grubbs
Jan. 15 Young At Heart
Jan. 17 Administration Committee Meeting
Jan. 21 The Lord's Supper at the morning services
Jan. 24 CE Committee Meeting
Jan. 26-29 SPC Missions Conference
Jan. 27 Calvary Presbytery at Woodruff Road PCA

SAVE THE DATE

SPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE

January 26-29, 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.

Margaret Hook
2 Brynhurst Circle
Greenville, SC 29615
864-288-2573

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Bill and Sue O'Brien
Ernest Ray and Lynne Ouzts
Barb Owen

2017 Ministerial Relief Fund

RBI's Ministry of Relief has been providing financial assistance and encouragement to retired PCA pastors, missionaries, church servants and their families for 40 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. When you give, you give HOPE.

2018 Offering Envelopes

The 2018 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. 104. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes. Please use the 2018 envelopes beginning the first Sunday in January. Your 2018 envelope number may be different from the 2017 number.

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.

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 27
- ⇒ The Church Office will be closed: December 22-26 and December 29
- ⇒ The West End Herald will not be mailed the week of: December 25th.

Sunday Morning Services

The Session has voted to have only one worship service on December 24th and 31st. This service will be at 11:00 am on both Sundays. There will not be any Sunday School on either of those Sundays as well.

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.

*Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 24, 2017*

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.*

**Christmas Hymn Sing
Sunday, December 31, 2017
Immediately following
the evening service.**

Deacon Ordination/Installation

Sunday, January 7, 2018
Evening Worship Service

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

Christian Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Lynda Duncan and family upon the death of her mother, Jan Robbins on Monday, December 11, 2017. We are thankful for the life and service of Jan and pray for the family during this time of loss and grief.

For Christ in South Carolina and the World

**2018 SPC WORLD MISSIONS
CONFERENCE**

**The Privilege & Pleasure of Missions:
Ordinary Evangelism**

January 26-29, 2018

Join the Choir!

The beginning of the new year is a terrific time to join the choir! The choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 10. If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please see Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker, following a worship service or call him at [864-979-9378](tel:864-979-9378). Visitors are most welcome and the only requirement for membership is a love for the Lord and the desire to sing His praise! Rehearsals take place in the choir room each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join your voice with the choir!





It is a great privilege and honor to serve as assistant pastor in this faithful church and it is our prayer that the Lord would allow us to share many more Christmases with you all.

Merry Christmas,
Chad

Merry Christmas to each of you from the entire Melton L. Duncan family. What a great blessing to be a part of this beloved congregation. Lynda, Ford, Frances, Mary 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 continues to be that the Lord Jesus Christ will bless this people and place especially as Christian people observe the season and the celebration of his birth.

*The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Born is the King of Israel*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Born is the King of Israel*

Your Friend,
Melton L. Duncan

"O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!" On behalf of my family, I would like to wish each of you a very merry Christmas! May the joy of Christ be yours in abundance as you gather with family and friends to celebrate the Incarnation of God's only begotten Son! May our worship of His holy name be both sincere and glorious as we sing unto Him songs of praise and thanksgiving, making music for His glory both in this season of celebration and throughout the coming year. This past year has been rich with blessings and we are truly grateful for your words of encouragement, prayers and support as we together serve the Lord in this place we call Second Pres.



I am most grateful to God for the privilege of working with our musical adults, youth and children encouraging, teaching and enabling them to make music for the glory of the King of Kings. I am also thankful for our Godly church staff who use their gifts and abilities to encourage and challenge us to grow in Christ-likeness so that our worship, work and witness will shine the light of Christ into the darkness of this present age.

May God, our Heavenly Father, grant you joy this season and always.

Sincerely, in Christ,
Verlyn for the Smoker Family

Dear Church Family,
The Christmas season is a wonderful time of year. My family and I love the colder weather (and especially the snow!), the Christmas music, decorating the house, the Christmas programs and movies, warm fires at night, and especially being with family and friends. As I consider the true meaning of Christmas and the great gift of salvation from our God, it gives me an even greater love of this season. While many folks around us go through this time of year with a false sense of joy, we, as God's children, are privileged to know the King of Kings and to be His family forever! I know many of you have lost loved ones and this can be a difficult time of year, but be encouraged to know we are a family of believers! The entire Johnson clan loves our 2nd Pres family and we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season.

Nate, Rebekah, Nate Jr., Andrew, Jeremiah, Silas, and Seth



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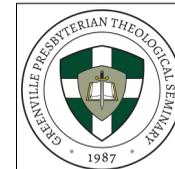


Reading Through the Bible in 2017

Dec. 25	Luke 6-7
Dec. 26	Luke 8-9
Dec. 27	Luke 10-12
Dec. 28	Luke 13-16
Dec. 29	Luke 17-19
Dec. 30	Luke 20-24

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)*



**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: gsonorchurch

Speakers:

Ian Hamilton, Joel Beeker, Johnny Gibson,
Greg Beale, Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.
Richard D. Phillips, Rev. Ryan Speck
Michael Barrett, Ryan McGraw

Corner of River and Rhett

MINISTRIES NEEDING VOLUNTEERS

Looking to get involved?
Help out with a SPC ministry.

Ushering

Contact Kip Altman (1-828-773-7841)
ckaltman@yahoo.com

Nursery

Contact Olivia Angell (1-864-643-9042)
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Wednesday Night Food Service & Hospitality

Contact Chad Scoggins (1-864 884-3987)
chadscoggins@charter.net

"Koinonia" Service Ministry

Contact Barnettta Stephens (1-864-414-7313)
barnettastephens@gmail.com

Host a Youth Fellowship in Your Home

Contact Mel Duncan (1-864-232-7632, ext. 102)
mduncan@spcgreenville.org

**COFFEE, FOOD, CELL PHONES
IN THE SANCTUARY**

A friendly reminder that Second Presbyterian requests that food and coffee not be brought into the sanctuary and cell phones be turned off during the duration of the worship services. Help create a God-honoring worship space that is free from world distractions-sights, sounds, and smells-that inevitably draw our mind away from the most important hour of our week.

~The Editor



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY
December 24, 2017**

**MORNING WORSHIP
11:00 am**

THE SON OF DAVID
2 Samuel 7:11-16
Hymns: 203, 223, 213
Anthem: Masters In This Hall
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

**EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm**

LESSONS AND CAROLS



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Greenville, South Carolina

December 18, 2017

Christmas Letters

As our family approaches our eleventh Christmas at Second Presbyterian Church, we praise the Lord for many blessings here in Greenville. It is a highlight of our year to enter the beautifully decorated sanctuary and worship together with you during the Christmas season. Now that we have children out of the home, Christmas is also special as a time when our whole family is joined together again. Thank you for all your prayers, love, and partnership in the wonderful gospel of our beloved Savior! May the Lord bless each of you during this Christmas season, and may the beauty of this holiday remind you of the great love that God has for you in his Son.

Merry Christmas
The Phillips Family

Dear saints in the Lord,

On behalf of my family let me say how grateful we are for your warm hospitality, generosity, and love in the Lord. Though we have only been in Greenville and at Second Presbyterian Church for a little over a year now, we can honestly say it feels like home. Our lives have indeed fallen in pleasant places not only as children of God, but also in the fact that He has called us to such a welcoming congregation. You all are a pleasure to shepherd and my family has loved getting to know you all better over this last year. We all have adjusted remarkably well and have settled in quickly. The Lord has been extremely gracious to us all. It is always a delight to introduce our visiting family and friends to such a warm and friendly congregation. Thank you for going out of your way to love our family and minister in various ways.