

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 25

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 12:30 PM Called Session Meeting
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
- 7:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting

Monday, November 26

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 27

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

Wednesday, November 28

- 5:00 PM CE Committee Meeting
- 5:30 PM **FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**
- 6:15 PM Hope & Covenant Choirs/Youth Ensemble
- 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 29

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main Street

Friday, November 30

- 9:30 PM Playdate at the Church
- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study

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. 21 Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
- Nov. 22-23 Church Office Closed
- Nov. 24 WIC Decorating for Christmas
- Nov. 25 Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Nov. 27 LightBringers
- Nov. 28 CE Committee Meeting
- Nov. 30 Play Date
- Dec. 2 Wills/Player Fold Luncheon
- Dec. 2 Congregation Informational Budget Meeting
- Dec. 3 Diaconate Meeting
- Dec. 5 WIC Council
- Dec. 5 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Dec. 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Dec. 8 WIC Cookie Exchange
- Dec. 8 Young Adults "Night Out on the Town"
- Dec. 9 Congregational Meeting to Elect Deacons and receive and support 2019 Budget
- Dec. 9 Christmas Concert and Reception
- Dec. 10 Perry Correctional Christmas Party
- Dec. 11 WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 11 WIC Circle 3 Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 11-12 WIC Circles
- Dec. 12 Session Meeting
- Dec. 12 Missions Committee Meeting
- Dec. 12 Christmas Dinner & Program
- Dec. 13 Good Grief Dinner/Gymnasium
- Dec. 14 Playdate
- Dec. 16 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- Dec. 17 Barnett Fold Christmas party
- Dec. 17 Young Adults Cookie Exchange/ Game Night
- Dec. 19 No Wednesday Evening Activities
- Dec. 19 Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 21 Mobley Fold/ACTS SS Class
- Dec. 21 Christmas party
- Dec. 23 One Worship Service (10am; SS 9am)
- Dec. 24 Lessons and Carols
- Dec. 24-27 Church Office Closed
- Dec. 26 No Wednesday Night Activities
- Dec. 28-Jan.1 Ridge Haven Winter Camp (7th-12th grades)
- Dec. 30 One Worship Service (10am; SS 9am)
- Dec. 30 Christmas Hymn Sing

Remembering One Another

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

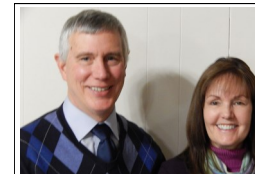
Iris Dillard
Westminster Independent Living
11 E. Augusta Place, Apt. 222
Greenville, SC 29605

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

David and Susan Eller
Edward and Ruth Enggasser
Adam and Rachel
Bill and Faye Evans
Andrew and Becca

Missionary of the Week



Bill and Susan Carr
MTW-Northern Minnesota

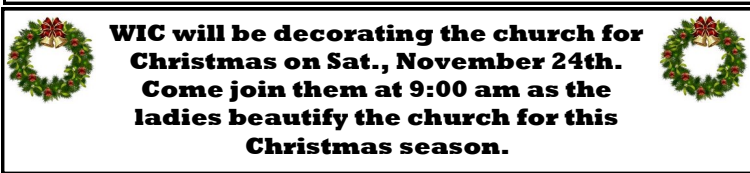
Currently Bill and Susan are working with Native Americans in northern Minnesota. One of the greatest needs of the Native American church is spiritual leadership. The Carrs have accepted the challenge to help train leaders at Mokahum Ministry Center. Mokahum offers intensive training programs requiring a high degree of accountability, including a one-year discipleship track and a three-year ministry track. Both programs emphasize theological education, life skills, and ministry experience. Bill serves as educational director for the center. Susan teaches enrichment and study skills classes for the students. Please pray for Bill and Susan, and that effective Native American leaders will be equipped for gospel ministry for the Lord's glory.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Service
Wednesday Nov. 21
Dinner :
5:30 PM - Gym
Service:
7:00 PM - Sanctuary



The Church Office will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 22nd and Friday, Nov. 23rd.

WIC will be decorating the church for
Christmas on Sat., November 24th.
Come join them at 9:00 am as the
ladies beautify the church for this
Christmas season.



Lost and Found

The Lost and Found will be cleaned out and all items will be placed on a table in the gym Wednesday, November 21st. Please stop by and see if any of these items belong to you. After November 21st all items will be donated to Miracle Hill. If you have any questions please call Nate. (ext. 107)

Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Lila Riggins who went home to be with the Lord on November 4, 2018. Lila was the oldest member of our church family and we are thankful for her life and service during her many years. Our prayers are with the family during this time of grief.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

There will be a Congregation Informational
Budget meeting on December 2
following the evening worship service.

Good Grief Dinner

Thursday, December 13 @ 6:00 pm
 Church Gymnasium
 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)



Tuesday, November 27th
 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

There will be a Congregational Meeting on
December 9th, at 10:00 am to elect Deacons
and to receive and support the 2019 budget.

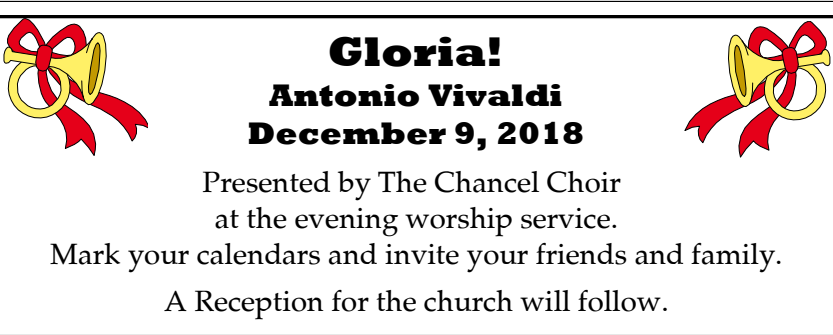
Family Night Christmas Dinner and Program
Wednesday, December 12th @ 5:30 pm, Church Gym
*Dinner: 5:30 pm * Program: 6:45 pm*

Christmas Parties



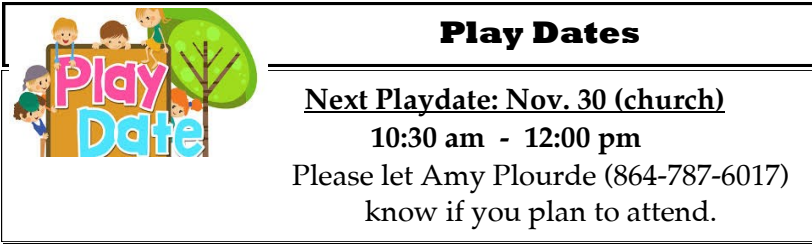
- Dec. 2 Wills/Player Fold Luncheon Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 8 WIC Cookie Exchange/Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 10 Perry Correctional Christmas Party
- Dec. 11 WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon/FH/11:30am
- Dec. 11 WIC Circle 3 Christmas Luncheon @ Mary Settle's @ 11:00 AM
- Dec. 12 Christmas Dinner & Program
- Dec. 13 Good Grief Dinner/Church Gymnasium
- Dec. 17 Barnett Fold Christmas party @ the Barnetts, 6:30 pm
- Dec. 21 Mobley Fold/ACTS SS Class Christmas party at the Mobleys @ 6:30 pm

Gloria!
Antonio Vivaldi
December 9, 2018



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.

Play Dates



Next Playdate: Nov. 30 (church)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Please let Amy Plourde (864-787-6017) know if you plan to attend.

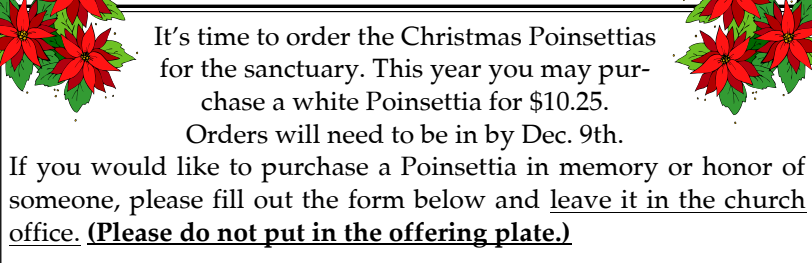
Perry Correctional Christmas Party

On Monday, December 10, Second Church will be participating in a Christmas celebration at Perry Correctional in Pelzer. Inmates will receive a meal and the Gospel message. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the food and sing in a small choir. If you are interested in participating, please see Hugh Player (huplayer@charter.net) or Bill Watkins (wm.watkins.jr@gmail.com). Paperwork must be filled out and submitted to the prison very soon.

It's Cookie Swappin' Time

 The WIC Cookie Swap will be Sat., Dec. 8 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am until 12 noon. Come with your best cookies and join in the fun, food, and fellowship!

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. 9th. 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

Treasury of Scripture Knowledge

W is for Week

For the Jews, week is any seven consecutive days ending with the Sabbath (Gen. 2:1-3). The Sabbath began at sunset Friday and lasted until sunset Saturday. The Christians moved their day of worship to Sunday, the first day of the week. In this way they called attention to the resurrection of their Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 24:1-7).



Widow's Fund

The Church established a Widows' fund for the substantial (and often on-going) needs that come upon some of those who are widowed and live to an old age. (This is different from the Sympathy and Service fund which meets the short-term needs of all of our members.) The reserve balance in this fund has been slowly but steadily declining over the past months. If you are able, above your tithe and other giving to the church, to give to rebuild this fund, please consider making a monthly gift to the widows' fund. We praise our God for His provision for those that look to Him.

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

Wednesday: Supper - 5:30 PM * Prayer Meeting - 6:55 PM





Together with Their Families
Sarah Elizabeth Upton
and
John Daniel Smoker
Invite You To Their Wedding
December 29, 2018 at 11:00 AM
Second Presbyterian Church
Reception to follow
Please RSVP by November 30, 2018
(828) 329-4882 * sarahandjohnDec2018@gmail.com



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 Sunday, December 9, 2018.

**Dave Burman
Daniel Grubbs
Henry Martin
Dennis Zimmerman**

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 9, 2018
10:00 am**

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE

**Sunday, January 6, 2019
6:00 pm**

Thank you to those who participated in the Operation Shoe Box Campaign. Second Presbyterian contributed 96 boxes this year.

The Editor



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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

November 25, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 am & 11:00 am

THE FRUITFUL BOUGH

Genesis 49:22-26
Hymns: 32, 131/98, 252
Anthem: Thanksgiving!

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

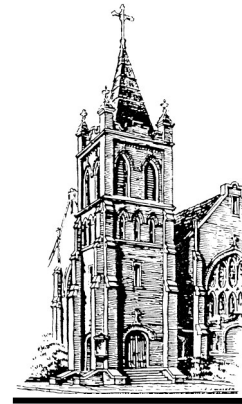
6:00 pm

THE CHRISTIAN'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

Matthew 5:17-48
Hymns: 716, 141, 524
Psalm 23

Rev. Chad T. Bailey preaching

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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."