

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 24

- 8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 9:45 AM Membership Class
- 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 10:00 AM Communicants' Class
- 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
- 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**
- 7:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting

Monday, March 25

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

- 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
- 8:00 PM Elder Training

Thursday, March 28

- 6:00 PM Mission to Main Street

Friday, March 29

- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch & Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Middle School Event @ the church

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. (ESV)

Upcoming Events

- March 20 Administration Committee Meeting
- March 22 Playdate
- March 24 Evangelism Committee Meeting
- March 27 CE Committee Meeting
- March 29 Middle School Event at the church
- April 3 WIC Council
- April 3 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- April 7 Finance Committee Meeting
- April 7 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- April 8 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
- April 9-10 WIC Circles
- April 10 Missions Committee Meeting
- April 12 Playdate
- April 16 LightBringers
- April 17 No Wednesday Night Activities
- April 18 Maundy Thursday Service
- April 19 Good Friday Lunch and Service
- April 19 Church Office Closed
- April 21 Easter Sunday Morning Services:
Sunrise Service: 7:00 am
Breakfast at Second: 8:00 am
Sunday School: 9:00 am
One Worship Service: 10:00 am
- April 24 CE Committee Meeting
- April 25 Calvary Presbytery @ Fellowship PCA
- April 26 Playdate
- April 28 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
- April 28 Evangelism Committee Meeting

Mark Your Calendars

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| Graduation Banquet | May 1 |
| WIC Spring Luncheon | May 4 |
| CAT Kids Program | May 8 |
| Mission Trip to England | May 10-20 |
| Musical CAT Kids begin | May 22 |
| Sr. High Trip to Pawley's Island | June 10-15 |
| Mission Trip To Cherokee | June 15-22 |
| General Assembly in Dallas, TX | June 25-28 |
| Church Picnic | July 4 |
| Vacation Bible School | July 8-12 |
| Peru Mission Trip | July 19-27 |
| Jr. High Trip to Ridge Haven | July 22-26 |

Remembering One Another

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

Louise McAlister
14 Millbrooke Circle
Greenville, SC 29609

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Jimmy and Tammy Looper
Grant, Amy

Roger and Debra Lusk

Frank Mahon

Missionary Of the Week



Rev. & Mrs. Alonzo
Ramirez
Peru Mission

WHAT ALONZO DOES

Teaches in Seminary, Church Planting, University Ministry

ABOUT THE RAMIREZ FAMILY

The Ramirez family is from Cajamarca, Peru. Alonzo is an organizing member of Peru Mission and a minister in the Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana del Perú. He and his wife Esther have two children (Samuel and Analiz). Alonzo is a pastor in the Second Presbyterian Church, Cajamarca and director of the university ministry at the National University of Cajamarca. He is also rector of the Seminario Biblico Reformado for the Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana del Perú. Esther teaches religion classes at a public school in Cajamarca and directs the children's Sunday School at Second Presbyterian Church.

<http://www.perumission.org/ramirez>



March Play Date

March 22

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

For more information please call Amy Plourde.
(864-787-6017)

Middle School Event



Friday, March 29

5:30 pm-Dinner; 6:15 pm-Games
Scout Hut

“Carpet Ball Tournament”
See Jeff Early with questions.

Communicants Class

March 24 @ 10:00 am in classroom S-307
Taught by RE Kevin Mobley & TE Jeff Windt
What Is A Healthy Church Member?

Membership Class

March 24 @ 9:45 am in Classroom C-209
Law and the Gospel
Dr. Richard D. Phillips teaching



WHEELS FOR MEALS CHARITY RIDE

Saturday, April 27th
Trailblazer Park in Travelers Rest
5 Different rides plus a Family Fun Ride or
you can volunteer to help.
To register or volunteer go to
mealsonwheelsgreenville.org

Memorial Flowers

If you would like to put flowers in the church sanctuary for our worship services on Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone special please contact Judy Bishop (246-0951).

Dates opened:
5/5, 5/19, 6/2, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 9/15, 9/22

Upcoming Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate (May or December) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 101 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org). We want to be sure we recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.

Holy Week and Easter Services at Second

April 18	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
April 19	11:45 am	Good Friday Lunch/Gym
	12:30 pm	Good Friday Service/Sanctuary
April 21	7:00 am	Sunrise Service
	8:00 am	Breakfast at the church
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Easter Morning Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Easter Evening Worship Service

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on April 17th.

Church Office will be closed April 19th.

Back Pack Blessings

We are still collecting food for students at Augusta Circle who need food over the weekends. It can be left in the church office. Call Cyndi Player for more information (864-483-4644).

Information On Youth Trips

SR. HIGH CONFERENCE ON PAWLEYS ISLAND

June 10-15, 2019

LEADER: Pastor Jeff Windt

Completed 9th grade through completed 12th grade

Speaker: Dr. Richard D. Phillips:

Foundations of a Christian Worldview, from Genesis 1-11

Total Cost: \$300

The sign-up deadline and a deposit of \$75.00 will be due on March 31, with the balance due May 31.

THE “SOUTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE AT RIDGEHAVEN”

July 22-26, 2019

LEADER: Pastor Jeff Windt

Rising 6th grade through rising 9th grade

Total Cost: \$300

The sign-up deadline and a deposit of \$75.00 will be due on April 30, with the balance due June 30.

Vital Diaconal Ministry

To all deacons in every church in Calvary Presbytery:

The Diaconal Ministries of Calvary Presbytery is offering a training seminar on **Saturday, April 13, from 9am-12pm.** The MNA National Director for Disaster Response, Arklie Hooten, will be training us and helping prepare us to respond to local and national emergencies. We will also have the North Florida Coordinator, Curt Moore, share about how their Presbytery does Diaconal ministries. We will gather at 8:30 for coffee and doughnuts and then begin promptly at 9:00. A free box lunch will be provided at the end of the training. We ask you to register so we know how many lunches to purchase, so please contact Dan Ratchford at 803-960-6716 by text or phone or by email at dan@smyrnanewberry.com. It would be great if each church had at least one representative present. Look forward to seeing you on April 13.

Dan Ratchford, TE Smyrna PCA in Newberry



in Romans 4:5, where Paul states that God “justifies the ungodly.” How are we declared righteous while we remain sinners? The answer is by the imputation of Christ’s righteousness.

Imputation means crediting or accounting. According to the New Testament, believers in Christ have *His* righteousness credited to us through faith in Him. As Paul explained in Romans 5:12-21, just as the human race fell into sin by one man’s sin (Adam’s), so are believers justified by the obedience of one man, Jesus Christ (see also Rom. 4:4-5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Zech. 3:3-4). This righteousness is received through faith alone. Since justification does not involve *earning* righteousness (which sinners could never do), but *receiving* righteousness, it comes through faith in Christ alone, as Paul stated: “a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ” (Gal. 2:16). Believers will one day become perfectly holy (see 1 Jn. 3:1-2). But this is the *result* of our salvation, not its *cause*. It is in heaven that we will become what now we have been declared, by God’s grace and through faith in Christ alone.

Sanctification is defined as “the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness” (Shorter Catechism, Q. 35). In contrast to justification, which is a once-for-all declarative *act* of God, sanctification is an on-going *work* of God. The result is the renewal of the entire person into Christ’s image and the increasing rejection of sin in favor of obedience to God. Like justification, sanctification results from God’s grace working in us by the ministry of the Holy Spirit, especially by means of God’s Word, prayer, and the sacraments.

Here are the questions I especially want to consider:

1. *Is it possible to be justified without being sanctified?* No. Those that are justified must always be sanctified as well (Rom. 6:1-2). Both justification and sanctification result from union with Christ through faith (1 Cor. 1:30), so that a believer always and necessarily receives both at the moment of saving faith. We must remember, however, that while justification is a once-for-all declarative act of God’s justice, sanctification is a life-long spiritual process. For this reason, a new believer may have his or her sanctification only beginning at the moment of justification. But that sanctification *will* have begun, and it will progress through life until it is completed in the believer’s glorification in heaven (see Phil. 1:6; 3:12).

2. *Does sanctification automatically result from justification, so that a believer does not have to do anything in order to be sanctified?* No. Justification does *not* cause sanctification. Both are caused by union with Christ in faith. Whereas justification is received by a *passive* faith, with empty hands receiving God’s gifts of pardon and imputed righteousness,



sanctification results from an *active* faith in which the believer strives after righteousness by God’s power (consider, among many examples, Eph. 4:21-24; Col. 3:5; Rom. 13:14). This means that believers must faithfully apply themselves to fighting sin and growing in practical godliness, drawing on the power made available through God’s Word, prayer, and the worship of God’s people (see John 17:17; Phil. 4:6-7; and Acts 2:42).

3. *What is legalism?* It is *not* legalism to say that God commands believers to obey the Bible (see Jn 14:15; 15:14). It is not legalism to strive after practical godliness and vigorously to oppose sin in your life. (To deny Christian obedience is called *antinomianism*, which means to be against God’s law.). Legalism is the attempt to justify ourselves before God on the basis of our performance. This is a grave problem that many Christians struggle with. The good news of justification says that our relationship with God (both eternally and today) is based not on our performance but on the finished work of Christ. Legalism is also an approach to sanctification that focuses on outward behaviors to the exclusion of inward graces. True holiness is not only of the hands but also of the heart.

It is amazing what a difference it makes to our daily lives if we have a true understanding of the vital doctrines of justification and sanctification. But it makes an even more vital difference to our eternal life. For these reasons, our efforts in understanding the biblical teaching on justification and sanctification will be well rewarded, provided that we personally trust in Jesus alone for both. May God bless you all this week.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Rick Phillips



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Puritan Quotations

The Will For The Deed

Thou didst well that it was in thine heart. 1 Kings 8:18

The desire of a man is the measure of his kindness. Proverbs 19:22

If the readiness is there, it is acceptable. 2 Corinthians 8:12

~God accepts the will for the deed, only where the impediments and hindrances are impossible to be removed. ~RICHARD SIBBES

~God looks more at our wills than at our works. ~WILLIAM SECKER

~God does sometimes accept of willingness without the work, but never the work without the willingness. ~THOMAS WATSON

~ Good intentions do no more make a good action than a fair mark makes a good shot. ~ WILLIAM GURNALL

~Purpose without performance is like a cloud without rain. ~NEHEMIAH ROGERS

~A heart without a gift is better than a gift without a heart. ~WILLIAM SECKER

~What the foot is to the body the will is to the soul. ~WILLIAM GURNALL



Country Dance Group

Carolina English Country Dance Group will be holding dance groups at Second on March 29 and April 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. No partner or experience needed. A \$5 per person donation is suggested but no one will be turned away.

All these events are open to the public and are great opportunities for our community to enjoy the pleasure of English Country Dance.

CarolinaEnglishCountryDance.com for more information.

Or visit our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/38467804221/>

Corner of River and Rhett

Happy Birthday Second Presbyterian Church

Our church was established 127 years ago this past Sunday - March 17, 1892. As our name indicates we are the Second Presbyterian Church in the city of Greenville, South Carolina, and since 1892 we have sought to be biblically faithful and gospel-driven as we minister from our home in the historic West End.

We love the Bible. We are unashamedly committed to the Bible, believing the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be inerrant and infallible and our only rule for faith and practice.

We are Confessional by affirming the great truths of the Protestant Reformation. Our officers affirm the theology of the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as the best understanding of Holy Scripture.

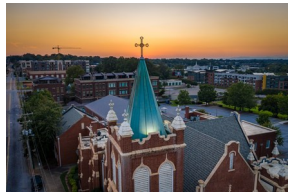
We are Presbyterian, being governed by elders according to the New Testament example. We are also a founding congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America, the largest Bible-believing Presbyterian denomination in the English speaking world.

We delight in knowing God through the "ordinary means of grace" consisting of preaching, the sacraments and prayer - these being the principle ways God blesses His people through his church by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We love to worship God by gathering each Sunday to actively participate in services that are regulated by the Word and which are full of the best songs of praise from two millennia of Christendom. Our corporate worship is about the edified mind and the reverent heart celebrating God's sovereign grace in life's joy and sorrow. Our church is committed to expository preaching and we love to begin and end each Lord's Day together with the Household of Faith.

We are passionate about the Great Commission as we share our faith through evangelism and missions, supporting over 20 missionary families, including several that have gone forth from our congregation. We also participate and actively support a variety of institutions involved in local missions and gospel endeavor.

We are a family and we are committed to one another. We believe in the biblical principle of the communion of the saints.



~The Editor



The Second Presbyterian Church

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

March 24, 2019

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

LIGHT AND DARKNESS

1 John 1:5-6

Hymns: 100, 383, 499

Anthem: I Sing the Almighty Power of God
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 pm

A SOBERING ASSESSMENT

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

Hymns: 460, 486, 469

Psalms 38

Rev. Jeffrey J. Windt preaching

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Letter from the Senior Minister

Justification and Sanctification

On many occasions I have taught on the topics of justification and sanctification. There are few doctrinal topics that exert a more important influence on our lives as Christians than these. With this in mind, I thought I would summarize some of the points that I made for your continued reflection.

Perhaps the best short definition of justification is given in Question #33 of the Shorter Catechism: "Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone." To be justified is to have your sins forgiven and to be accepted as just in the holy presence of God. Romans 5:1 states: "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." All other blessings of salvation depend on our first being justified with God. In describing justification as an "act of God's free grace," we are saying that it is a once-for-all act of God as a free gift. Paul writes: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8).

To be justified is not only to be forgiven, but also to be accounted as righteous in God's sight. As Jesus said in his parable of the wedding feast, we must have a garment of righteousness to be permitted into God's presence (Mt. 22:11-12). So how do sinners receive a righteousness with which to stand before God? In answering this question, we make a distinction between *infused* and *imputed* righteousness. Some (primarily Roman Catholics) teach that God's grace infuses righteousness into us (mainly through the mass) so that sinners must actually *become* fully righteous before being accepted by God. (This, by the way, is the whole point of the doctrine of purgatory, which teaches that believers have to go somewhere after death to complete the purging of sin). But the Bible does not teach that believers are justified by *becoming* righteous but rather by *being declared* righteous. We see this