The Vision of Second Presbyterian Is:
Through our faith in Jesus Christ we glorify God in worship and service, inviting others to join us in discipleship, mission and fellowship.
It’s Official ~ We have a new Stated-Supply Pastor!

Second Pres members,
It is with joyful hearts that your Session shares how God has yet again blessed our congregation and led us to a stated-supply Pastor for the coming 12 months – the Reverend David B. Howell will officially join our Second Pres family on Sunday, November 1.

As we have already shared with you, a Session Ad Hoc committee met outstanding candidates over the past weeks in the search for our next minister. Although we moved quickly, our focus was firm as we sought a compassionate, faithful, humble and talented individual to lead our SPC family in our service to God and beyond our SPC walls. We are excited about Rev. Howell joining our church family and can’t wait for each of you to meet him!

Rev. Howell comes to us from John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC where he served as the Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adult. In his position at John Knox, he coordinated the Christian education programs, mission projects, and other activities for Junior and Senior High students and worked with young adults as they sought fellowship and service opportunities at John Knox and in the community. David's goal was to provide a safe, theologically sound, and exciting environment for youth and young adults.

Rev. Howell has a wealth of ministerial and professional work experience which includes; serving as a chaplain intern at Greenville Hospital System, youth director and new member coordinator at John Knox before his ordination, as well as working with a major accounting firm as a senior IT, operations, business manager and marketing customer service consultant.

David is a 1988 Clemson graduate with a BS in management and a 2010 graduate of Erskine Theological Seminary earning a Master of Divinity. His family includes wife Angie, who works as a bank vice president, daughter Katherine - a junior at Wofford College, and son Will - a freshman at the College of Charleston, plus several dear “fuzzy kids.”

Please continue to pray for our Session and for Rev. Howell during this time of transition and get ready to welcome Rev. Howell into our loving church family in just a few short weeks!

A special note of thanks to the Ad Hoc Committee – David Lake, Sterling Anderson, Bruce Tillotson Cheri Anderson-Hucks, Nelson Jones – and of course all Session members, who unanimously called Rev. Howell to serve Second Presbyterian Church.

We have much to celebrate and thank God for as He continues to bless and empower us in our faith journey to serve Him!

Blessings to you all!

Your SPC Session
October 4th
Youth Montreat Sunday-Youth meet in Sanctuary at 9am to prepare for worship!
6pm Family Fun Night-join your church family for a Talent Show and Ice Cream Social!

October 11th
5:00-8:00pm
Movie Night at Nora and Seth's!

October 18th
The Youth have been invited to a cookout at Andrew May’s neighborhood by Inman Presbyterian. They would like to meet the youth and thank us for welcoming Andrew into our group! We will carpool over right after the service!

October 25th
5:00-7:00pm
Youth Group We will be preparing for the Trunk or Treat!

October 28th
5:30-7:00pm
Trunk or Treat! We are helping Ukirk with their Second Annual Trunk or Treat for our community!
I typed up the below blurb at the beginning of May soon after I returned from the inaugural MANtreat at Montreat along with Jared Young, Michael Bennett, and Nelson Jones. While I believed it was a good summary of our experiences, something inside me told me it was not the right time to send out my message. Now is that time, I believe. We are in a state of transition at 2PC (or 2nd-to-none Presbyterian as I am wont to call us) and yet our fellowship continues as does our worship of the Lord. I was thinking on this the other day and realized that Steve Rhodes, despite his best intentions, was unable to make the MANtreat and yet we four guys had a great time. We fellowshipped amongst ourselves and others, made new friends, had deep and profound (and juvenile at times) conversations, and experienced God and his creation even though we did not have our pastor there. The truth is that a pastor cannot always be there. Sometimes someone else has to say the blessing or the opening prayer if for no other reason than a traffic jam. Still though, our worship continues because WE are the worship. 2PC is not a singular person but, as discussed in 1 Corinthians 12, a conglomerate of us all as individual parts of the body of the Church, and by that, the body of Christ.

During this time of transition, I have been uplifted by the faith, hope, and love of our members. Our church is vibrant and growing. As you read the below, I hope some of the fresh air Jared, Nelson, Michael, and I were able to get coursing through our lungs at MANtreat will also touch and reach you. At the end of my blurb is some information about the 2016 MANtreat. All men 21 and up are welcome to go. I’d like to take double what we took last year and will quickly point out that for those of you men who’d rather stay in more comfortable settings, there are rooms at the Assembly Inn, SC House, or other houses and meals in the dining room. However, there will always be a place for you around the fire at Camp 2PC.

May 2015
Brothers and Sisters (but especially Brothers) of 2PC:
As many of you know from my excited overtures over the past few weeks, I just returned from the inaugural MANtreat at Montreat; a weekend retreat geared toward the 21 and over crowd where men could be MEN but also give counsel and be counseled on various aspects and issues of life. Also as many of you know, I was accompanied by Jared (“Camping World”) Young, Michael (“Eagle Scout”) Bennett, and Nelson (“Bandana”) Jones on this fine adventure and what a time we had.

My experience both in watching my father (a Presbyterian deacon and elder) as I grew up and now becoming a husband and father myself is that men do not often, if ever, come together to discuss faith, questions, concerns, and problems the way our female counterparts do. MANtreat had that in mind and provided space for discussions on various topics that quickly led to delving into deeper questions and harder issues. We certainly cannot say we answered everything and solved the world’s problems but, by being there we were able to minister to others all the while as we were ministered to.
Montreat set MANtreat up for all men regardless of age or physical limitations. While “Bandana” Nelson Jones may have been one of the youngest attendees, he was among many near, if not the same, age. At the same time, there were both leaders and participants who would fit right in among the senior saints of our church (i.e., Fellowship Sunday School / Men’s Friday morning Bible Study, among others). Some walked with canes and some just with difficulty but all were happy to be together in God’s creation caring for our brothers and being uplifted all at the same time in a clearly God-breathed setting. Participants could stay at Assembly Inn, one of the numerous Montreat homes (some of 1st Greer PC stayed at the SC House), and if you really wanted to tap into your inner man you could camp at Montreat’s excellent campground site (Rae, get ready because the Epps clan is camping here in no more than 3 years if not sooner) which rivals the best state park sites I’ve been in. Being MEN of God, “Camping World”, “Eagle Scout”, “Bandana”, and I pitched camp at site 8 right beside Flat Creek. It was gorgeous, the weather held out (and “Camping World” and “Eagle Scout” tarped the tent just right so the little bit of rain was no concern) and I wouldn’t have done our lodging any different. For those of y’all who were concerned about rain, I’ll tell you wild-man “Bandana” Jones slept in a camping hammock with a tarp cover and said to have slept like a baby. Knowing a little how babies sleep (or how little sometimes), I’m sure his description was correct.

Montreat realized the quickest way to the heart of all these men were through their stomachs and served full meals Friday evening through Sunday morning in the Dining Hall for a nominal price (ala carte or as a package). The conference seized this literal opportunity of new-found brothers while quite literally breaking bread together and led discussion groups at tables during meals to engage conversations such as “Sharpest Wounds”, “Achievements and Failures”, and further their development with their. As for us four, we enjoyed our time together cooking over camp stoves and using our camp fire. While I am only able to literally speak for myself, the expressions on “Camping World’s”, “Eagle Scout’s”, and “Bandana’s” faces said all that needed to be said: this was an experience of God, by God, and for God and Montreat made it accessible for all MEN of God. I hope in reading this you will be stirred and consider how you experience God and how you can help others experience God at 2PC, at work, at a campsite, or the coffee shop. As a former (, former) pastor of mine said often, “May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.”

Blessings and bonfires,
Steven Epps

Back by popular demand, MANtreat 2016 is being prepared as you read this. April 1-3, 2016! Put it on your calendars! I am going and I’ve got a ton of stuff to lend if you want to camp with us. If that’s not your thing there are accommodations galore!

Will you come? Will you encourage others? Will you bring someone with you? Will you bring less accessories than Jared or a better bandana than Nelson? I don’t know but I can guarantee you will have fun, grow, and learn if you come. For more info, email steven@eppslawfirm.com or call me at 590-4848.
Ministers For October

October 4th
MONTREAT SUNDAY

October 11th – Rev. Bill Lancaster
Bill Lancaster was associate pastor of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC, from 1975-82. He also served as associate pastor of Seven Oaks Presbyterian in Columbia, SC, pastor of Pickens (SC) Presbyterian Church and Florence Moore Memorial Presbyterian Church in Wellford, SC. The last 18 years of his active ministry he served as associate executive for new church development at Foothills Presbytery. In this capacity, he helped start three Walton-Award-winning new churches in the upstate, wrote numerous news articles for the Presbyterian News Service, covered 14 PC(USA) General Assemblies as a reporter in the GA Communication Center, and wrote an annual analysis of proposed amendments to the PC(USA) constitution for The Presbyterian Outlook. He has written two novels, “Starman” (2015) and “The Beast and the Cross” (2012), available on Amazon.com. Now retired, he and his wife Marty live in Greenville, SC, with their Labradoodle Angel. Marty thrives on quilting and Bill on woodworking and golf.

October 18th – Rev. Tim Holland
I’m a minister member of Foothills Presbytery serving in a validated ministry called Blue Water Counseling. I supply preach at various Presbyterian churches occasionally and at the Palmetto Moravian Fellowship (meeting in the chapel of Central Methodist Church) regularly. I live with my wife, Sunshi, and dog, Gretel, in Spartanburg.

October 25th
UKIRK SUNDAY

A sincere Thank You for prayers, calls, cards, food and concern following my hip surgery. I am blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

Thanks again
Brenda Killian

Dear Second Presbyterian church,
Steve and I wish to thank you for the great send-off! You were right – the generous check has helped with the expenses of setting up the apartment (we have embarrassed our children by calling it our “love nest”!)

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In God’s Love,
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Family Fun Talent Nite
Sunday, Oct 4th
6:00 pm

We will start with a Homemade Ice Cream Contest. We will have a panel of judges looking for best recipe. Could it be yours?? Then everyone can join the FUN of eating Ice Cream!! After filling our tummies it is time for Talent Nite!! We are looking for FAMILY talent, group talent or individual talent. Is there anyone who wants to try a drama scene, tell a story, tell a joke, dance, play an instrument or sing? There will be prizes for Ice Cream and Talent Show Winners.

Please contact: Jeanette Reeves at jreev@charter.net

October Birthdays

2nd – Laurel Greene
4th – Mark Cowen
7th – Marlene Towery
9th – Pat Miller
10th – Jane Anderson
10th – Alice Helms
10th – Ruby Haynie
13th – Caleb Cowen
14th – Warren Atkinson
18th – Carson Blackwelder
19th – Richard Jones

20th – Joan Nohra
21st – Manley Christian
22nd – Taylor Moody
23rd – Molly Atkinson
25th – Christine Fowler
28th – Joan Turnage
28th – Cody Frye
28th – Meredith Frye
29th – Tom Lathan
30th – Reynolds Atkinson
There will be a PW Coordinating Team Meeting on October 4th at 8:30 in the Ladies Bible Study room.

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**September Session Report**

At its monthly meeting on September 24, 2015 and in its called meeting on September 27, 2015, the Session took the following actions.

1. Ratified the following actions taken via e-mail since August 27.
   a. Contingent upon receiving fees and security deposit, approved request from the SC Probation and Parole Board, in conjunction with JumpStart, to use the CMB on Saturday, October 31 from 4 pm – 10 pm. The purpose of their use will be to provide supervised activity for area sex offenders on Halloween night. The same type of request was approved last year. No church activities are planned for that night.
   b. Approved employment contract with organist, Alex Parler.
2. Received Donald “Mac” McAteer and Wayne Garrouette into membership. They will join the church on September 27. Mac and Wayne come to us from JumpStart Ministries and currently live next door. Mac currently serves as assistant house manager.
3. **Approved to offer a Stated Supply contract to the Rev. David Howell.** The term of the contract will be for 12 months beginning November 1, 2015.
4. Approved request from Rev. Richard Johnson of Divinity Care to hold their annual banquet on October 24 in the CMB.
5. Approved request from Presbyterian Women to hold the Thank Offering.
6. Created a $40,000 operating reserve fund from the Canon Estate Gift.

The next stated meeting of the Session will be Thursday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m.

K. David Lake, Jr.
You’re Invited!

Tuesday, October 27
5:30-7:00pm
Second Presbyterian Church Gym/Parking Lot

Ukirk is hosting our Second Annual Trunk or Treat for our community neighbors! Please join Ukirk and our youth for this fun event! Sign up to volunteer or to decorate your trunk at secondpresrae@gmail.com!
Wednesday night activities will resume on OCTOBER 7th. Below is the schedule and menu.

5:30 – Dinner and Fellowship
6:15 – Bible Study
6:15 – Royal Ringers
7:15 – Choir Practice

October 7th
Mexican Chicken Casserole
Rice
Salad
Chips and Salsa
Dessert

October 14th
Ham & Biscuit
Macaroni & Cheese
Broccoli
Dessert

October 21st
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Roll
Dessert

October 28th
Baked Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Mixed Veggies
Roll & Dessert

Join us! Enjoy an evening with friends and help us craft for a cause. We will paint on canvas and create holiday décor to be given to those in need. Let's begin our journey into the holiday season with a fun and purposeful event.

When: Wednesday, October 21
Time: 5:30-7:30 PM
Where: Women's Bible Study Room, Second Presbyterian Church
Details: Please bring $10 for dinner and supplies. Childcare will be available.

RSVP to secondpresrae@gmail.com by October 14
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At Home and Nursing Home Members

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864-439-2908

“So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.”

1 Thessalonians 2:8
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- **Talent Night** 6:00  
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- **Morning Worship** 11:00  
- **Youth Movie Night** 5-8  
- **Ladies Bible Study** 9:00  
- **Sunday School** 9:45 am  
- **Morning Worship** 11:00  
- **Youth Cookout** 1:00 – 3:30  
- **Budget & Finance** 5:30  
- **Ladies Bible Study** 9:00  
- **Sunday School** 9:45 am  
- **Morning Worship** 11:00  
- **Youth Group 5-7**  
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- **Morning Worship** 11:00  
- **Youth Group 5-7**
Pray for the following people:
Payton Dominick, Margie Goodwin, Pat Miller, Ava & Garrison Williams (grandchildren of JoAnn & Roy Bishop), Loree George, Marlene Towery, Ellen Davis, Fay Tillotson, Marjorie Goodwin, Jimmy Turnage, Carole Tillotson, Roy Hall, David Matthews, Everett Tillotson, Mark, Sheila and Caleb Cowen, Pat Stephens, Christine Fowler, Marjorie Allison, Katie Wall, Margaret Ann Sippola, Janice Greene, Joanne Turnage, Alexis Deal, Jeanette and Bryant Reeves, Steve and Judy Rhodes

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

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