

CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR 2017

Reverend David T. Griffin..... Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Membership
 Reverend Derek A. Wells..... Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Family Ministries
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 Cheri Owensby Director of Children's Choirs
 Felicia Dykes Organist
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 T. J. Ellis Administrative Assistant
 Steve Ford..... Sexton

THE SESSION

Joe Patrick..... Vice-Moderator
 Jimmy Feemster Clerk

2017	2018	2019	2020
Mike Evans	Dan Eller	Welch Bostick	Brad Cain
Joe Patrick	Jimmy Feemster	David Conner	Chip Smith
Dan Williams	Richard Mitchell	John Wingate	David Vickery, Sr.

THE DIACONATE

Jenks Patrick..... Chairman
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2017	2018	2019
Bob Jeter	J. B. Garrett	Randy Epps
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Kevin Lyda	Daniel Williams	David Pendergrass
Lucynda Moore	Lucas Young	Alec Worthington

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Connie Decker..... President
 Paula Williams..... President-Elect
 Ann Nickles Secretary
 Susan Crout Treasurer

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

David Pendergrass Chairman
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CIRCLE CHAIRMAN

Emily T. Patrick..... Circle of Grace
 Laura Hornby..... Hope Circle
 Susan Tanner..... The Lunch Bunch Circle
 Sara Jane Bostick..... Mary Beckham Circle
 Ann Nickles Mary Woods Circle

MISSIONARIES

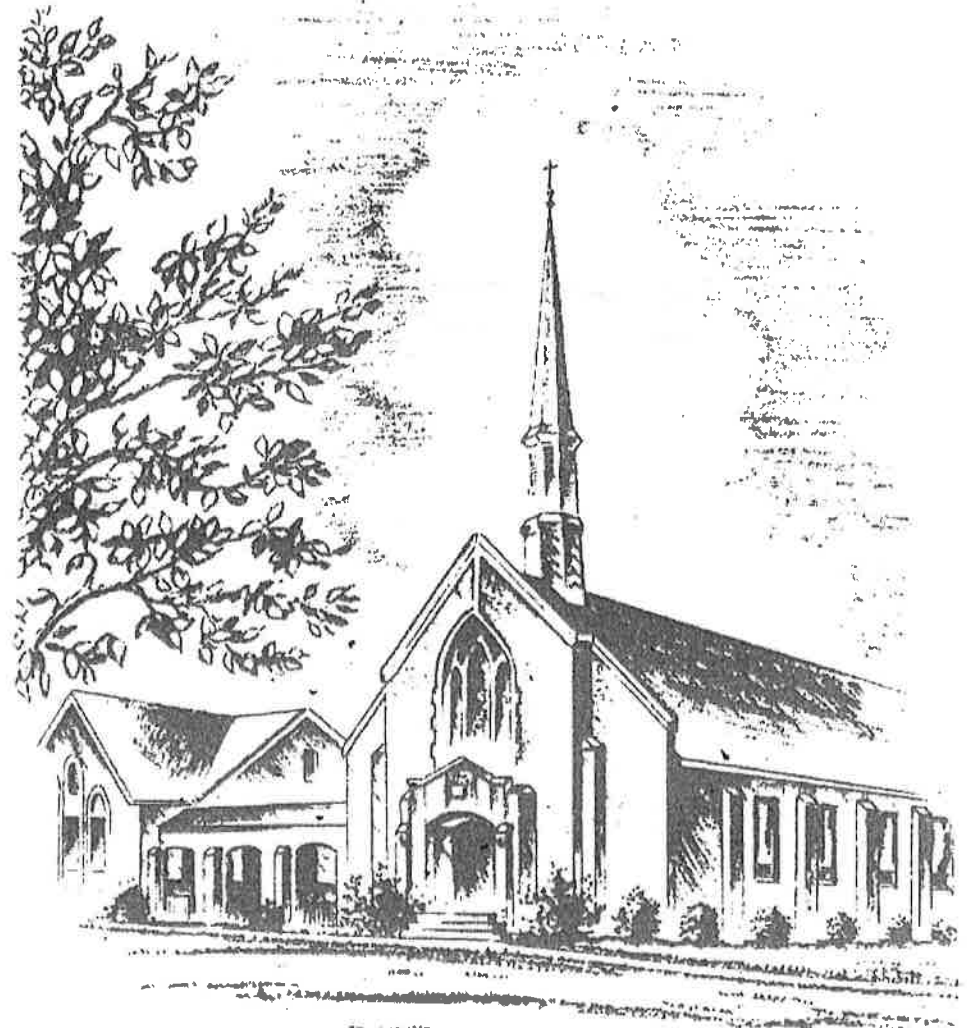
Rev. and Mrs. Jodie Gaston (Tina)..... Wales
 Rev. and Mrs. John Lehner (Judy)..... Spain
 Mrs. Shelia Osborne USA
 Rev. and Mrs. Frank van Dalen (Emily)..... Lithuania

GREENVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

741 Cleveland Street Greenville, SC 29601 864-233-6309

MORNING WORSHIP

August 13, 2017



*If anyone has a need to worship in a less formal setting,
the entire worship service will be streaming live in the Fellowship Hall.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

ORDER OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God
for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”
Romans 1:16 ESV

WELCOME Rev. Derek Wells

PRELUDE *“Built On the Rock”* arr. Martin

* CALL TO PUBLIC WORSHIP Rev. Wells

* HYMN 100: **“All Creatures of Our God and King”** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Verses 1-2, 5-6—All; Verse 3—Women & Children; Verse 4—Men

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Wells

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL: 2 Corinthians 5:17

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 119:25-32 Pew Bible, p. 512

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please fill out the **Friendship Cultivation Pad** and pass it down the pew.)

OFFERTORY: *“I Surrender All”* (8:30 a.m.) arr. Broughton
Felicia Dykes, organ

“Set Me As a Seal Upon Your Heart” (10:55 a.m.) arr. Childs

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. David Griffin

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Rev. Griffin
(Children (3-K) leave for extended learning time during first stanza of hymn.)

* PSALM 119D: **“My Soul Clings to the Dust”** OLIVE’S BROW

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 5:1-5 Pew Bible, p. 809

SERMON: **“The Blessed Condition of Being Empty”** Rev. Wells

* HYMN INSERT: **“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”** NETTLETON

* BENEDICTION Rev. Wells

* GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

POSTLUDE *“NETTLETON”* arr. Payne

* Members of congregation stand, if able.

Notes for Sunday, August 13, 2017

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 5:1-5 (Pew Bible, p. 809)

SERMON: "The Blessed Condition of Being Empty"

Blessed Are the Poor In Spirit

Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.
God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.

Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.
They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.
Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.
God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.

Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.
Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

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VISION STATEMENT

A welcoming family of Reformed believers
growing in Christ and sharing His joy for God's glory.

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY we want you to know that we have a visitor's bag for you that contains information about our church and some other complimentary items. Please pick yours up in the narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST JOY WILL BE HELD TODAY from 5:00-6:00 p.m, in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are encouraged to join in the joy!

OUR PRAYER GROUP meets on Fridays in the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m., to pray for the Pastoral Search Committee and our time of transition at GARP. The prayer time will last no longer than an hour.

THE ANNUAL NURSERY CLEANING DAY will be held on Saturday, August 19, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Any help from those willing and able is appreciated!

RALLY DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 27! We will gather together in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour to promote our children, hear a lesson, and launch our new Family Devotion Series. Also, there will be a Covered Dish Lunch following the 10:55 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dishes and desserts to share. Be sure to join us for this special day!

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SUBBING FOR THE GREENVILLE ARP DAY SCHOOL for the 2017-2018 school year should contact Erica Wingate (dayschool@greenvillearp.com).

THE DAY SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY BUILDING ITS STUDENT LIBRARY and we would love donations of gently used children's books. Please place any donations in the Children's Choir Room or contact Erica Wingate (dayschool@greenvillearp.com).

SAMARITAN'S PURSE "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD": We are collecting the following items for boys (age 10-14) for the month of August: T-shirts, soap, wash cloths, hair brushes, combs, school supplies (notebook paper, writing pads, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils), and nice age-appropriate toys. Please place these items in the Samaritan's Purse box located in the Fellowship Hall.