

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ORDER EASTER LILIES BY MARCH 25

We invite you to take part in decorating our church for Easter by ordering Easter lilies and giving a contribution in memory or in honor of a loved one. Order forms are available in the literature racks and online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the Easter lily icon. Please return forms with payment to the church by Wednesday, April 9.

### GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2026-2027

The Gallivan-Mills Scholarship is granted each year to college undergraduate and seminary students who are FPC Covenant Partners. Applications are available at the FPC Reception Desks and online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf). Submit your completed scholarship application, with all attachments, to the Gallivan-Mills Scholarship Committee. Drop off at the Reception Desk or email to Tripp Welch and Marilyn Morrison no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Questions? Contact Tripp Welch ([tripp@matchgradeadvisors.com](mailto:tripp@matchgradeadvisors.com), 864.906.3862) or Marilyn Morrison, FPC Foundation Administrator ([mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org), 864.565.0992).

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Intern applications are open! If you're a college student (or know a college student) who would love a summer job that also allows you to disciple children, minister to families, and assist with all the crazy, zany happenings in Children's Ministry, contact Tina Jones at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) to begin your application.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

#### PURSUIT MEN'S WEEKEND

Join us **April 10–12** for this year's Pursuit Men's Weekend at Windy Gap Young Life Camp in Weaverville, NC. This retreat offers a meaningful mix of fellowship, discipleship, and adventure in a beautiful mountain setting. Use code FPC75 for a discounted rate. Scholarships and financial assistance are also available. For details and registration, visit [3GenMinistries.org](http://3GenMinistries.org). Questions? Contact Michael Trotter at [trottermichael1@gmail.com](mailto:trottermichael1@gmail.com) or Russell Guest at [russellguest@charter.net](mailto:russellguest@charter.net).

### Stewardship Ministry, Bobby Hoffman

#### "GOD AND MONEY" WORKSHOPS

Thank you to all who have attended the workshops. All four sessions are available to view online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/give](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/give). Click the "God and Money" link in the menu.

### Radiance, Tiffany Boggs

#### RADIANCE SPRING RETREAT

Relax, Reflect, Refresh, Retreat! Spend an overnight with your favorite girls for fellowship and fun at one of the most beautiful settings around—Carolina Point YoungLife Camp (only one hour from Greenville). Don't miss the annual Radiance Retreat **March 28–29**, with speaker Elizabeth Poplin, music by Emily Cupelli, and program by Chelsea Gray. Register now at [FirstPresGreenville.org/events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/events).

## EVENTS

### Missional Ministry, Eric Swofford

#### GREAT ALASKA SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC

We invite both men and women to this event on **Friday, April 10**, 8:30am to early afternoon, at The Clinton House in Clinton, SC. This clay shoot is a fundraiser for the ministry of Steven and Natalie Hall, First Pres members who have served with SEND for over 20 years. SEND is a global community of goers and senders bringing gospel transformation to unreached people. Register at [www.send.org/gascc](http://www.send.org/gascc). Contact Steven Hall with questions at [shall@send.org](mailto:shall@send.org) or 907.320.0158. Join us for a fun day of sporting clays and fellowship!

### Worship & Music, Susan Messer

#### SAVE THE DATE: "PROCLAIM LIBERTY" CONCERT

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 1, 6:00–7:30pm** as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation! This will be a ticketed event so watch for more information coming soon.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

#### COLOMBIA HOSTING OPPORTUNITY

Lifeline Children's Services is sharing about Colombia Hosting, a two-week opportunity (**June 29–July 13**) for families to welcome older children from Colombia into their homes and experience the joy of sharing the love, stability, and hope of family life. For many children, hosting can be a meaningful step toward permanency and a powerful expression of the gospel in action. For families, it's a "stay-at-home" mission trip everyone can be part of—especially for those unable to travel internationally but eager to make a difference. Learn more here: <https://lifelinechild.org/hosting-programs/colombia-hosting-program/>.

### Events Ministry, Linda Sholtis

#### HELP WELCOME OUR GUESTS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Easter is coming soon and we need your help to provide a welcoming environment for the many guests visiting FPC on **April 5**. We need 250 volunteers to serve as Parking Hosts, Greeters, and Ushers. The only requirement is a welcoming smile. Three shifts are available to accommodate you and your family attending one of the five services. If you can help, please click the QR code and enter your information.



### Event Productions, Caleb Miller

#### PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

Join the production services team and help create exciting and worshipful experiences through sound, lighting, video, and stagecraft. Training will be provided—no experience is required. For more information, please email [productions@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:productions@firstpresgreenville.org).

### Family Missions, Karen King

#### REGISTER NOW FOR FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Join with other families from First Pres **June 21–28**, for a week of ministry and service at the Christian Arabic Church in Richmond, Virginia. Our team will lead a Vacation Bible School for young children (five evenings), conduct a Sports Camp for youth (three mornings), and assist with church improvement projects (two mornings). Children age 11 and older are welcome to participate with their families. For more information, contact Karen King at [kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.565.0936. Register online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/events).

### Ignite Worship, Graydon Tomlinson

#### SINGERS FOR IGNITE EASTER PRAISE CHOIR

All singers—of every age and experience level—are invited to join our Easter Praise Choir for the Ignite Services on **Easter Sunday, April 5!** Ignite Easter services will be held at 9:15am and 10:45am on Sunday, April 5, in the Worship & Arts Center. We want to fill the room with a large chorus of voices to join the Ignite Worship Team and lead our congregation in a joyful celebration of the resurrection. Register by visiting the Events page at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org). After you register, you'll receive practice materials and resources to help you prepare, along with details about one in-person rehearsal prior to Easter Sunday. Questions? Contact Graydon Tomlinson at [gtomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:gtomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org).

### Missional Ministry, Eric Swofford

#### HOLLIS SPRING CARNIVAL—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Hollis Academy Spring Carnival is **Friday, April 17**, and we would love your help in making this a joyful and welcoming event for the Hollis community! There are two easy ways you can serve:

#### Volunteer at the Carnival—Two shifts are available:

3:45–6:00pm and 6:00–8:15pm. If you're willing to serve, please click the link on the Events page at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) and add your name, email, and phone number under your preferred shift.

**Provide Baked Goods**—We need 17 bakers to prepare two dozen cookies or brownies (no nuts, please). Baked goods are due at the church on **Thursday, April 16**. Go to [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) to sign up.

Questions? Contact Beth Simmons at [simmonsfam@charter.net](mailto:simmonsfam@charter.net).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 1, 2026

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Mediation

John 15:1–8

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am | Sanctuary

10:45am | Worship & Arts Center

11:00am | Sanctuary

8:30am Nursery

9:30am Children's Sunday School

9:45am Student Life Groups

9:45am Adult Life Groups

10:30am Kids Church

### LIVE STREAMING

8:30am, 10:45am, 11:00am

[YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) Watch menu

"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

## WEDNESDAYS

March 4

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Deep Dive in Romans

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

### LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

[YouTube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

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[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) Watch menu

### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

### MENU: Chef's Choice

Lunch and dinner are prepared by our chef each Wednesday, serving a selection of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4–12: \$5

Children ages 0–3: Free

Family max: \$40

## LOOKING AHEAD

### MARCH

8: Spring Forward—Daylight Saving Time Begins

29: Palm Sunday

### APRIL

2: Maundy Thursday

5: Easter Sunday

10: Sporting Clay Classic

10: Pursuit Men's Weekend

19: Kirkin' 'O the Tartans (11:00 Worship only)

This newsletter offers highlights of announcements, events, and opportunities. For more information, visit [firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first](http://firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first).

## MEMBER NEWS

### BAPTISMS ♦ February 22, 2026

**Robert Sharp Turner Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sharp Turner (Courtney)

**Margaret Maves Jackson and Cecilia Chase Jackson**, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Weston Jackson (Ellison)

### CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

**Mr. and Mrs. David Waddell (Jaimie)** on the birth of a daughter, Sofia Elizabeth Waddell, on February 11, 2026.

### SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**The family of Ms. Gena McGowan** who died on February 17, 2026.

**Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zemke (Patricia)** in the death of her mother, Ms. Patricia "Patty" Alexander of Charleston, SC, on February 23, 2026. Mike is FPC's Food Ministry Director..

### IN MEMORIAM

**Eugenia Lee Bryant McGowan** ♦ May 28, 1935 – February 17, 2026

### MEMORIALS & HONORS

#### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of John Cooter* by Luther and Sally Boliek

*In memory of Bud Fant III* by James and Deborah Tuck, Loyd and Elizabeth Tuck McIntosh and family, Ben and Hunter Tuck and family, David and Amanda Tuck and family; Becky and Alex Edmonds; Mendel and Lu Smith, Jr.; Jackie Broome

#### MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

*In memory of Thomas Lide Jr.* by the Agape-Fellowship Life Group

#### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

*In memory of Robert Carter* by H2L Consulting Engineers

*In memory of John Cooter* by Carlton and Belinda Manley; Mr. and Mrs. William Sykes Jr.

*In memory of Bud Fant III* by Mr. and Mrs. William Sykes Jr.

*In memory of Thomas Lide Jr.* by Mr. and Mrs. William Sykes Jr.

#### TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Bill Lusk* by Lou and George Creswell; Shirley Miller

*In memory of Gena McGowan* by Lou and George Creswell

#### PRAYER LIST ♦ **Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital

Nancy Adams, Andy and June Anderson, McFall Anderson, Bill Anthony, Sandra Banks, Betty Bennett, Harry Bolick, Le Anna Browning, Brantley Daniel, Debbie Davidson, Peggy Denny, Liz Fuqua, Martha Gallivan, Larry Goodwin, Richard and Danette Hanks, Anna Hewitt, Tina Hicks, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Anne Lide, Don McAlister, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Deryl McKinney, Lee Miller, Rachel Mullinax, Martha Nance, Chloris Norman, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Joan Snowden, Lewis Tollison, Beryl Wickliffe

#### PRAYER RESOURCES

**Congregational Care:** To pass on information regarding a medical emergency, upcoming surgery, or admittance to the hospital, please call Rev. Don Feuerbach, 864.565.0928.

**Prayer Appointments:** To schedule a confidential appointment with our Healing Prayer Team Members, call 864.565.0960.

**Prayer Requests:** For general prayer requests, call 864.565.0970.

**Healing Prayer Service:** Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Chapel

**For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.**



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youtube | @FPCGreenville

facebook | [facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville](https://facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville)

instagram | @FPCGreenville

app | FPC Live

podcast | Fridays at First

e-newsletter | [FirstPresGreenville.org/about/connect@first](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/about/connect@first)

### TELEVISION

**First and Foremost** Program  
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
Sundays at 10:00am

### ONLINE GIVING



@fpcgvl

### WHAT'S INSIDE

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Children's Ministry

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Save the Date:  
"Proclaim Liberty" Concert

Join the Ignite Easter Praise Choir

Hollis Spring Carnival

For more information about  
FPC, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

FEBRUARY 26–MARCH 4, 2026

AN ORIGINAL PRODUCTION INSPIRED BY THE LIFE OF  
ELISABETH ELLIOT

BALLET MAGNIFICAT!

The Call

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 • 7PM

Worship & Arts Center

Tickets: [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events)



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