

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FRESH PRAYERS FOR LENT PRAYER CALENDAR

Our “Fresh Prayers for Lent” daily prayer calendar for February 22–April 6 is available in the church literature racks and online (Ministry Events page).

### ORDER FLOWERS NOW FOR EASTER SUNDAY!

To order Easter flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, visit the Care Opportunities page of the website or fill out a form from the literature racks; return it with your payment (\$20 each) to the church office by Wednesday, March 29.

### GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2023-2024

The Gallivan-Mills Scholarship is granted each year to college undergraduate and seminary students who are FPC members. Applications are available at the FPC Reception Desk and online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf). Submit your completed scholarship application, with all attachments, to the Gallivan-Mills Scholarship Committee no later than 2:00pm on Friday, March 31. Questions? Contact Steven Harvin ([SLHarvin@gmail.com](mailto:SLHarvin@gmail.com), 803.477.8123).

### SUMMER@1ST HIRING STAFF

First Pres Summer@1st is hiring energetic, flexible, responsible, loving staff for seven weeks this summer. For Nursery School positions to work with children age 3 months–4 years old, contact Beth Plyler, [bpilyer@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bpilyer@firstpresgreenville.org). For Sports Camp positions to work with K5–8th grade students, contact Caleb McKisic at [caleb@conquerorssportsacademy.com](mailto:caleb@conquerorssportsacademy.com).

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley NEW MEMBER WEEKEND APRIL 21-22

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next Discover First New Member Weekend Friday–Saturday, April 21-22. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis ([lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley ([cripley@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cripley@firstpresgreenville.org)). Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org](https://FirstPresGreenville.org).

### Student Ministry, Mason Simmons CONFIRMATION WEEKEND APRIL 14-16

Confirmation 2023 will take place the weekend of April 14-16 for students 7th grade or older who wish to become Covenant Partners of First Presbyterian Church. Contact Autumn Clark, [aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org), for details.

## EVENTS

### First Pres Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic SUMMER@1ST CAMP

Looking for fun activities for your K5–8th graders this summer? We are offering six weeks of Youth Camp and Junior Camp, June 5–July 28. Daily activities include Bible study, sports, outside play, and crafts. Register at [FirstPresSports.com](https://FirstPresSports.com).

### Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan REGISTER NOW FOR MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

This year's PURSUIT Men's Discipleship Weekend is April 21-23 at Awanita Valley Christian Camp & Retreat Center in partnership with 3GEN Ministries. Register at [3GENministries.org](https://3GENministries.org). The first 50 men who register from FPC can enter “FPC50” at checkout for a \$50 discount. Questions? Contact Michael Trotter ([trottermichael1@gmail.com](mailto:trottermichael1@gmail.com), 803.984.5242) or Russell Guest ([russellguest@guestbrady.com](mailto:russellguest@guestbrady.com), 864.380.4185).

### GREAT ALASKA SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC APRIL 14

The 10th Annual Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic will be held on Friday morning, April 14, at The Clinton House in Clinton, SC, to support the ministry of Steven and Natalie Hall with SEND. Register for teams, individuals, and sponsorships at [GASCCSC.org](https://GASCCSC.org). Questions? Contact Steven Hall at [shall@send.org](mailto:shall@send.org) or 907.320.0158.

*Music & Worship Ministry, Susan Messer*  
**SING OUR FAITH RESONATE! CONCERT MAY 7**  
Resonate! Youth Choir will present a concert, “Sing Our

Faith,” on Sunday, May 7, at 1:30 in Harper Chapel. You are invited to join us for this program of beautiful songs by Steven Curtis Chapman, Mark Schultz, Laura Story, and others.

### Senior Adults Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter WIT & WISDOM SPRING GATHERING APRIL 4

All those age 55 and up are invited to the Wit & Wisdom Spring Gathering on Tuesday, April 4, in Fellowship Hall. Back by popular demand, Rick Davis as the Apostle John will share a Palm Sunday through Easter monologue. The program begins at 11:30am, followed by lunch (\$8) at 12:30pm. RSVP by March 27 to Leslie Warner ([lwarnier@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lwarnier@firstpresgreenville.org), 864.565.0966).

### Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud WOMEN'S SPRING TEA APRIL 13

First Pres Women's Ministry invites you to our annual Spring Tea on Thursday, April 13, at 4:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy fellowship, tea and cakes, and guest speaker Carolyn Rice, who will share stories of how God is working in central Asia. RSVP by Thursday, April 6, to Charlotte Joye ([cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org), 565.0956).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones EASTER ANGELS PROJECT FOR THE SUMMIT

Help spread Good News to the residents at the Greenville Summit by making Easter cards with notes of encouragement and individually wrapped goodies (brownies, cupcakes, cookies, etc.) Bring donations to the Children's Ministry team by Wednesday, April 5. Cards and goodies will be delivered to the residents on Thursday morning, April 6. Questions? Contact Karen King ([kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org), 864.884.9824).

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR DAY MISSIONS

Please donate “necessity items” for Greenville Summit, Towers East, and Garden Apartments: paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, hand soap, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, dish detergent, laundry detergent, packaged snacks, zip-lock bags, 13-gallon trash bags. “Homeless kit” items needed are: hotel size toiletries, chap stick, toothbrush, and toothpaste. Bring items to the Children's Ministry check-in area by Sunday, June 4. Questions? Contact Karen King, [kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.884.9824.

### SERVE WITH OUR CHILDREN JUNE 19-22

Have you thought about how you might serve others this summer? The number of adults participating determines the number of children who can attend VBS (K5–4th grade) and Day Missions (5th–12th grade), June 19-22, 9:00am-12:00pm. We can find a place for you! Contact Tina Jones ([tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org), 864.565.0921).

### Events Ministry, Caleb Miller EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need individuals to provide a welcoming experience to those attending events at FPC. Opportunities in Event and Guest Services include Hosts, Ticket takers, Ushers, Merchandise, and Trained Crowd Managers. If you are interested, please email [events@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:events@firstpresgreenville.org).

You can also serve in creating an exciting production experience for our guests. Opportunities in Production Services include Audio Technician, Lighting Technician, Camera Operator, and Video Playback. No experience is required. Training will be provided by our Event Operations Coordinator. If you are interested, please email [productions@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:productions@firstpresgreenville.org). Further details will be sent regarding scheduling and training.

## Holy Week FirstPresEaster.com

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| April 2 | <b>Palm Sunday Services</b><br>8:30, 10:45 Ignite, 11:00am         |
| April 6 | <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b><br>7:00pm Communion                 |
| April 9 | <b>Easter Sunday Services</b><br>8:00, 9:30, 10:45 Ignite, 11:00am |

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### MARCH 26, 2023

8:30 & 11:00am Sanctuary Worship  
10:45am Ignite Worship Fellowship Hall

Sermon Series:  
"Designed for Growth"  
James 5:13-20  
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

8:30am Nursery  
9:30am Children's Sunday School  
9:30am Student Life Groups  
9:45am Adult Life Groups  
10:30am Kids Church

## LIVE STREAMING

### 8:30am & 11:00am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)  
[FirstPresgreenville.org](https://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

### 10:45am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://Facebook.com/firstpresignite)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship)  
[FirstPresgreenville.org](https://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu  
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## THIS WEDNESDAY

### MARCH 29, 2023

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

PSALMS & PROVERBS FOR TODAY  
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

## LIVE STREAMING

### 6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)  
[FirstPresgreenville.org](https://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

## CLASSES & CHOIRS for all ages\*

### 6:15pm–7:15pm

\*Grow@First Weekly Discipleship  
brochures are available online or  
from the literature racks.

## WEDNESDAY MEALS

### 11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU:  
Lasagna  
Baked Fish, Fried Fish  
Steamed Broccoli  
Breaded Okra  
Steamed White Potatoes  
Brussels Sprouts  
Prince William Vegetables  
Salad, Rolls, Dessert

MEAL PRICES:  
Adults: \$8 • Children ages 4-12: \$4  
Children ages 0-3: Free  
Family max: \$30

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

### MARCH 23–29, 2023

03/23: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)  
03/24: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)  
03/25: Charlie Buchanan  
03/26: Charlie Buchanan  
03/27: Stan Johnson  
03/28: Stan Johnson  
03/29: Stan Johnson

MEMBER NEWS

**BAPTISM** ♦ *March 19, 2023*  
Theodore Ridgeway McClain, son of Dr. Elizabeth and Mr. Caleb Mark McClain.

**SYMPATHY** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*  
The family of Joy Ayers-Clawson. Mrs. Ayers-Clawson died on March 7.  
Mr. Herb Lindsay Jr. in the death of his wife, Morn Lindsay, on March 14.  
The family of Ann McLellan. Mrs. McLellan died on March 18.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
Joy Ann Karolyi Ayers-Clawson ♦ *March 22, 1928 – March 7, 2023*  
Morn Elizabeth McKoy Lindsay ♦ *June 4, 1934 – March 14, 2023*  
Ann Rogers McLellan ♦ *December 7, 1933 – March 18, 2023*

**PRAYER LIST**  
Bill Anthony, Doane August, Becky Barron, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Les Burns, Becky Carter, Dave Carter, Luke Chapman, Sarah Chapman, Joy Clawson, Annie Cobb, Joe Cole, Charlene Comer, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Collin Etheridge, Bud Fant, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Doug Gilstrap, Pam Goldman, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Jim Hastings, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Dan Hoover, Vicky Hunt, Amy Hunter, Gerald Huskamp, Art Jeffrey, Sherry Jenkins, Ginny Johnson, Craig Jones, Mac Kearse, Mike Kunkle, Bonnie Leonard, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Janet MacCallum, Kenneth MacCallum, *Geoff Marsh*, Polly Martin, Seth McCullen, Megan McCommons, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, Alex Olyarchuk, Jane Petrilli, Joe Petrilli, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Jim Privette, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, *Robyn Rush*, Pete Russell, Fran Sanders, Janice Shartle, Libby Stewart, Cole Swartwood, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Beryl Wickliffe, Jan Zimmermann

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**MEMORIALS & HONORS**  
**CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND**  
*In memory of Rutledge Galloway* by Dr. and Mrs. Tommy Hearon III; the Gospel Partners Class  
*In memory of Pierce McGowan III* by Fran and Stewart Anderson; Jean and Julian Dority

**TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND**  
*In memory of Todd Taylor* by Stephanie Stephenson; William Bonner; Tom and Eva-Maria Fox; Dr. and Mrs. L. Breeden Hollis; Miriam Norman; Don and Jean Nickell; Tom and Sheri Ledbetter; Falfurrias Capital; The Nick Theodore Family; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Einstein; Dottie and Charlie Bryan; John and Michelle York; Cherry Bekaert CPAs & Advisors; David Poole; Caron and David Strickland; Bob and Christie Nachman; Cathy Petropoulos; Robert Ingram; the Kiriakides family; Peggy and Craig Carver

**TURNER MEMORIAL FUND**  
*In memory of Jane Brennecke* by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banks  
*In memory of Pierce McGowan III* by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banks

**VISITATION MINISTRY FUND**  
*In memory of Rutledge Galloway* by Kathi and Buddy Daniel

**PRAYER RESOURCES**  
**PRAYER REQUEST LINES**  
*Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943*  
*Prayer Appointments: 565.0960 | Prayer Requests: 565.0970*

If you need prayer or pastoral care, contact the Pastor of the Day.

**MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER**  
*FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military*



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**First and Foremost** Program  
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
Sundays at 10:30am

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the ministry of FPC, visit  
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“Brilliant Epic Powerful Faithful  
Marvelous Thrilling Moving Amazing  
Stellar Profound Inspirational Unforgettable”



**ACTS the 3 MAN SHOW**

GABRIEL RIVERA  
FROM THE ACADEMY OF ARTS

REGGIE AUSTIN  
FROM AGENT CARTER

BRYCE LENON  
FROM 24

THE EPIC 3-MAN  
STAGE ADAPTATION OF  
THE BOOK OF ACTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 14  
7:00–10:00PM | **WORSHIP & ARTS CENTER**  
TICKETS \$17 (INCLUDING FEES):  
FIRSTPRESGREENVILLE.ORG (EVENTS PAGE)



Armed with one of the great dramatic narratives in the Bible, three men take the stage to play all the roles—Peter, Paul, Stephen, Herod, Nero, and dozens of others.

Acts the 3-Man Show, which has been touring the country since 2012, is a bold, unflinching, action-packed, moving drama that highlights the truth of the Word of God and upholds high artistic integrity. Professional and accomplished Christian actors Bryce Lenon, Gabriel Rivera, and Reggie Austin bring the resounding drama of the book of Acts to audiences. Come and experience the story of the early church as you’ve never seen it before!

*Parental discretion advised.*