

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



STAFF NEWS

Matt Taylor has joined the Facilities Team as a Sexton. A Dacusville resident, Matt enjoys spending time outdoors and is grateful for God's work in his life and family. With a background in industrial and residential carpentry, he now uses those skills to serve both the church and his parents with home projects.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REPORT

At the Congregational Meeting on November 9, the congregation elected the following officers:

Class of 2028 Elders: Glenn Batson, Ed Brakmann, Carl Evans, Fred Grant, Philip Kilgore, Caroline Mullen, Dan Pruitt, Jason Terry, Bob August, Jonathan Barrington, Chad Brown, Steven Harvin, Katherine Gainer

Class of 2028 Deacons: Leigh Johnstone, David Kirby, Michael Rabb, Karen Van Galder, Scott Kabas, David Williams, Brenda Schoolfield, Adam Summer, Ted Angermeier, Emma Simmons, Trey Odom.

UPCOMING FRIDAYS AT FIRST PODCAST: CONFRONTING ALCOHOL ADDICTION

In the **November 14 and 21** episodes of the Fridays at First podcast, Dr. Gibbons welcomes two special guests for an honest conversation about alcohol addiction. Both guests share their personal experiences, reflecting on when they recognized their struggle, how they sought help, and how faith has played a role in their recovery and ongoing sobriety. This discussion addresses a reality that impacts many families—especially during the holiday season. Don't miss this powerful two-part series, and consider sharing it with others who may be encouraged by their stories.

Where to listen: Fridays at First can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC/videos> and on your favorite podcast platform. To receive the Fridays@First eblast go to [FirstPresGreenville.org/about/connect@first](https://www.firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first) and click the red "Subscribe" button.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Help decorate our church for Christmas by ordering poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. Order online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://www.firstpresgreenville.org/Events), or fill out a form from the literature racks. Cost is \$25 each; orders are due by **Wednesday, December 10**.

PARENTS: DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know there is a children's lobby on the lower level of the Children's Wing? It's very convenient to the Worship & Arts Center and the K2-5th grade classes. Help us help you by using the lower children's lobby on Sunday mornings! Not sure where it's located? Check out this brief video: <https://vimeo.com/firstpresgreenville/lowerlobby>.

YEAR-END GIVING—STEWARDSHIP

As we enter the final two months of the year, please consider completing your 2025 charitable giving. First Presbyterian Church offers several ways to give to the Ministry Budget or the Capital Campaign. Please note these important year-end deadlines:

- **Cash or checks** must be received in the church office by noon on **Wednesday, December 31**.
- **Mailed gifts** must be postmarked by **12/31/25**.
- **Online gifts** made on **December 31** will be counted for 2025.
- **Stock gifts, QCDs, or Donor Advised Fund distributions** should be initiated by **December 12** to ensure processing by year-end.

Please notify Kristy Service (864.565.0929) or Bobby Hoffman (864.565.0962) of any stock gifts so they can be properly credited. They are also available to answer questions. Thank you for honoring the Lord through your faithful giving to First Presbyterian Church.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE DECEMBER 14

Because the Sanctuary will be set up for the Christmas@First concert on **December 14**, we will have two identical worship services at 8:30am and 10:45am in the Worship & Arts Center that Sunday. Please mark your calendar and share this change with your friends and family.

CHANGE TO BRIDGE CITY SUNDAY HOURS

Beginning, **Sunday, November 16**, Bridge City at the Intersection will have new store hours: 8:00am–1:00pm.

HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE BOOKSTORE

Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift for a friend, family member, or new believer? Visit Books & Gifts @ First where you'll find a wide selection of devotionals, Christmas cards, faith-based artwork, ornaments, home goods, and even edible treats—all thoughtfully chosen to help you share the love of Christ through your giving. Complimentary gift wrapping is available. For holiday hours, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/bookstore](https://www.firstpresgreenville.org/bookstore).

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach ONE PRAYER WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for an evening of unifying worship and prayer led by local church pastors on **Sunday, November 16**, at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. At *ONE Prayer* 2025, we will ask God together for greater local church unity in the Upstate, which Jesus prayed for in John 17. Free tickets are available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/events](https://www.firstpresgreenville.org/events).

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

OCC SHOEBOX DROP-OFF NOVEMBER 17–24

Please see the collection schedule below as you return shoeboxes to the Washington Street entrance next week:
11/17: 4:00pm–6:00pm • 11/18: 11:00am–1:00pm
11/19: 5:00pm–7:00pm • 11/20: 12:00pm–2:00pm
11/21: 11:00am–1:00pm • 11/22: 10:00am–12:00pm
11/23: 10:00am–12:00pm • 11/24: 8:00am–10:00am
Questions? Contact Teresa Hannon at twhannon@aol.com.

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL DECEMBER 3

Join us for the Family Advent Festival on **Wednesday, December 3**, 5:30–7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to kick off the Advent season with your whole family by making a fun craft and enjoying Christmas cookies together! Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org/](https://www.firstpresgreenville.org/) events for a family ticket that includes crafts, cookies, and beverages. Pizza and additional crafts are available as add-ons when purchasing a ticket. Space is limited.

Contemporary Worship, Graydon Tomlinson

CHRISTMAS FOR A CAUSE AND CHRISTMAS MARKET

We're counting down to *Christmas for a Cause*, featuring Graydon Tomlinson and special guests, on **Sunday, November 30!** Less than 100 tickets remain, so don't delay in securing your seat! Tickets (\$15) are on sale at [FirstPresGreenville.org/events](https://www.firstpresgreenville.org/events). All proceeds support the mission of Isaiah 117 House, which provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting placement. The pre-concert Christmas Market (open to the public) begins at 3:00pm in the Sturgis Gathering area, followed by the concert at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

JUST ANNOUNCED—ACTIVATE ARTS CONFERENCE

We are excited to announce that FPC Arts is hosting an arts conference in the Spring! **ACTIVATE: An Invitation to Making**, will take place February 26–28, 2026. Watch for more details and registration at the end of this month.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Missions, Eric Swofford

FEBRUARY MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Join us **February 11–18, 2026**, for a mission trip to the Dominican Republic! Our team will partner with Misiones Maranatha/El Buen Samaritano and Eastern Dominican Christian Mission to serve families in need through food distribution, medical and dental clinics, and eye care. No medical experience is required—just a willing heart to serve. Register now at [FirstPresGreenville.org/](https://www.firstpresgreenville.org/events) events. Questions? Contact Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org.

THE SANCTUARY GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Sanctuary Guild is looking for a few volunteers willing to give just 60–90 minutes once a month to help tidy and organize the pew racks in the Sanctuary. If you're interested in serving in this simple and quiet ministry, please contact Avery Moser at almmoser@aol.com.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 16, 2025

SERMON SERIES

"Insights from Isaiah"

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

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 & 11:00am:

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

[FirstPresgreenville.org](https://www.firstpresgreenville.org) Watch menu

10:45am:

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

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WEDNESDAY

November 19, 2025

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Roasted Turkey with Gravy, Sliced Baked Glazed Ham, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Baked Macaroini and Cheese, Collard Greens, Steamed Rice, Rolls, Assorted Pies: Apple, Pumpkin, Pecan

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

17: Shoebox Collection Begins

30: Christmas for a Cause Market and Concert

DECEMBER

3: Family Advent Festival

4: Women's Christmas Luncheon

9: Service of Remembrance

13 & 14: Christmas@First Concerts

14: Worship at 8:30am & 10:45am in the Worship & Arts Center

This newsletter offers highlights of announcements, events, and opportunities. For the full list, visit [firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first](https://www.firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first).

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ November 9, 2025
Laura Jane Lilly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lilly (McClain)
Elizabeth “Hollis” Parr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parr (Paige)

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to
Mr. and Mrs. Chad Brown (Carey) in the death of her mother, Ms. Marjorie “Margie” Ann Pelsor Sloan of Hanover, IN, on September 20.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Angermeier (Paula) in the death of her mother, Nancy Lee Lampkin Casteel of Greenville, on November 2; and to Ted, Joe, and Louisa Angermeier in the death of their grandmother.
Mr. Mitchell Poe, Mrs. Becky Poe Johnson, and Mrs. Nancy Poe Tant Myers in the death of their brother, Mr. Robin Poe, who died on November 3.
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Troyer (Stephanie) in the death of her father, Mr. Frank Dennis Lynch of Townville, SC, on November 5; and to Charlie and Ava Troyer in the death of their grandfather.
Mr. and Mrs. Allen D’Andrea (Sarah) in the death of his mother, Ms. Veronica Joan Lamp of Naples, FL, on November 7.

IN MEMORIAM
Robert “Robin” Bradley Poe ♦ August 20, 1961 – November 3, 2025

MEMORIALS & HONORS
CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Nell Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Selleck III
CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY FUND
In memory of Ken Nix by Don and Jean Nickell

MEMORIALS & HONORS continued
FPC FOUNDATION
In memory of Charles Nickles and Jimmy Nickles by Don and Lisa Van Riper

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital
Nancy Adams, Andy and June Anderson, McFall Anderson, Bill Anthony, Sandra Banks, Betty Bennett, Harry Bolick, Keren Clay, John Cooter, Brantley Daniel, Debbie Davidson, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, Martha Gallivan, Larry Goodwin, Danette Hanks, Richard Hanks, Anna Hewitt, Tina Hicks, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Stan Johnson, Stephanie Johnson, John Kylin, Mary Kylin, Phyllis Laney, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, John McGraw, Rachel Mullinax, Jim Nance, Martha Nance, Chloris Norman, Bane Ouzts, Becky Powell, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Tom Seay, Clifford Selby, Lewis Tollison, John Volpe, Jocelyn Williams, 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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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:00am

ONLINE GIVING



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For more information about FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

NOVEMBER 13–19, 2025



"Gifts Worth Giving"

WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Join us for a delicious lunch, an encouraging message, and beautiful music led by singer/songwriter, Emily Cupelli.

Thursday, December 4 | 12:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Cost \$15 | Childcare Available

Register by December 1 at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events