

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, or fill out a form from the literature racks. Cost is \$25 each; orders are due by **Wednesday, December 10**.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR CHILDREN

Due to the holiday weekends, on **Sundays, November 30 and December 28**, the nursery and Kids Church (K2-K5) will open at 10:30am. There will be no Sunday School for children on these dates.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:00am Children's Service | Worship & Arts Center
2:00pm Afternoon Service | Sanctuary
4:00pm Children's Service | Sanctuary
7:00pm Candlelight Service | Worship & Arts Center
11:00pm Watchnight Service | Sanctuary

Mark your calendar and visit www.FirstPresChristmas.com for more details.

YEAR-END GIVING—STEWARDSHIP

As we enter the final month 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.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? Discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! New Member Weekend will be **Friday–Saturday, January 23–24**. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Missional Ministry, Mark Hutton

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The MDC course, open to all covenant partners, is a great preparation for any church leadership role and a prerequisite for officer nomination. You are invited to attend an orientation on **Wednesday, January 14**, 6:00–7:30pm in Room D305. To register for the orientation, contact Jennifer Peterson at jpeterson@firstpresgreenville.org. For more information on the MDC, contact Mark Hutton at mhutton@firstpresgreenville.org.

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

DIVORCE CARE BEGINS JANUARY 7

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the pain of divorce. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Register at DivorceCare.org; enter "Greenville, SC" in "Find a Group Near You"; then click on the First Presbyterian Church listing. Questions? Contact Sarah Emore at semore@firstpresgreenville.org.

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE DECEMBER 9

All are invited to the beautiful candlelight service on Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30pm in Harper Chapel to honor and remember loved ones who will be especially missed during the Christmas season. The service will include Scripture readings with a time of reflection and meditation, the observance of Holy Communion, special seasonal music, and commemorative candle lighting. A nursery is available by reservation to Evelyn Penkert (864.565.0963 or epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org).

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

FOSTER & ADOPTION MONTH PRAYER POINT

Pray for: those attending the Christmas for a Cause event, the musicians, and the Isaiah 117 House ministry.

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/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.

Women's Ministry, Tiffany Boggs

GIFTS WORTH GIVING WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

All women are invited to the annual Women's Christmas Luncheon on **Thursday, December 4**, 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Our special guest is singer and songwriter Emily Cupelli, who will bring a message of encouragement, prayer, faith, and hope. Cost is \$15 for lunch and registration is open now. A pay at the door option is also available for cash only. Free childcare is offered (age 5 and under) with a deadline of November 28 (sign up online). Go to FirstPresGreenville.org/events for more details and to register. Questions? Contact Tiffany Boggs at 864.565.0919.

Worship & Music, Susan Messer

CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERTS:

THE WONDROUS GIFT IS GIVEN

Join us for this year's Christmas@First concerts on **Saturday, December 13, at 2:00pm or 6:00pm, and *Sunday, December 14, at 3:00pm**. You'll hear Christmas favorites by our 100-voice choir, full orchestra, and handbell choir as we celebrate our Savior's birth through songs of the season, both sacred and secular. Purchase tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/events or at the First Pres box office (main reception area) during normal business hours Monday–Friday. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children (12 and under). ***Please note: The December 14 concert is sold out.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CARING FOR OUR SENIORS: GOLF CART MINISTRY

We have recently acquired a golf cart to assist senior members who park in the Main Church Parking Lot off Richardson Street, helping them transition easily and comfortably from their cars to the church entrance on Sunday mornings. We are seeking volunteers, age 25 or older, to drive the cart during Sunday morning service times. If you are willing to serve in this helpful ministry, please contact Mike Templeton at mtempleton@firstpresgreenville.org.

Volunteer shift times are:

- 8:00–9:30am
- 9:30–11:00am
- 11:00am–12:30pm

Thank you for considering this meaningful way to serve our church family!

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 30, 2025

SERMON

"Pivot Point"

Isaiah 11:1–9

Rev. Don Feuerbach

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

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

YouTube.com@FirstPresIgniteWorship

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

WEDNESDAYS

The Fall Season of Grow@First Has Ended

Join us for a **FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER** on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**.

GROW@FIRST will resume on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**. Watch for the new booklet of Bible studies, classes, small groups, and musical opportunities for all ages, online and in the literature racks mid-December.

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

27–29: Church Offices Closed

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

24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

11:00am Children's Service

2:00pm Afternoon Service

4:00pm Children's Service

7:00pm Candlelight Service

11:00pm Watchnight Service

28: Worship at 10:45am & 11:00am

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

This newsletter offers highlights of announcements, events, and opportunities. For the full list, visit firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ November 16, 2025

William Gray Hooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hooks (Julianna)
Catherine Blythe Gilchrist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gilcrist (Storey)
Mary Charlotte Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Howard (Madeline)

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Nell Hall by Lynn Marie Bauer

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, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Tom Seay, Clifford Selby, Lewis Tollison, John Volpe, Jocelyn Williams, Beryl Wickliffe

PRAYER RESOURCES ♦ For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

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



The Music Ministry of FPC requests your prayers for 29 singers and nine accompanying travelers as they journey to New York City to participate in a special concert at Carnegie Hall on Monday, December 1, at 7:00pm. Our singers will join a mass choir performing *This Is Christmas* by Mary McDonald, a well-known church music composer and a recent guest of our congregation.

The group will depart on Friday, November 28, and return on Tuesday, December 2. During their time in New York, they will spend several hours rehearsing for the Carnegie Hall performance, attend a Broadway show and the Radio City Christmas Celebration, enjoy meals at notable restaurants, worship at the Brooklyn Tabernacle, and experience the beauty of the city at Christmastime.

Please pray for safe travels, meaningful fellowship, and opportunities for the group to make Jesus known along the way.



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TELEVISION

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 26–DECEMBER 3, 2025

Advent Services

This Advent, people as far apart as Mississippi and Moscow, Toronto and Taiwan, Cape Town and London will pause to celebrate the birth of Christ. At First Pres, we will journey together to an ancient town in the hill country of Judea, rediscovering the wonder of the Christmas season.

Join us as we look with fresh eyes at the Christmas story through Luke’s Gospel and listen again to the words that changed humanity forever:

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

FirstPresChristmas.com

THE
Wondrous Gift
IS GIVEN

