

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TAKE THE FPC DISCIPLESHIP SURVEY

This past Sunday, during worship, we reviewed our new Mission, Vision, and Values. These are a key outcome of our new Strategic Plan, which prioritizes discipleship. As a result, we are asking each Covenant Partner to complete our first FPC Discipleship Survey. Your input will help us move forward with the plan. The survey will take less than 15 minutes to complete. To access the survey, please scan the QR code or copy this link in your web browser: [bit.ly/fpc\\_survey](https://bit.ly/fpc_survey).



### STAFF UPDATE



Join us in welcoming Jay Hanus to the FPC Facilities Team! Originally from Syracuse, NY, Jay has been residing in the Southeast for several years. He enjoys taking advantage of the nearly perfect camping weather throughout the year and likes to ride Tahoe, his Mustang horse, after work and on weekends. Be sure to say hello to Jay when you see him around the church!

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HIRING SUMMER INTERNS

We are looking for two summer interns to work 30 hours a week for Children's Ministry and one summer intern to work 20 hours a week for Summer@1st. Contact Tina Jones ([tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org)) for an application.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

#### MARRIAGE MATTERS—BUILDING STRONG MARRIAGES TODAY

Join us for a practical, informative, and biblical exploration of what marriage can be. This six-week course, facilitated by Chuck and Beth Simmons along with Will and Sydney Sykes, will address a variety of topics, all aimed at helping couples build strong, healthy relationships with one another. The course takes place on Wednesdays, from 6:15-7:15pm. No registration is required. It is open to married couples of all ages!

### Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

#### PURSUIT 2025 MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

This year's *Pursuit* will be held March 28-30 at Carolina Point YoungLife Camp. The weekend will be a rich time of fellowship, discipleship, and adventure. Men can expect to be challenged spiritually, laugh heartily, begin new relationships, and deepen existing friendships. The cost is \$275 and includes incredible facilities, five meals, two nights lodging, and the weekend journal. Please use code FPC75 for a \$75 discount. Visit [3GenMinistries.org](https://3GenMinistries.org) to register. Questions? Please contact Michael Trotter at [trottermichael1@gmail.com](mailto:trottermichael1@gmail.com) or Russell Guest at [russellguest@charter.net](mailto:russellguest@charter.net).

### Stewardship, Bobby Hoffman

#### BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP VIDEOS AVAILABLE

Were you unable to attend one or more of the Biblical Stewardship classes offered in January? Videos of all three—*Estate Planning*, *Saving and Investing*, and *Budgeting and Debt*—are available on the church website. To view the videos, go to the Give menu, scroll down to Resources, and click the Biblical Stewardship icon. If you have any questions, please contact Bobby Hoffman at [bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.565.0962.

## EVENTS

### Children's Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Student Ministry, Worship & Arts Ministry

#### TAKE ME TO THE CROSS—LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

All are invited to a Lenten Worship and Prayer service on Wednesday, March 5, 6:10–7:15pm in Harper Chapel. Led by First Pres ministry leaders, this service will prepare our hearts for the season of Lent through songs, Scripture readings, and a time of prayer.

### Event Operations, Caleb Miller

#### REND COLLECTIVE FOLK! 2025 TOUR

Rend Collective is an eclectic group of multi-instrumentalists from Ireland who, through songs, music, and stories, aim to lead people closer to Jesus. Their

current tour will stop at First Pres on Friday, March 8, at 7:00pm, in the Worship & Arts Center. The band has participated in several major tours alongside top artists such as Chris Tomlin, MercyMe, Hillsong United, Kari Jobe, Lecrae, and more. Get your discounted General Admission tickets for just \$22 each from now until February 10. Visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) to link to the ticket site.

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

#### RESILIENCE—ASHEVILLE ARTISTS EXHIBIT OPEN

Our new exhibit is now open in The Galleries at First Pres on the first and second floors of the A Building. Come and see work by Asheville artists who experienced the devastation of Hurricane Helene. All artwork is for sale unless otherwise noted.

### SONIC EXPEDITIONS RECITAL

*Sonic Expeditions* is a classical recital featuring saxophone and piano, played by Michael Matthews and Ruby Lee, respectively. This program, with its French and American flare, seeks to transport the audience through several energetic musical journeys. Join us on Friday, February 21, at 6:00pm in Harper Chapel. Tickets (\$10) are on sale online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or in person at the FPC Box Office during church office hours.

### ART & FAITH LUNCH FEBRUARY 7

Come and share some of your creative goals for the year and some testimonies of contentment at the next Art & Faith lunch on Friday, February 7, at 12:00pm at The Intersection Café (Bridge City Coffee shop on the First Pres campus). All are welcome!

### Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

#### SPRING ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration is open through February 28 for Adult Spring Basketball for men and women. The season runs March 3–April 24 at First Pres in the Graham Gym. Men's league plays on Mondays and Thursdays and Women's league on Tuesdays. Register a team today at [csarec.com](https://csarec.com) (Adult Programs). Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic at [info@csarec.com](mailto:info@csarec.com) or call 864.660.2080.

### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

#### SACRED SOLOS@FIRST CONCERT

Come and enjoy God's presence through music on Sunday, March 2, at 2:00pm, in the Worship & Arts Center. *Sacred Solos@First* will be a recital performed by professional musicians of First Pres. Vocal, piano, cello, and oboe soloists will prepare our minds and hearts for the Lenten season. Tickets are \$10 and go on sale January 26 at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### MUSIC CAMP JUNE 9-12 — REGISTER NOW

This year's theme, *The Greatest Stories Ever Told*, focuses on hymns, the stories behind them, and how they tell the story of Christ. Students (2nd–rising 6th grade) will choose an "interest" for the week and get extra time with one of the following: Orff instruments, World instruments, Recorder, Organ/Piano, Drama, Guitar/Strings, or Handbells. Music Camp follows VBS and runs from 12:00-4:00pm. Click the Music Camp icon at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) to register. Cost is \$100.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### PICK UP YOUR YELLOW BAGS THIS SUNDAY

Pick up Yellow Bags at the church this Sunday through February 16, or use your own bags; fill about 2/3 full with gently used clothing, shoes, handbags, and accessories. Drive through and drop off in the First Pres parking lots on Sunday, February 23, 8:00am–1:00pm. A large truck from Miracle Hill Ministries will be on campus and staffed to receive your donations, which will help homeless children, women, and men in the Upstate!

### Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

#### PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

Come 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).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

February 9, 2025

### SERMON SERIES

"Flourishing!

Healthy Then—Healthy Now"

Acts 4:1-13

Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the

Worship & Arts Center

11:00am in the 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:

[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)

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## WEDNESDAY

February 12, 2025

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The "I AM" Sayings of John

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

### MENU

Hamburger Steak with Gravy

Turkey Pot Pie

Mashed Potatoes, Rutabagas

Lima Beans, Corn Pudding

Rolls

Salads

Chef's Choice Desserts

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

## LOOKING AHEAD

2/21: *Sonic Expeditions Recital*

2/23: *Yellow Bag Collection Day*

2/28: *Discipleship Survey Deadline*

3/2: *Sacred Solos@First*

3/5: *Take Me to the Cross*

3/8: *The Fragile Years Seminar*

More info on all events at  
[FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events)

## MEMBER NEWS

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

**Mrs. Kathleen McAllister** on the birth of a grandson, Thomas Edwin “Tripp” McAllister III, on December 13. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McAllister Jr. (Meg) of Washington, DC.

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

**Miss Abigail Thomas** in the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Sibyl Thomas, on January 27, 2025.

## MEMORIALS & HONORS

### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Susan Tousignant* by Carol Mahoney  
*In memory of Alva Goodwin Jr.* by Elizabeth Cunniffe

### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

*In memory of Raoul Glenn Jr.* by Kathi and Buddy Daniel  
*In memory of Alva Goodwin Jr.* by Phyllis Crist

## PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Sandra Banks, Dick Brennecke, Miriam Brice, Lin Cundiff, Peggy Denny, Robert Denny, Bud Fant, Michael Faw, Liz Fuqua, Tasha Garrison, Betsy Guffey, Richard Hanks, Mary Haselden, Anna Hewitt, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Buddy May, **Olive McCord**, Mozelle Moore, Jim Nance, Chloris Norman, Becky Powell, Ken Rhoden, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Barbara Seibel, Carrie Stringer, Claire Taylor, John Volpe, Robin Walton, Lindsay Webb, Beryl Wickliffe, Jan Zimmerman

**Bold** = New    *Italics* = In Hospital

## PRAYER RESOURCES

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

## IN THIS WEEK'S PODCAST

In this week's Fridays@First podcast, co-host Michelle Ward interviews Amy O'Rourke, author of "The Fragile Years: Proven Strategies for the Care of Aging Loved Ones." Amy will be on our campus Saturday, March 8, to lead a half-day seminar on the same topic. You'll also hear Dr. Gibbons discuss what's happening in the life of our church and talk about some special guests who will be joining us for worship this Sunday.

Visit our YouTube channel @FPCGreenvilleSC and click the Podcast or Videos menus to listen to the latest weekly episode. We hope you will listen, like, comment, and subscribe!

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## TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



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Pick Up Yellow Bags  
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the ministries of FPC, visit  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

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children and  
caregivers!”*

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*\*with option to purchase book*

**THE FRAGILE  
YEARS  
SEMINAR**

*Saturday, March 8, 9am-12pm*



with

**AMY CAMERON O'ROURKE**

**The  
Fragile  
Years**

*Proven Strategies for the  
Care of Aging Loved Ones*

**Amy Cameron O'Rourke**

**DO YOU...**

HAVE A PARENT OR LOVED ONE  
NEARING THE FRAGILE YEARS  
OF LIFE?

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT CARE  
OPTIONS FOR THEM?

NEED ADVICE AND PLANNING  
TIPS BEFORE THAT TIME COMES?

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