

CONNECT@FIRST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2026-2027

The Gallowan-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. Submit your completed scholarship application, with all attachments, to the Gallowan-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, 864.906.3862) or Marilyn Morrison, FPC Foundation Administrator (mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org, 864.565.0992).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Are you looking for a summer job that also makes a big impact? Children's ministry has three summer intern opportunities. Contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DATES FOR 2026

You are invited to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones. The following Sundays in early 2026 are currently available: March 15 and 22; April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 24, 31; June 7 and 14; August 2 and 23; September 13 and 20; and October 25. To reserve a date and provide your dedication for the bulletin, please contact Linda Slash at lash@firstpresgreenville.org.

LOST AND FOUND

This is the "last chance" table to discover what is yours among all the lost and found items we have accumulated. The items will be on a table by the elevators in Building D main hallway through this Sunday, February 22. Please look for any items you have been missing; anything remaining after Sunday will be donated to Miracle Hill.

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. Over the weekend, men will be spiritually challenged, share plenty of laughter, build new relationships, and strengthen existing friendships. The cost is \$295 and includes lodging for two nights, five meals, use of Windy Gap's incredible facilities, and the weekend journal. Use code FPC75 for a discounted rate. Scholarships and financial assistance are also available. For details and registration, visit 3GenMinistries.org. Questions? Contact Michael Trotter at trottermichael1@gmail.com or Russell Guest at russellguest@charter.net.

Stewardship Ministry, Bobby Hoffman

"GOD AND MONEY" WORKSHOPS

Join us for the final session of the *God and Money* workshops, this Sunday, 9:45–10:30am, in Fellowship Hall. We'll explore **Estate Planning** with Bob August. Watch previous sessions at FirstPresGreenville.org/give.

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. The peaceful mountains of Brevard are the perfect background for a life-changing weekend. Register now at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

EVENTS

Fine Arts, Chelsea Fraser

ACTIVATE: AN INVITATION TO MAKING

ACTIVATE is a creative conference designed to connect deep theology with hands-on practice. Featuring keynote speakers Esther Lightcap Meek and Andy Squyres, this gathering invites you to explore your creative calling

and imagine how God might use your work to bless the church and community. With extended small-group time led by local artists, you'll learn, experiment, and create together. Dates are **February 26–28**. Register now at FirstPresGreenville.org/events. Click the button on the Signature Events page to hear Fine Arts Director Chelsea Fraser discuss the conference and God's call to creativity in everyday life.

BALLET MAGNIFICAT! THE CALL

Experience a powerful evening of faith, movement, and storytelling with Ballet Magnificat's newest original production, *The Call*. Choreographed by Assistant Artistic Director Silas Fennema, this moving ballet tells the true story of Elisabeth Elliot and the missionaries who risked everything to bring the gospel to a remote tribe in the Ecuadorian rain forest. Through breathtaking choreography and a stirring score, audiences are drawn into a story of courage, sacrifice, and redemption. Join us on **Friday, March 6**, at 7:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. For tickets go to FirstPresGreenville.org/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. Contact Steven Hall with questions at shall@send.org or 907.320.0158. Join us for a fun day of sporting clays and fellowship!

Worship & Music, Susan Messer

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

Mark your calendars for **June 8–11** as we celebrate Christmas in the Summer! Open to rising 2nd–6th graders, campers will explore music in fun, hands-on ways throughout the week! Rising 7th–12th grade students may apply to be counselors. Registration is open at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Congregational Care, Don Feuerbach

WORTHY MENTOR PROGRAM

The Worthy Mentor Program is a ministry of The Light & Life Ministry that offers spiritual support to women who have experienced an unexpected pregnancy. Some of these women may be walking through pregnancy and considering their options, while others may be healing from abortion. If you are interested in being placed with a mentor or have questions about Worthy, please contact Amy Murray at hello2amymurray@gmail.com. *This ministry is an extension of Lifeline Children's Services.*

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 or 864.565.0936. Register online at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

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CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Once a month, we provide homemade snacks for Hollis Academy teachers during their faculty meeting as a simple way to say thank you and encourage them. It's a meaningful way to support and appreciate those who care for our students every day. If you'd be willing to help at least once during the school year—by baking an item, donating toward the cost of a chicken nugget tray, or providing a savory treat—please email Amy Rogers at aar617lily@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry to Hollis Academy!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

February 22, 2026

Sermon Series:

"Tough Topics"

Matthew 5:1–10

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

FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

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WEDNESDAYS

February 25

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

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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Fried Pork Chops

Baked Chicken

Broccoli Casserole

Mixed Vegetables

Fried Okra

Rice Pilaf

Salads

Fruit

Rolls

Chef's Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY

26–28: ACTIVATE Arts Conference

MARCH

1: Communion Sunday

6: *The Call* with Ballet Magnificat!

29: Palm Sunday

APRIL

2: Maundy Thursday

5: Easter Sunday

10: Sporting Clay Classic

10: Pursuit Men's Weekend

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

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Emerson Lowder and Miles Vogt,* recipients of the 2026 Lewis and Nancy Tollison Scholarship Award. This award is given annually to two high school seniors who have displayed exemplary sportsmanship in representing the Lord while playing on a FPC basketball team.

NEW MEMBERS ♦ *The pastors and congregation welcome new members*
February 15, 2026: Hope and Alex Blackwell (Thomas and Baker); Mary Grace and Clayton Brown; Kristen and Ryan Coultas (Owen, Clara, and Eloise); Hannah and Robert DiBenedetto (Robert and Leigh); Cathy and Sam Dixon; Wynn Dixon; Andy Ennis; Joy and Ron Grant; Taylor Henderson; Madison Howard; Bella and Jackson Kabas; Ellie Kennedy; Caroline Martin; Taylor and Eric Rossow (Cooper); Amy Scales (Charles and Carson); Charlie Tate; Marian and William Welch

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*
Mrs. Nancy Lusk in the death of her husband, Mr. Bill Lusk, on February 9, 2026.
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Blankenship (Teresa) in the death of her mother, Bettina Marable Cline of Gaffney, SC, on February 10, 2026.
Ms. Ann Poulos in the death of her father, Mr. John Theodore Poulos Jr. of Pickens, SC, on February 11, 2026.
Mrs. Claudia Fant in the death of her husband, Mr. Andrew "Bud" Fant, on February 14, 2026.

IN MEMORIAM

William Thomas Lusk ♦ October 24, 1934 – February 9, 2026
Andrew Preston Fant III ♦ February 9, 1948 – February 14, 2026

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Thomas Lide Jr. by Millennium Private Wealth; Chris, Stephanie, and Sadie Goller; Sara Anne Collins

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Billy Beavers by Phyllis Crist
In memory of Anne Lybrand by Karen and Brian Burrell
In memory of Jim Nance by Phyllis and Cindy Crist

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Anne Lybrand by Bootsie Efirid

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



The FPC Military Ministry assists and prays for church members of our congregation serving in the Armed Forces (Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard). Visit the Military Ministry page under Care and Prayer on our website to learn more.



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

ONLINE GIVING



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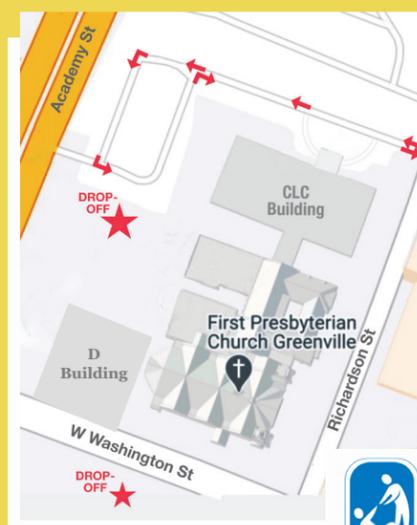
For more information about
FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

Bring Your Yellow Bags Back to FPC This Sunday 8:00am–12:30pm

Drive through and drop off in the First Presbyterian Church main parking lot or Washington Street parking lot on Sunday, February 22 (8:00am–12:30pm). A large truck from Miracle Hill Ministries will be on campus and staffed to receive your donations (see map).



Thank you for partnering with Miracle Hill to help transform lives within our community. Click the QR code to learn more.



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