

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### NEW STAFF: JIM SMITH

Please welcome Jim Smith to the FPC staff as Event Operations Coordinator. He is originally from the Charleston area and when he's not under the hood of his latest project, you can find him outdoors with his dog Harley. He previously worked on the AV during construction of the Worship & Arts Center, but enjoyed the relationships he made while here and decided to make the switch to FPC!

### GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2024-2025

The Gallivan-Mills Scholarship is granted each year to college undergraduate and seminary students who are FPC members. Applications available at both reception desks and online under the Gallivan-Mills icon on the [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) page. Submit your completed scholarship application, with all attachments, to the Gallivan-Mills Scholarship Committee (drop off at the reception desk or email to Steven Harvin) no later than Sunday, March 31. Questions? Contact Steven Harvin ([slharvin@gmail.com](mailto:slharvin@gmail.com), 803.477.8123).

### FPC BASKETBALL AWARDS



At the Jim Johnson Basketball Supper, Clayton Duke and Lillian Clark received the 2024 Lewis and Nancy Tollison Scholarship Awards. This annual award recognizes one senior boy and one senior girl basketball player who have played with both

competitive flair and exemplary sportsmanship. The \$2,000 scholarships are made possible by Michael and Cheryl Tollison.

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud*

### WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON APRIL 4

All women are invited to the Spring Luncheon, Thursday, April 4, at 12:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear Rebecca Madden, author of "Breathless Haste: Finding God in Ordinary Life." Rebecca, a former FPC member, now serves as the Women's Ministry Director at Peachtree Presbyterian in Atlanta. Online registration and childcare information is coming soon. Cost is \$15. For more details, please contact Leah Cloud at [lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### GREAT ALASKA SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC

The 11th Annual Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic will be held on Friday morning, April 12, at The Clinton House in Clinton, SC. This clay shoot is a fundraiser for the ministry of Steven and Natalie Hall, serving with SEND for the last 20 years. Register for teams and individuals, as well as sponsorships, at [Send.org/gascc](https://Send.org/gascc). Questions? Contact Steven Hall at [shall@send.org](mailto:shall@send.org) or 907.320.0158.

## EVENTS

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### THE GRAY HAVENS CONCERT APRIL 19

The Gray Havens, American Christian folk pop husband and wife duo David and Licia Radford, are coming to First Pres! Join us on Friday, April 19, at 7:00pm, for their 10-year anniversary tour concert. For tickets, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### MYSTERY OF BEAUTY CONFERENCE

The FPC Fine Arts Ministry will host a half-day conference, *Mystery of Beauty*, for anyone interested in the topic of art and faith, on Friday, March 1, in the Worship & Arts Center. Makoto Fujimura will be our keynote speaker. You will not want to miss this conference! Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### FPC DRAMA CAMP JUNE 17–21

Drama Kids of Greenville County is proud to partner with First Presbyterian Church to offer a faith-based summer camp for children ages 6–12, to explore new acting skills, voices, and movements. Get ready to blast off on an epic adventure June 17–21. For more information, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic*

### ADULT, YOUTH, AND KIDS SPORTS

Several sports programs are coming this spring and summer! Registration is now open at [FirstPresSports.com](https://FirstPresSports.com) for Adult Spring Basketball and Pickleball, Kids Golf Clinic, Summer Youth Sports Camp, and Youth Basketball. For more information, email [caleb@firstpresports.com](mailto:caleb@firstpresports.com).

*Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer*

### CELEBRATE LIFE! MUSICAL THEATRE

FPC Worship and Music Ministry presents a musical theatre performance to celebrate the birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus on Sunday, March 10, at 3:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Portions of the "Celebrate Life!" production, by Buryl Red and Ragan Courtney, will be performed through narration, the Sanctuary Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists. Free tickets are available at both reception desks and at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer*

### SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

Spaces are still available in Music Camp for children rising 2nd–rising 6th grades. Rising 7th–12th grades can also register as a counselor. Music camp follows VBS, June 10–13, from 12:00pm–4:00pm. Children can choose a specialty: world percussion, piano/organ, recorders, Orff instruments (xylophones, etc.), handbells, or drama. Volunteers for camp are also needed. Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### A SUMMER JOB THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Need a summer job, but want to really make a difference? The Children's Ministry team is looking for two 30-hour interns and one 20-hour intern this summer. Contact Tina Jones ([De\(t\)jones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:De(t)jones@firstpresgreenville.org)) for an application.

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### VOLUNTEER WITH OUR EVENTS TEAM

Our Events Ministry needs volunteers—hosts, ticket takers, ushers, and trained crowd managers for several spring events. Sign up at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or contact Linda Sholtis at [LSholtis@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:LSholtis@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart*

### JOBS FOR LIFE CLASS MARCH 19

Jobs for Life is a transformational ministry to equip men getting back up on their feet to find and keep a job. We are in need of several men to serve as mentors, as well as business owners to volunteer as guest speakers. The next 7-week class begins Tuesday, March 19, 6:15pm–8:00pm at the Greenville Rescue Mission. For more information, contact Dave Forry at 864.380.1013 or [forrydef@aol.com](mailto:forrydef@aol.com).

### COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR THE HOLLIS CARNIVAL

The annual Hollis Academy Carnival will be held on Friday, April 26. We need several packs of soda and snacks to support this school fundraiser. Visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the Hollis Academy icon for more details and to sign-up for specific supplies. Contact Beth Simmons ([simmonsfam@charter.net](mailto:simmonsfam@charter.net)) if you have any questions.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

### WORSHIP

8:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite  
in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

"Fulfilled: Matthew's Gospel"

Scripture: Matthew 11:25–29

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)

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## WEDNESDAY

February 28, 2024

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

"The Book of Daniel"

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:

Lunch and dinner are prepared by our chef each Wednesday, serving a selection of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10 • Children ages 4–12: \$5

Children ages 0–3: Free

Family max: \$35

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

February 22–February 28, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen James Simmons* (Karla Alexis Katibah), who were married in Maiden, NC, on February 17.

**SYMPATHY** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. Mark Garcia* in the death his mother, Becky Garcia, of Greenville, SC, on February 13.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Dell and Tink Baker, Anne and Tracy Foster, Alex and Clara Johnson, Gary and Jules Nelson (Joplin and Kingston), Rob and Deborah O’Brien, Wilkes and Paige Brown (Ruthie, Annie and Smith), Matt and Lillie Gabriel, Angela and Carroll Hart, Eric and Jules Hooks, Yvonne and Grace Jackson, John and Elizabeth Kappler, Grant and Hannah Morris, Mason and Stefanie Smith (Abby), Joseph and Laura Katherine Steifle, Jim and Kim Walker, Rob and Liza Williams (McNair), Henry Wofford

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, **Robert Ashley**, Doane August, Tom Brissey, Pat Burns, Susan Cable, Lang Cheves, Diane Cobb, Joe Cole, Janet Collins, **Don Connell**, Marian Dameier, Peggy Denny, Becky Dueben, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Cathy Harman, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, **Michael Hyde**, Ginny Johnson, **Priss Jones**, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, Mozelle Moore, Jerry Murdock, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Katherine Pate, Bette Ann Phillips, Don Phillips, Shari Phillips, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Courtney Prosise, Ed Reed, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, Catherine Sandifer, Janice Shartle, Jude Smith, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Tim Walsh, Spires Welch, Charlie West, Beryl Wickliffe, Frank Vickers, Jan Zimmermann

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

PRAYER RESOURCES

**Congregational Care Director, Tammy Burkhalter:** Call 864.565.0943  
For emergencies, upcoming surgeries, or hospital information.

**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 Services:** Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Chapel



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WHAT'S INSIDE

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Women’s Spring Luncheon

Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic

*Mystery of Beauty* Conference


*The Gray Havens* Concert

For more information about the ministries of FPC, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING

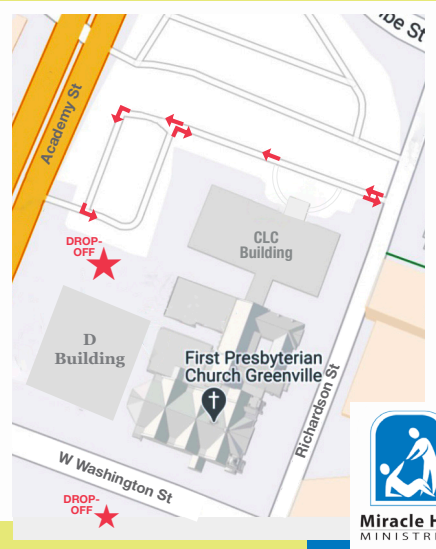


FEBRUARY 22–FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Bring Your Bags Back  
to FPC on February 25  
8:00am–1:00pm

Drive through and drop off in the First Presbyterian Church main parking lot or Washington Street parking lot on Sunday, February 25 (8:00am–1:00pm). 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 and our community.



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AND WOMEN  
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