

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### STAFF UPDATE

Join us in welcoming Courtney Rockness to the FPC Staff as a Student Minister. Courtney is a graduate of Wheaton College, IL, where she grew a passion for ministry through her involvement in WyldLife, Campus Discipleship Groups, and Kanakuk

Summer Camps. She most recently served as a Middle School Ministry Intern and Interim Youth Director at First Presbyterian Church of Mooresville, an ECO Church in North Carolina. She is new to First Presbyterian Church and to Greenville, and looks forward to serving here and becoming part of this community and church family.

### FPC FOUNDATION UPDATE

The First Presbyterian Church Foundation is proud to announce the addition of three new members to their Board of Directors: David Williams, John McGraw, and Paul Halphen. They join these current Board Members: Corey Phillips (Chairman), Todd Ripley (Vice Chair), John Bomar (Secretary), Anne Bailey (Treasurer), Bob August, Cal Hurst, Elizabeth Boggess, Rick Sturgis, and Brandy Page. If you have any questions about the Foundation, please ask these board members, or Marilyn Morrison (Administrator), or Bobby Hoffman (Director).

### COMPLETE THE CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Earlier this month, we were introduced to a significant focus of our Strategic Plan's Mission, Vision, and Values. This outcome prioritizes discipleship in the life of the congregation. As a result, we are asking each of you to complete a Congregational Survey, which will take less than 15 minutes. To access the survey, please scan this QR code or copy this link: [bit.ly/fpc\\_survey](https://bit.ly/fpc_survey) to your browser.



### GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2025-2026

The Gallivan-Mills Scholarship is granted each year to college undergraduate and seminary students who are FPC members. Applications are available at the FPC Reception Desk and online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf). 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 Monday, March 31, 2025. Questions? Contact Steven Harvin ([SLHarvin@gmail.com](mailto:SLHarvin@gmail.com), 803.477.8123), or Marilyn Morrison (864.565.0992, [mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org)).

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

#### PURSUIT 2025 MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

This year's men's retreat 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, experience adventure, begin new relationships, and deepen existing friendships. The cost of this year's retreat is \$275 and includes incredible facilities, five meals, two nights lodging, and the weekend journal. Please use code FPC75 for a discount. Space is limited so sign up now. 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).

## EVENTS

### Congregational Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach COMING MARCH 8—THE FRAGILE YEARS: Proven Strategies for the Care of Aging Loved Ones

Do you have a parent or aging loved one nearing or in the most fragile years of life? Are you considering in-home, assisted living, or a nursing home for them? Have they endured repeated hospitalizations, or are they facing major surgery? Are they refusing to give up their independence? Do they have adequate savings to pay for care? Are they getting the right Medicare, Medicaid, or VA benefits? Amy O'Rourke, author and a veteran care management professional, will help you navigate these questions and find the right care for your loved ones in a half-day

seminar here at First Pres on Saturday, March 8. You can submit questions to Amy in advance when you register. The seminar is \$25, with the option to purchase her book. Register now at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### Event Operations, Caleb Miller

#### REND COLLECTIVE FOLK! 2025 TOUR

Rend Collective is a 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 Saturday, 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. Visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) to link to the ticket site.

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

#### "LOOKING FOR A PLACE" EXHIBIT CLOSING SOON

There is still time to see Luke Allsbrook exhibit before it closes on Friday, February 28. Lenz Gallery hours are 9:00am - 3:00pm on weekdays.

### RESURRECTION LETTERS COMING APRIL 3

Andrew Peterson is bringing his annual *Resurrection Letters Tour* to First Pres on Thursday, April 3, at 7:00pm! This tour reflects a wide span of Andrew's music catalog, with a special focus on his critically acclaimed albums, *Resurrection Letters: Prologue, Volume 1*, and *Volume 2*. The record trilogy poignantly explores the event and surrounding themes of Christ's resurrection, along with its glorious implications for our lives today. Purchase your tickets online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or in person at the FPC Box Office during church office hours.

### Missions, Eric Swofford

#### GREAT ALASKA SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC

The 12th Annual GASCC will be held on Friday morning, April 11, at The Clinton House in Clinton, SC. This clay shoot is a fundraiser for the ministry of Steven and Natalie Hall, serving with SEND International 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.

### Travel, Lindsay Graham

#### ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT FOR FALL IN EUROPE TRIP

Don't delay if you want to be part of the First Pres group traveling to Europe this fall, September 16–26. Dr. Gibbons will lead the tour to Prague, Wittenberg, Eisenach, Munich, Zurich, and Geneva. Please contact Lindsay Graham at [ltravel@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:ltravel@firstpresgreenville.org) for further information. Register soon at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). Only eight seats are available.

### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

#### SACRED SOLOS@FIRST CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

Come and enjoy God's presence through music this Sunday, March 2, at 2:00pm. *Sacred Solos@First* will be a recital performed by professional musicians of First Pres. Vocal, piano, cello, and oboe soloists will prepare us for the Lenten season. Purchase tickets (\$10) 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: \$100.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### 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

March 2, 2025

Sacrament of Communion

SERMON SERIES

"Flourishing!

Healthy Then—Healthy Now"

Acts 8:1-8

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

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)

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10:45am:

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## WEDNESDAY

March 5, 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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TAKE ME TO THE CROSS

Family Lenten Prayer Service

6:15pm–7:15pm • Harper Chapel

Doors open at 6:10pm

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Fried Chicken | Shrimp Étouffée

Cajun Dirty Rice

Red Beans with Smoked Sausage

Fried Okra | Seasoned Yellow Squash

Rolls | Salad | Chefs Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

## LOOKING AHEAD

3/8: *The Fragile Years Seminar*

Rend Collective Folk! 2025 Tour

4/3: *Resurrection Letters Tour*

More info on all events at

[FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events)

## MEMBER NEWS

### BAPTISMS ♦ February 23, 2025

**Reeves Gray Cameron**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bretton Cameron (Mahlon)

**Elizabeth Lawson Taylor**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Taylor (Julia)

**Mr. Cody Robertson**

**Elenor Marie Robertson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cody Robertson (Mary Margaret)

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

**The family of Mrs. Barbara Hunt Wade.** Mrs. Wade died on February 18.

**Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaw (Angela)** in the death of his father, Mr. Jack Elmer Shaw, on February 19.

**Mr. and Mrs. Dustan Chevalier (Liz)** in the death of his mother, Mrs. Lynnette Chevalier, on February 22, and to Orlando and Geneva Chevalier in the death of their grandmother.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Barbara Hunt Wade** ♦ May 7, 1931 – February 18, 2025

### MEMORIALS & HONORS

#### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Raoul Glenn Jr.* by Martha and Hariold Gallivan

*In memory of Alva Goodwin Jr.* by Dianne Galloway

*In memory of Jack Whitesides* by Jane Nance; Margaret Boulware; Reid Hall

### PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Sandra Banks, Dick Brennecke, Miriam Brice, Lin Cundiff, *Jamie Daniel*, Peggy Denny, Robert Denny, Bud Fant, Pam 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, Claire Taylor, John Volpe, Robin Walton, Lindsay Webb, Beryl Wickcliffe, 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.



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### TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



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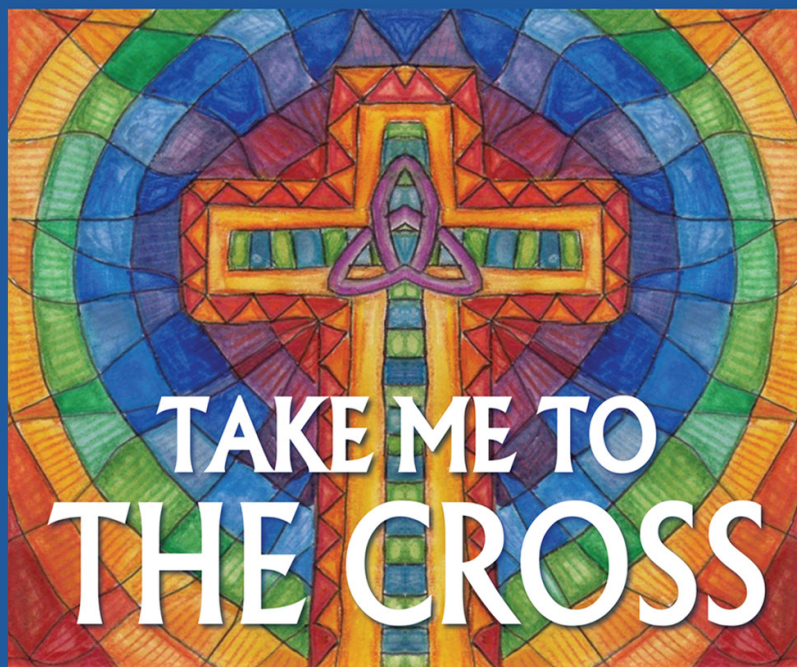
*The Fragile Years* Seminar

*Sacred Solos@First* Recital

Fall In Europe Trip

For more information about  
the ministries of FPC, visit  
FirstPresGreenville.org

FEBRUARY 27–MARCH 5, 2025



A Lenten  
Worship & Prayer Service

## ALL ARE INVITED

Wednesday, March 5

6:15-7:15pm\*

Harper Prayer Chapel

\*Doors open at 6:00pm.

The service begins promptly at 6:15pm.

This service will prepare our hearts for the season of Lent through songs, Scripture readings, and a time of prayer.

Presented by First Pres Ministry Leaders from:

Children's Ministry  
Worship & Music Ministry  
and Prayer Ministry

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