

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MIRACLE HILL YELLOW BAG UPDATE

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity in supporting the Yellow Bag Initiative on February 22. Because of you, more than 5,600 pounds of clothing and accessories were collected in just one day! Your donations directly support Miracle Hill's ministries throughout our community—providing shelter, recovery programs, food, and life-changing care for neighbors in need. Over the past ten years, First Presbyterian Church has contributed nearly 75,000 pounds (37.5 tons!) through this annual campaign. We are also deeply grateful for the many volunteers who helped to coordinate these collections.

### ORDER EASTER LILIES BY MARCH 25

We invite you to take part in decorating our church for Easter by ordering Easter lilies and giving a contribution in memory or in honor of a loved one. Order forms are available in the literature racks and online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the Easter lily icon. Please return forms with payment to the church by **Wednesday, March 25**.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Join us for a meaningful journey through Holy Week as we reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

**Palm Sunday on March 29**, worship will be at our regular service times as we celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem with joyful music and a children's palm processional.

**Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00pm**, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a moving service with the Lord's Supper, remembering Jesus' last meal with His disciples.

**Easter Sunday, April 5**, we will celebrate the resurrection with multiple services throughout the morning, each filled with inspiring music, Scripture, and messages of hope.

**8:00am Sanctuary**  
**9:15am Worship & Arts Center**  
**9:30am Sanctuary**  
**10:45am Worship & Arts Center**  
**11:00am Sanctuary**

We warmly invite you to bring your family, friends, and neighbors to these special times of worship. Nursery care and classes for K5 and under are available during each service. More information at [FirstPresEaster.com](http://FirstPresEaster.com).

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Intern applications are open! If you're a college student (or know a college student) who would love a summer job that also allows you to disciple children, minister to families, and assist with all the crazy, zany happenings in Children's Ministry, contact Tina Jones at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) to begin your application.

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### PAJAMA DAY—DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

Save some time on Sunday, March 8, and bring your children (5th grade and under) to church in their PJs! Be sure to set your clock forward one hour for daylight saving time!

### JUMP ROPE GOSPEL PRESENTATION THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday is the "Learnin' the Ropes" presentation for K4-5th graders during the 10:45am and 11:00am worship services. Parents should check all their children into one of the check-in desks prior to going to service. We will have regular Kids Church for K3 and under.

*Roots Student Ministry, Courtney Rockness*

### UPSTREAM 2026 JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

The Junior High Retreat is just around the corner, **April 17-19!** We will spend the weekend hanging out and enjoying the facilities at Camp Thunderbird, then visit the National Whitewater Center on Saturday. Students will participate in activities such as ziplining, rock climbing, ropes courses, and of course, whitewater rafting! More details, cost, and registration are online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events)—click the Upstream icon. Adult volunteers are needed. Please contact Courtney at [crockness@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:crockness@firstpresgreenville.org) for details.

## 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](http://www.send.org/gascc). Contact Steven Hall with questions at [shall@send.org](mailto:shall@send.org) or 907.320.0158. Join us for a fun day of sporting clays and fellowship!

*Worship & Music, Susan Messer*

### SAVE THE DATE: "PROCLAIM LIBERTY" CONCERT

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 1, 6:00–7:30pm** as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation! This will be a ticketed event so watch for more information coming soon.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Events Ministry, Linda Sholtis*

### HELP WELCOME OUR GUESTS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Easter is coming soon and we need your help to provide a welcoming environment for the many guests visiting FPC on **April 5**. We need 250 volunteers to serve as Parking Hosts, Greeters, and Ushers. The only requirement is a welcoming smile. Three shifts are available to accommodate you and your family attending one of the five services. If you can help, please click the QR code and enter your information.



*Day Missions, Karen King*

### DAY MISSIONS COLLECTION

Children's Ministry is collecting essential items to support neighbors living in low-income housing in our community. Each summer, Day Missions prepares and distributes 500 bags filled with basic necessities, helping families meet everyday needs. To see a complete list of needed items, click the Day Missions icon at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). Donations may be dropped off on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings at the Children's Ministry Five Points Check-In Desk. Prefer to shop online? You can have items shipped directly to the church, Attn: Karen King. Questions? Contact Karen King at [kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org). Thank you for helping us bless our neighbors and share Christ's love through practical care!

*Ignite Worship, Graydon Tomlinson*

### SINGERS FOR IGNITE EASTER PRAISE CHOIR

All singers—of every age and experience level—are invited to join our Easter Praise Choir for the Ignite Services on **Easter Sunday, April 5!** Ignite Easter services will be held at 9:15am and 10:45am on Sunday, April 5, in the Worship & Arts Center. We want to fill the room with a large chorus of voices to join the Ignite Worship Team and lead our congregation in a joyful celebration of the resurrection. Register by visiting the Events page at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org). After you register, you'll receive practice materials and resources to help you prepare, along with details about one in-person rehearsal prior to Easter Sunday. Questions? Contact Graydon Tomlinson at [gtomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:gtomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Missional Ministry, Eric Swofford*

### HOLLIS SPRING CARNIVAL—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Hollis Academy Spring Carnival is **Friday, April 17**, and we would love your help in making this a joyful and welcoming event for the Hollis community! There are two easy ways you can serve:

**Volunteer at the Carnival**—Two shifts are available: 3:45–6:00pm and 6:00–8:15pm. If you're willing to serve, please click the link on the Events page at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) and add your name, email, and phone number under your preferred shift.

**Provide Baked Goods**—We need 17 bakers to prepare two dozen cookies or brownies (no nuts, please). Baked goods are due at the church on **Thursday, April 16**. Go to [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) to sign up.

Questions? Contact Beth Simmons at [simmonsfam@charter.net](mailto:simmonsfam@charter.net).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 8, 2026

**Sermon Series:**

"Tough Topics"—Sexual Identity

Matthew 19:4–6

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](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

## WEDNESDAYS

March 11

### 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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[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

### MENU

Charleston Shrimp & Grits, Pork Roast, Red Rice with Field Peas, Lima Beans, Fried Green Beans, Roasted Cauliflower, Salads, Fresh 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

**EASTER SERVICES INFORMATION**  
Visit [FirstPresEaster.com](http://FirstPresEaster.com)

### MARCH

8: Spring Forward—Daylight Saving Time Begins

22-21: Spring Healing Conference

29: Palm Sunday

### APRIL

2: Maundy Thursday

5: Easter Sunday

10: Sporting Clay Classic

10: Pursuit Men's Weekend

19: Kirkin' o' the Tartans (11:00am)

### SPRING FORWARD MARCH 8

Daylight Saving time begins!

This newsletter offers highlights of announcements, events, and opportunities. For more information, visit [firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first](http://firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first).

## MEMBER NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Logan McMakin (Morgan Kay Davis) who were married in the Sanctuary on February 28, 2026.*

**SYMPATHY** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to The family of Mr. John Robert “Bob” Chandler, who died on February 20, 2026. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hart Jr. (Angela) in the death of his mother, Ms. Martha Oeland Hart of Greenville, on February 22, 2026; to Mrs. Eliza Painter (Trevor) and Ms. Lillian Hart in the death of their grandmother; and to Georgia Hart and Louise Painter in the death of their great-grandmother.*

**Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Graham (Judy) in the death of her brother, Mr. Terry Campbell of Chapin, SC, on February 24, 2026.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Mills III (Jane) in the death of her father, Mr. William “Bill” R. Rogers, on March 1, 2026; and to Jack, Whitner, and Wyatt Mills in the death of their grandfather.**

### IN MEMORIAM

**John Robert Chandler** ♦ *October 16, 1935 – February 20, 2026*

### MEMORIALS & HONORS

#### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of John Cooter* by Betsy and Craig Marchant; Katherine and Rick Davis

*In memory of Bud Fant III* by Bob and Day King; Steve and Annlynne Farr

*In memory of Thomas Lide Jr.* by Becky Boland

*In memory of Bill Lusk* by Circle 10

*In memory of Gena McGowan* by Circle 10; Melissa Bryant; Mary Jane Myers; Mr. and Mrs. William Sykes, Jr.; Bob and Page Hoyle; Mary Ellen and Don Kiser; Allison Partello; Mrs. C. C. Pearce; Allen and Randy Armstrong; Carey and David Hudson; Zeke and Caroline Bennett

### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

*In memory of John Cooter* by Suzanne and Whit Jordan

*In memory of Bud Fant III* by Bobby and Priscilla Hoffman; Steve and Annlynne Farr

*In memory of Bill Lusk* by Carlton and Belinda Manley

### TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Bettina Cline* by the Koinonia-Covenant Life Group

*In memory of Bill Lusk* by the Koinonia-Covenant Life Group; Ewan and Becky Sweeney; Steve and Libby Crowe

*In memory of Gena McGowan* by the Koinonia-Covenant Life Group

### PRAYER LIST ♦ **Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital

Nancy Adams, 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, Joan Snowden, Jerry Steeves, Lewis Tollison, Beryl Wickliffe

### PRAYER RESOURCES ♦ For Pastoral emergencies 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



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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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

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ORDER OF ST. LUKE - SOUTH CAROLINA & FIRST PRES PRESENT

# LORD SEND REVIVAL

Spring Healing Conference March 20-21

The conference is for clergy, health professionals, and laypeople who long to see Christ's healing power at work in their churches and communities.

Keynote Speakers: Dr. John & Holly Roddam of Release Ministries Canada

For more information or to register, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events)

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