

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU FROM MIRACLE HILL

Miracle Hill Ministry expresses its sincere thanks to the members of First Presbyterian Church for their generous donations to the Yellow Bag Initiative. A total of 8,119 pounds of clothing and accessories were donated, which will be used to support Miracle Hill ministries within our community. A big “Thank You” to the volunteers who collected hundreds of bags from cars and loaded the truck on collection Sunday.



### HONORING FPC MEMBER NANCY CRAIN

During the Basketball Awards on Sunday, February 23, Nancy Crain was honored with an award acknowledging her decades of service to the First Pres Basketball program and the

Activities Ministry. Thank you, Nancy, for your service!  
Pictured: Milt Lowder, Nancy Crain, Mike Templeton

### 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://www.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, 803.477.8123), or Marilyn Morrison (864.565.0992, mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org).

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Discipleship, Claire Ripley*

### NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS MARCH 13: "THE GOSPEL ON THE GROUND"

Join us as we work our way through the book of Acts with author Kristi McLelland as she unpacks the life of the early church. Explore the call of Jesus to His disciples then and to us today. See how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult times and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom. The class begins Thursday, March 13, from 9:30-11:00am in Room B311, and will run for seven weeks.

## EVENTS

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### PAJAMA DAY—DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

Save some time on Sunday, March 9, and bring your children (10 and under) to church in their PJs! We will provide a doughnut for adults and doughnut holes for the little ones to simplify your morning. Be sure to mark your calendar and set your clock forward by one hour because that's when we change to daylight saving time!

*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://www.firstpresgreenville.org/Events) to link to the ticket site.

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### GREENVILLE CONCERT BAND AT FPC MARCH 28: "OLD, NEW, BORROWED, AND BLUE"

The Greenville Concert Band will present a fantastic array of great selections on Friday, March 28, at 7:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Go online to [GreenvilleConcertBand.org/concert-schedule](https://www.GreenvilleConcertBand.org/concert-schedule) for more information and to reserve your free tickets.

### 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://www.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, who have been serving with SEND International for the last 20+ years. Register for teams and individuals, as well as sponsorships, at [send.org/gascc](https://www.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! 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. Go online to <https://biblical-journeys.com/0925Graham> for all the details and to register. Questions? Contact Lindsay Graham at [ltravel@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:ltravel@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer*

### 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://www.FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) to register. Cost: \$100.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—REGISTER TODAY

We have 394 children who want to attend VBS June 9-12, which is simply amazing! However, there are only 28 registered volunteers. Would you take a few minutes right now to pray and see if God would have you participate in this incredible week of bringing the Bible to life for these children? The most significant need is for tribe leaders (who serve in pairs) to guide a small group to various stations such as worship, Bible, snacks, crafts, the marketplace, and games. However, roles are still open for the dramas, craft area, games, and preschool VBS. The earlier adults register, the earlier we can settle the children on the roster. To sign up to volunteer, go online to [VBSpro.events/p/events/24572e/volunteers](https://www.VBSpro.events/p/events/24572e/volunteers) or click the VBS icon at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://www.FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### JOIN THE JOBS FOR LIFE TEAM

“Jobs for Life” is a transformational ministry designed to equip men who are getting back on their feet to find and keep meaningful employment. FPC Men's Ministry has partnered with Miracle Hill's Greenville Rescue Mission for a 7-week class beginning March 11 (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15-8:00pm). We are looking for a few men with a heart to serve others who will join our team to serve as mentors, helping and encouraging students through the class. For more information about this rewarding experience, see the FPC Men's Ministry webpage at [FirstPresGreenville.org](https://www.FirstPresGreenville.org) or contact Dave Forry at 864.380.1013 or [forrydcf@aol.com](mailto:forrydcf@aol.com). [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://www.FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) to register.

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

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 9, 2025

### SERMON SERIES

“Flourishing!

Healthy Then—Healthy Now”

Acts 8:26-40

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://www.facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)

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

[FirstPresGreenville.org](https://www.FirstPresGreenville.org) Watch menu

10:45am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresignite)

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## WEDNESDAY

March 12, 2025

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

John's Passion Narrative

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

### LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Sliced Roasted Corned Beef

Fried Fish & Homemade Chips

Stewed Cabbage

Roasted Carrots & Parsnips

Baked Apples | Fresh Fruit

Rolls | Salad | Chefs Choice Desserts

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

## LOOKING AHEAD

4/3: *Resurrection Letters Tour*

4/13: Palm Sunday

4/17: Maundy Thursday Communion

4/20: Easter Sunday

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

SPRING FORWARD MARCH 9

Daylight Saving time begins!

## MEMBER NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Tucker Hendrix and Mary Caroline Lewis*, recipients of the 2025 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.

**SYMPATHY** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Coty Briggs (Aften)* in the death of his mother, Patricia June Cottingham Briggs of Manning, SC, on February 20; and to **Mitchell, Jake, and Mary Charlotte Briggs** in the death of their grandmother.  
**Mr. and Mrs. Ellis W. Mills III (Jane)** in the death of his father, Mr. Ellis W. Mills Jr., on February 26; to **Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Mills (Maddie)** in the death of his grandfather; and to **Bennett and Molly Ellis Mills** in the death of their great grandfather.

### MEMORIALS & HONORS

#### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Susan Tousignant* by Bowles Rice LLP  
*In memory of Jack Whitesides* by Karen Baggett

#### CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY FUND

*In memory of Jack Whitesides* by Ewan and Becky Sweeney

#### PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, **Lee Alexander**, Sandra Banks, Dick Brennecke, Miriam Brice, Lin Cundiff, Jamie Daniel, Peggy Denny, Robert Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, Tasha Garrison, Betsy Guffey, Richard Hanks, Anna Hewitt, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul

McGahee, Buddy May, Mozelle Moore, Jim Nance, **Martha Nance**, Chloris Norman, Becky Powell, Ken Rhoden, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Claire Taylor, John Volpe, 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



### WHAT'S INSIDE

March 6–12, 2025

Men's Discipleship Weekend

New Women's Bible Study

*Resurrection Letters Concert*  
with Andrew Peterson April 3

Join the *Jobs for Life* Team

VBS Volunteers Needed!

Place Your Easter Lilies Order  
by April 9

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

*All men are invited to a rich time of fellowship, discipleship,  
and adventure at Carolina Point YoungLife Camp!*

## Men's Discipleship Weekend | March 28-30

*Cost includes meals & lodging. Watch highlights from last year's weekend  
and register at 3GenMinistries.org. Use code FPC75 for \$75 discount.*



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