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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00am this Sunday, March 10. Don't forget to spring forward. Children 10 and under are encouraged to come to church in their pajamas!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday (services at regular times); March 28, Maundy Thursday (Communion service at 7:00pm), and March 31, Easter Sunday. There will be four services on Easter: 8:30am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary, and 9:15am and 10:45am in the Worship & Arts Center. During Holy Week, there will be no Bible studies, classes, or meals. Please make plans to join us to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, and welcome friends and family to attend with you! Visit FirstPresEaster.com for more details.

MIRACLE HILL YELLOW BAG UPDATE

Thank you to our congregation for giving 9,600 pounds of clothing and accessories to support Miracle Hill thrift stores and their mission to support the homeless, hungry, and hurting in our city.

ORDER FORM FOR EASTER LILIES

Please help us decorate our church for Easter by ordering Easter flowers and giving a contribution in memory or in honor of a loved one. Forms are available in the literature racks or online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the Easter lily icon. Please return forms in the offering plate or to the church office by Wednesday, March 20.

FRESH PRAYERS FOR LENT: PART TWO

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer and fasting to draw closer to Christ as we remember all that He accomplished through his life, death, and resurrection. Be sure to pick up the next "Fresh Prayers for Lent" daily prayer calendar, which covers weeks 4 through 6. Booklets are in the church literature racks, or by clicking the icon at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

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 page. Submit your application at the reception desk or email to Steven Harvin (slharvin@gmail.com) by Sunday, March 31.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! New Member Weekend will be Friday–Saturday, May 3–4. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud

REGISTER FOR WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON

All women are invited to the Spring Luncheon, Thursday, April 4, at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Come hear Rebecca Madden, author of "Breathless Haste: Finding God in Ordinary Life." Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Cost is \$15. For more details, please contact Leah Cloud at lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org.

EVENTS

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

BUDDY BREAK APRIL 26

Our next Buddy Break is Friday, April 26, 5:30–8:00pm. Buddy Break is for families with children who have special needs. Bring all of your children to the church for supper and fun while you go out to dinner, go shopping, or even just go home and take a nap! For questions, please email tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

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.

ELEVENTH HOUR OPEN MIC MARCH 21

The FPC Fine Arts Ministry provides opportunities for artists of all kinds to come together to share their work and celebrate what God is doing in their lives. The next Open Mic will be Thursday, March 21, at 7:30pm in the Student Programming Space. For more information, please contact Chelsea Fraser (cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org).

REGISTER FOR DRAMA CAMP

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.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

CELEBRATE LIFE! TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

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.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

JOIN THE ADVENTURE AT 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Looking for an opportunity to serve on a Family Missions Trip to Richmond, VA at a very affordable cost? Please contact Karen King for more details at 864.565.0936. Dates for the trip are July 7–14. Children must be 10 years or older in order to participate.

A SUMMER JOB THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Need a summer job, but want to 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 (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) for an application.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

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 under the Hollis icon to sign-up for specific supplies. Contact Beth Simmons (simmonsfam@charter.net) if you have questions.

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 forrydcf@aol.com.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 10, 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 14:22–36

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:

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[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)
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10:45am:

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

MARCH 13, 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

LOOKING AHEAD

March 10: Celebrate Life! 3:00pm

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 24–March 31: Holy Week–
No Bible studies, classes, or meals

March 28: Maundy Thursday
Service 7:00pm

March 29: Good Friday

March 31: Easter Sunday services:
8:30am | 9:15am | 10:45am | 11:00am

PASTOR OF THE DAY

March 7–March 13, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies,
please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Parsons (Margaret) on the birth of a son, Henry McArthur “Hank” Parsons, on October 3, 2023.
Mr. and Mrs. Tread Davis (Emily) on the birth of a daughter, Mary Sanders Davis, on February 26, and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sanders (Jill).

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Dr. and Mrs. David Williams (Nina) in the death of her mother, Mary Anne Timmons Sullivan, of Moreland, Georgia on February 24; and to Russ, Rob and Baxter Williams in the death of their grandmother.
Mrs. Joan Murdock in the death of her husband, Jerry Murdock on February 28.
Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Murdock (Julie) in the death of his father; and to Thomas, William, and Mary Claire in the death of their grandfather.

IN MEMORIAM

Jerry W. Murdock ♦ *August 7, 1939 – February 28, 2024*

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

CHURCH HONORS FUND

In honor of Damon, Betsy and Mary Margaret Flowers by Richard and Karen Andrews

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Tom Drake by Ronald Todd

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Robert Ashley, Doane August, Tom Brissey, Pat Burns, Susan Cable, Lang Cheves, Diane Cobb, Peggy Denny, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, **Richard Furman**, *Eddie Gambrell*, Millie Gedney, Susan Gibson, 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, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Courtney Prosis, Ed Reed, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Tim Walsh, 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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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am



WHAT'S INSIDE

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Buddy Break April 26
Celebrate Life! Musical Theater
Women's Spring Luncheon
Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic
The Gray Havens Concert

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

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Worthy

This ministry is an extension of The Light & Life Ministry of First Presbyterian Church

YOU HAVE VALUE | YOU MATTER | YOU ARE CHERISHED | YOU ARE LOVED | YOU ARE WORTHY



The Worthy Mentor Program is a ministry of Lifeline Children's Services 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.

Mentorship is between two women – a trained mentor with a heart for sharing the love of Jesus, and a woman who has experienced unexpected pregnancy. As part of the mentorship, they will journey together through a 10-week study that includes topics such as Value, Identity, Grief, and Hope, and learn more about the person of Jesus Christ and the good news of His gospel. If you are interested in being paired with a Worthy mentor, please contact Tammy Burkhalter in Congregational Care at tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org or call 864.565.0943. All meetings and information are confidential.