

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

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 to begin your application.

DISCIPLESHIP

Congregational Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach SPRING HEALING CONFERENCE—MARCH 20–21

You are invited to a Spirit-filled weekend of teaching, worship, and healing prayer as Order of St. Luke South Carolina partners with First Pres for the Spring 2026 Healing Conference. This gathering will focus on the theme of revival: what it is, how we discern it, and how we prepare our hearts and churches to receive it. Rev. John Roddam is our guest speaker. This conference is designed for clergy, health professionals, and laypeople who long to see Christ's healing power at work in their churches and communities. Come expecting to be refreshed, equipped, and sent—ready to pray for revival and to serve as Healing Disciples in the power of the Holy Spirit. Register today at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? Discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! The next New Member Weekend will be **Friday–Saturday, April 10–11.** Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Tiffany Boggs (tboggs@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON

All women are invited to a Spring Luncheon, **Thursday, April 23**, at 12:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley will share a hopeful message titled "Then Sings My Soul." Ages 4 and under childcare available with registration. Cost is \$15. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Please select the option to pay now with a credit card or pay at the door with cash/check. No credit cards will be accepted at the door. For more details, please contact Tiffany Boggs at tboggs@firstpresgreenville.org.

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, with a visit to 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—click the Upstream icon. Adult volunteers are needed. Please contact Courtney at 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. Contact Steven Hall with questions at shall@send.org or 907.320.0158. Join us for a fun day of sporting clays and fellowship!

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. 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. 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. 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.

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 or provide baked goods. Go to FirstPresGreenville.org/Events to sign up. Questions? Contact Beth Simmons at simmonsfam@charter.net.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 15, 2026

Sermon Series: "Journeying Thorough Mark to Easter"

Mark 2:1–12

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 Watch menu

"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

WEDNESDAYS

March 18

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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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU

Corned Beef and Cabbage
Brats and Sausage Bake
Roasted New Potatoes
Green Peas
Stewed Cabbage
Roasted Carrots and Parsnips
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://VisitFirstPresEaster.com)

MARCH

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)

This newsletter offers highlights of announcements, events, and opportunities. For more information, visit firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ March 8, 2026

Theodore Allen Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Brock (Claire)

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

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

Mrs. Freddie Holland in the death of her brother, Mr. Bruce Pyles, on March 5, 2026. Freddie works in FPC's Food Ministry.

IN MEMORIAM

William "Bill" Ray Rogers ♦ June 27, 1931 – March 1, 2026

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bud Fant III by Jim and Lynn Hopple; Mr. and Mrs. Carrol H. Roe, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. James T. Anderson

In memory of T. G. Hanner by Evelyn Smith

In memory of Gena McGowan by Judy Keith; Austin Huguley; Jean Dority; Martin Cagle; John and Sharmin Hill; Geer Isdale; Hampton and Elizabeth Alford; Page and Bob Hoyle; Anne and March Seabrook

In memory of William Rogers by Mark and Trudy Harris

CUP OF CARING TEA MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Billy Beavers by Ann and Ben Crider Jr.

In memory of John Cooter by Ann and Ben Crider Jr.

In memory of Bud Fant III by Ann and Ben Crider Jr.

In memory of Bill Lusk by Ann and Ben Crider Jr.

In memory of Gena McGowan by Ann and Ben Crider Jr.

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In honor of Jackson and Anna Townes Tharpe by Debra Tharpe

In memory of Bud Fant III by Carlton and Belinda Manley

In memory of John Walker by Peggy and Craig Carver

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bill Lusk by Bootsie Efir

In memory of Gena McGowan by Bootsie Efir

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, Rachel Mullinax, Martha Nance, Chloris Norman, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Joan Snowden, **Donna and 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

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Camper Ages: 2nd - Rising 6th only | Student Leaders: Rising 7th - Completed 12th.



Students will choose an "interest" to focus on for the week. They will get extra time with one of the following: Orff, World instruments, Recorder, Organ/Piano, Drama, Guitar/Strings, or Handbells.

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