

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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! The main church parking lot will be reserved for seniors and visitors. We encourage other guests to use the Richardson Street parking garage. Please visit [FirstPresEaster.com](http://FirstPresEaster.com) for more details.

### 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](http://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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2024-2025

The Gullivan-Mills Scholarship is granted each year to college undergraduate and seminary students who are FPC members. Applications are available at both reception desks and online under the Gullivan-Mills icon on the [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) page. Submit your application at the reception desk or email to Steven Harvin ([slharvin@gmail.com](mailto:slharvin@gmail.com)) by Sunday, March 31.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter WORTHY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Worthy Mentor Program is a ministry of Lifeline Children’s Services and an extension of The Light & Life Ministry of FPC. This program offers spiritual support to women who have experienced an 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 Jesus. If you are interested in being paired with a Worthy mentor, please contact Tammy Burkhalter in Congregational Care at [tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org) or call 864.565.0943. All meetings and information are kept confidential.

### 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](mailto:lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org)). Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### Men’s Ministry, Charlie Buchanan GREAT ALASKA SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC

The 11th Annual Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic will be held on Friday morning, April 12, at The Clinton House in Clinton, SC. This clay shoot is a fundraiser for the ministry of Steven and Natalie Hall, serving with SEND for the last 20 years. Register for teams and individuals, as well as sponsorships, at [Send.org/gascc](http://Send.org/gascc). Questions? Contact Steven Hall at [shall@send.org](mailto:shall@send.org) or 907.320.0158.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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, contact Chelsea Fraser ([cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto: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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer JOIN THE ADVENTURE AT MUSIC CAMP

Spaces are still available in Music Camp for rising 2nd–rising 6th grade children. 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](http://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, Virginia, 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. The deadline to register is Sunday, April 14.

#### VBS & DAY MISSIONS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There has been a tremendous response to both VBS and Day Missions registrations. Volunteers may register themselves first at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the VBS and Day Missions icon, then register their child or grandchild. Questions? Contact Tina at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

### 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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the Hollis icon to sign up for specific supplies. Contact Beth Simmons ([simmonsfam@charter.net](mailto: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 on their feet to find and keep a job. We need 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](mailto:forrydcf@aol.com).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 17, 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 16:13–21**

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:**

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)  
[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

**10:45am:**

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://Facebook.com/firstpresignite)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship)  
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## WEDNESDAY

MARCH 20, 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**

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)  
[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

### 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 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**

**April 14: Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan**  
**service**

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

**March 14–March 20, 2024**

For Pastoral emergencies,  
please call 864.235.0496.



MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ March 10, 2024

Mr. Tyler Matthesen

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Daniel (Elizabeth) on the birth of a son, William Washburn “Burns” Daniel, on March 9, 2024.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Simmons (Emma) on the birth of a son, Charles Everett Simmons, on March 8, and to grandparents The Honorable Chuck Simmons and Mrs. Simmons (Beth) and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Batson (Susan).

Warm congratulations to The Honorable John W. Kittredge who was elected Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

NEW MEMBERS

Steven and Kelsey Weaver (Penelope), Wyatt and Maddie Mills (Bennett and Molly), Hallie Brown, Caroline Clark, Amy Cruz, Samara Cruz, Kimberly Hoffman, Erik Holton, Trey and Kelli Ingram (Lael, Ruthie, Salem, Faith, Eden, Shepard, Ever, Olive), Lamar and Deborah Jordan, Tyler Matthesen, Stan and Diane Poston, Anna Price, Warner Roberts

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, 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, Paul McGahee, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Courtney Prosise, Ed Reed, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Tim Walsh, 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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on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
Sundays at 10:30am



WHAT'S INSIDE

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

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First Pres Women’s Ministry

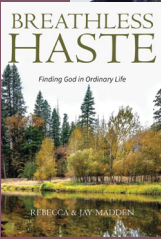
Spring  
Luncheon

Thursday, April 4, at 12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.  
Cost is \$15. Childcare available.

Have fun decorating a table for our luncheon with your friends! The theme will be “Spring Blessings.”  
Register for a table at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the Women’s Luncheon icon!

Come hear Rebecca Madden, author of Breathless Haste: Finding God in Ordinary Life. For over two decades, Rebecca and her husband have privately recorded their reflections and experiences with God, and now they



publicly share 30 diverse stories from their journals that span the spectrum from the ordinary to the miraculous. Rebecca, a former First Pres member, now serves as the Women’s Ministry and Connections Director at Peachtree Presbyterian in Atlanta.

Contact Leah Cloud at lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

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