

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HIRING SUMMER INTERNS

The Children's Ministry has openings for two summer interns to work 30 hours a week and one summer intern to work 20 hours a week with Summer@1st. If interested, please contact Tina Jones ([tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org)) for an application.

### 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 church reception desk and online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf). Submit your completed scholarship application, with all attachments (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](mailto:SLHarvin@gmail.com), 803.477.8123), or Marilyn Morrison (864.565.0992, [mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org)).

### ORDER EASTER LILIES BY APRIL 9

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 or online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the Easter lily icon. Please return forms with payment to the church by Wednesday, April 9.

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Discipleship, Claire Ripley*

### DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

If you are prayerfully considering putting down your spiritual roots and becoming a member of First Presbyterian, then join us for our next New Member Weekend, Friday–Saturday, April 11–12. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Charlotte at [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org). Registration is open at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO THURSDAY GATHERINGS

- Bible, Fellowship, & Breakfast each Thursday, 7:30–9:00am (Formal Dining Room). Optional breakfast (\$5) at 8:30am. For more details, contact Carl Evans ([carl.h.evans@gmail.com](mailto:carl.h.evans@gmail.com) or 864.770.5647).
- Christian Men's Fellowship each Thursday, 12:00–1:15pm (Formal Dining Room). RSVP for lunch (\$10) to Charlotte Joye, [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

### PURSUIT 2025 MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND IS FILLING UP FAST!

Visit [3GenMinistries.org](http://3GenMinistries.org) to register for this year's men's retreat, March 28–30 at Carolina Point YoungLife Camp. Men can expect to be challenged spiritually, laugh heartily, experience adventure, begin new relationships, and deepen existing friendships. The cost of the retreat is \$275 and includes incredible facilities, five meals, two nights lodging, and a weekend journal. Please use code FPC75 for a \$75 discount. Financial aid is available by contacting Charlie Buchanan at 864.565.0937 or [cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org). For more information about the weekend, contact Michael Trotter at [trottermichael1@gmail.com](mailto:trottermichael1@gmail.com) or Russell Guest at [russellguest@charter.net](mailto:russellguest@charter.net).

## EVENTS

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### THE GRAY HAVENS RETURNS TO FIRST PRES

Join The Gray Havens, American Christian folk pop duo, along with John Mark Pantana, Antoine Bradford, and Lovkn, for an unforgettable night of music, storytelling, and community as they bring *The Zion Caravan Tour* to First Pres! The concert is Thursday, May 1, at 7:30pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Whether you're a longtime fan or new to their music, you won't want to miss this! Scan the QR code for tickets.



*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### GREENVILLE CONCERT BAND AT FPC MARCH 28

The Greenville Concert Band will present a fantastic

array of musical selections on Friday, March 28, at 7:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Go online to [GreenvilleConcertBand.org/concert-schedule](http://GreenvilleConcertBand.org/concert-schedule) for more information and to reserve your free tickets.

### RESILIENCE EXHIBIT EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL

The Asheville artists exhibit *Resilience* will be displayed in The Galleries at First Pres through April 25. Come and view their work on the first and second floors.

### 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 celebrates Easter by focusing on Andrew Peterson's 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](http://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 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.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—SIGN UP TODAY

We have 323 children registered for Vacation Bible School (VBS) on June 9–12 with another 89 on the waiting list! However, we currently have only 46 registered volunteers, and we need your help to make this an unforgettable experience for these kids. Greatest Need: Tribe Leaders (serve in pairs) to guide small groups through stations like worship, Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, the marketplace, and games. Other Open Roles: Drama team, craft area, games, and preschool VBS. The sooner you register, the sooner we can finalize children's placements and prepare for an amazing week! Sign up today: [VBSpro.events/p/events/24572e/volunteers](http://VBSpro.events/p/events/24572e/volunteers) or click the VBS icon at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to these children!

### DAY MISSIONS DRIVERS & CHAPERONES NEEDED

Join us in supporting our grade 5–12 students as they serve the needs of our city June 9–12. We're looking for drivers and chaperones to help make this experience impactful and meaningful. To sign up, click the Summer Day Missions icon at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). Thank you for being part of this mission!

*Events Ministry, Linda Sholtis*

### HELP WELCOME OUR GUESTS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Easter is right around the corner, and we need your help to provide a welcoming environment for the many guests visiting FPC on Easter. We need over 250 volunteers 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.



*Family Missions, Karen King*

### SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY MISSION TRIP

We are seeking several First Pres families to participate in a mission trip to Richmond, VA, July 13–20. We are partnering with the Christian Arabic Church to support refugees from various countries. Our mission will include hosting a Vacation Bible School and assisting with yard work and church improvements. Who can participate? Families with children ages 10 and up are welcome to join. Registration opens soon! Stay tuned for more details. For more information, contact Karen King at [kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.565.0936. We hope you'll join us in making a difference!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 23, 2025

### SERMON SERIES

"Flourishing!

Healthy Then—Healthy Now"

Acts 10:23–48

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://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 26, 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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[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

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

### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

### LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Chef's Choice Pizza by the Slice

Marinated Italian Vegetable Salad

Tomato Caprese Salad

Mixed Salads

Garlic Bread Sticks

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*

### EASTER WEEK INFORMATION

Visit [FirstPresEaster.com](http://FirstPresEaster.com)

4/13: Palm Sunday Services

8:30, 10:45, 11:00

4/17: Maundy Thursday Communion

7:00pm

4/20: Easter Morning Services

8:00, 9:15, 9:30, 10:45, 11:00

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

## MEMBER NEWS

### SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fortson (Lee Ann)** in the death of her mother, Ms. Betty Hardin Harrington of Eastman, GA, on March 4.

**Mr. Phillip Patrick** in the death of his brother, Mr. Charles Hugh Patrick Jr. of Pawley's Island, SC, on March 8.

**Mrs. Sandra Freeman** in the death of her husband, Mr. Larry Freeman, on March 14.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Larry Delaine Freeman** ♦ *January 7, 1941 – March 14, 2025*

### PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Lee Alexander, Sandra Banks, Miriam Brice, Karen Clay, Lin Cundiff, Jamie Daniel, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, Tasha Garrison, Darst Guest, Betsy Guffey, Richard Hanks, Anna Hewitt, Harry and Wanda Hightower, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, **John Kylin**, Mary Kylin, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Buddy May, Mozelle Moore, Rachel Mullinax, Jim Nance, Martha Nance, Chloris Norman, Becky Powell, Ken Rhoden, **Caroline Rice**, 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.



### Did you know?

Dr. Gibbons' Fridays@First eblast is also a weekly podcast. Tune in to hear him share about weekend services and events, discipleship opportunities, and ways to help transform the heart of the city. You may even hear a dad joke or two! This week, co-host Michelle Ward will interview Bobby Hoffman about the FPC Foundation.

### Like, comment, and subscribe!

Find the latest episodes on all the platforms listed above.

### Want the eblast delivered to your inbox?

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instagram | [@FPCGreenville](https://instagram.com/@FPCGreenville)

mobile app | FPC Live

### TELEVISION

**First and Foremost** Program  
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE  
GIVING



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[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

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## EASTER AT FPC

HE IS NOT HERE HE IS RISEN



EASTER WEEK: APRIL 13–20

On Palm Sunday, we gather together in worship and remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the path he chose toward the cross. In each service, children may participate in a processional waving palm branches.

### APRIL 13

8:30am | Sanctuary  
10:45am | Worship & Arts Center  
11:00am | Sanctuary

Our Maundy Thursday service takes us back to the Upper Room, where Jesus spent His last meal with the disciples, washed their feet, and spoke of his betrayal and death. We will observe communion, remembering Jesus' body broken for us and His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

### APRIL 17

7:00pm | Sanctuary  
Communion

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the joy and hope of the resurrection! All services will feature uplifting music and a message by Dr. Gibbons. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us!

### APRIL 20

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

## MORE INFO: [FIRSTPRESEASTER.COM](http://FIRSTPRESEASTER.COM)

During Easter Week, there will be no Bible studies, classes, or meals. On Easter Sunday, the main church parking lot will be reserved for seniors, visitors, and those who struggle with mobility. We encourage all others to use the Richardson Street parking garage. Thank you!

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