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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Note the services details on page 2. We invite you to bring your family, friends, and neighbors to these special times of worship. More details at FirstPresEaster.com.

GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2026-2027

The Gallivan-Mills Scholarship is granted each year to college undergraduate and seminary students who are FPC Covenant Partners. Applications are available at the FPC Reception Desks and online at 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 Tripp Welch and Marilyn Morrison no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Questions? Contact Tripp Welch (tripp@matchgradeadvisors.com, 864.906.3862) or Marilyn Morrison, FPC Foundation Administrator (mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org, 864.565.0992).

STAFF NEWS



We are pleased to introduce Andrey Vedenev, who joined the Facilities team as a Sexton last month. Andrey came to South Carolina from the state of Washington where he was employed in industrial work. In his spare time, Andrey enjoys the outdoors, getting his hands dirty in the garden, and spending time with his church friends and community. He looks forward to serving at First Presbyterian Church.

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DATES OPEN

You are invited to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones. The following Sundays in 2026 are currently available: **April 12, 19, 26; May 10, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21; August 2; September 13; and October 25.** To reserve a date and provide your dedication for the bulletin, please contact Linda Slash at lash@firstpresgreenville.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

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 Fellowship Hall. Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley will share a hopeful message titled "Then Sings My Soul." Childcare for age 4 and under childcare is available with registration. Cost is \$15. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. 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.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

PURSUIT MEN'S WEEKEND

Join us **April 10–12** at Windy Gap Young Life Camp in Weaverville, NC. This retreat offers men a meaningful mix of fellowship, discipleship, and adventure in a beautiful mountain setting. The cost is \$295 and includes lodging for two nights, five meals, use of Windy Gap's incredible facilities, and the weekend journal. Use code

FPC75 for a discounted rate. Scholarships and financial assistance are also available. For details and registration, visit 3GenMinistries.org. Questions? Contact Michael Trotter at trottermichael1@gmail.com or Russell Guest at russellguest@charter.net.

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

Children Ministry, Karen King

EASTER ANGELS FOR GREENVILLE SUMMIT

Help spread the Good News to the residents at the Greenville Summit by making individually wrapped goodies (brownies, cupcakes, cookies, etc.) and Easter cards with words of encouragement. Bring donations to the Children's Ministry by **Tuesday, March 31.** Cards and goodies will be delivered to the residents on Wednesday, April 1. Questions? Contact Karen King (kking@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0936).

Children Ministry, Tina Jones

NEW TODDLER ROOM ON SUNDAYS

With the rise in attendance (and little ones), we are seeking 10 classroom assistants for a new toddler room. This role would be once a month on Sundays, 10:30am–12:10pm, and would enable parents to attend worship. Also, if you'd like to serve before or after you attend Easter worship, let us know! We are seeking extra hands 7:45–9:15am, 9:15–10:45am and/or 10:45am–12:15pm. Contact Tina at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

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.

FINE ARTS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that you don't have to be a First Pres member to join in the work of FPC Arts? Here are some ways to connect:

- Serve on our docent team! Reach out to Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.
- Serve on our events team! Reach out to Linda Sholtis at lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.
- Interested in caring for artists? Reach out to Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Sermon Series: "Journeying Through Mark to Easter"

Mark 12:1–12

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

WEDNESDAY

April 1

During Holy Week, there will be no Bible studies, classes, or meals.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

7:00pm • Sanctuary

More details at FirstPresEaster.com

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7:00pm–8:00pm

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LOOKING AHEAD

EASTER SERVICES INFORMATION

Visit FirstPresEaster.com

APRIL

2: Maundy Thursday

5: Easter Sunday

10: Sporting Clay Classic

10: Pursuit Men's Weekend

19: Kirkin' o' the Tartans (11:00am)

HOLIDAY SEASON IN THE BOOKSTORE

Looking for the perfect gift for a friend, family member, or new believer? Visit **Books & Gifts @ First**, where you'll find a wide selection of books, devotionals, greeting cards, faith-based artwork, and home goods—all thoughtfully chosen to help you share the love of Christ through your giving. Complimentary gift wrapping is available. For hours, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/bookstore.

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

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ March 22, 2026

Furman Coulter Beeson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Beeson (Kennedy)
Abigail Joanna O'Steen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke O'Steen (Lea)
Sofia Elizabeth Waddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Waddell (Jaimie)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Malewich (Kate) on the birth of a son, Michael Hayes Malewich, on December 26, 2025.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

The family of Mr. George Burdine (Bud) Nalley Jr. of Easley, SC. Mr. Nalley died on March 15, 2026.

The family of Ms. Mary Barnett Haselden. Ms. Haselden died on March 19, 2026.

The family of Ms. Frances G. Huguley. Ms. Huguley died on March 23, 2026.

IN MEMORIAM

George Burdine "Bud" Nalley Jr. ♦ December 13, 1938 – March 15, 2026

Mary Barnett Haselden ♦ May 8, 1956 – March 19, 2026

Frances G. Huguley ♦ April 14, 1927 – March 23, 2026

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Betty Farr by Kathi and Buddy Daniel

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of John Cooter by John Rowell

In memory of Betty Farr by Legislative Council in Columbia, SC; Harriet and Bobby Kneece; Alex Prescott; John Rowell; Scott and Neel Hipp family; Allen and Randy Armstrong; Jan and Jay Haas; George K. Lyall; Mrs. C. C. Pearce; James P. Rickman; Lou O'Brien; Doug and Mary Stokes, Jr.; Seabrook and Anne Marchant; Julie and J. N. Strausbaugh III; C. Wallace Harper; Sam Outten; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Quattlebaum; David and Susan Wilkins; Jonna and Mark Hamrick; Skip and Barbie Francis; Mr. and Mrs. William Sykes Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Gunn Murphy Jr.; Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP; Trish Campbell

In memory of Gena McGowan by Dr. and Mrs. M. Christopher Marshall; Trish Campbell

In memory of William Rogers by Mary Gladys Gilstrap

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Betty Farr by Mary Jane Myers

In memory of William Rogers by Carlton and Belinda Manley

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of William Rogers by The Ward Life Group; Dr. Alex Patrick

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, Donna and Jerry Steeves, Lewis Tollison, Beryl Wickliffe



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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:00am

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For more information about FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

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MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY

8:30am Sanctuary

10:45am Worship & Arts Center

11:00am Sanctuary

APRIL 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00pm Sanctuary

Communion Service

Join us for
Easter
Services

APRIL 5 Easter Sunday

8:00am Sanctuary

9:15am Worship & Arts Center

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