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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORT OUR STUDENT MINISTRY'S MISSION TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

This summer, our students are embarking on a life-changing mission trip to the Dominican Republic, and you can help make it possible! There are two ways to contribute: **Online Giving**—Visit the Events tab on our website and click the FPC Mission Trips icon. Select Youth DR Trip, choose a student you'd like to support, and make your donation. **Envelope Fundraiser**—Starting Sunday, April 6, participate in our Student Ministry Envelope Fundraiser. Stay tuned for more details during the Moment for Missions in worship. Thank you for investing in our students and their mission to serve!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HIRING SUMMER INTERNS

The Children's Ministry has openings for three summer interns to work 30 hours a week. If interested, please contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) for an application.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers for the Sanctuary and dedicate them in honor or memory of loved ones on Sundays, **April 6 or 27, and May 4, 11, 18 or 25**. Please contact Linda Slash at 864.235.0496 or lslash@firstpresgreenville.org to reserve a date.

ORDER EASTER LILIES BY APRIL 9

We invite you to take part in decorating our church 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 under the *Easter Flowers* 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. Registration is open at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

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 for more information and to reserve your free tickets.

RESURRECTION LETTERS TOUR IS HERE NEXT WEEK

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. 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 or in person at the FPC Box Office during church office hours.

First Presbyterian Academy, Rob Brown

FPA PRESENTS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF

Join us in the Worship & Arts Center on May 8, 9, or 10,

at 7:00pm for *The Lightning Thief: Theatre for Young Audiences Edition*, a high-energy musical packed with monsters, mayhem, and music that will rock the winged shoes off your feet! Based on Rick Riordan's best selling book, this electrifying show follows Percy Jackson as he discovers his true heritage and embarks on a quest to save the world. With heart-pounding action, laugh-out-loud moments, and an unforgettable score, this is a show you won't want to miss. Grab your tickets now before they disappear faster than a bolt of lightning! Tickets (\$17) are on sale now at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Come support our upper school Academy students in this musical theater production!

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. Questions? Contact Steven Hall at shall@send.org or 907.320.0158.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD MUSIC CAMP

Music Camp will follow Vacation Bible School in the afternoons on June 9–12, from 12:00–4:00pm. This year's theme focuses on hymns, the stories behind them, and how they tell the story of Christ. Students (2nd–rising 6th grade) will choose an "interest" for the week and get extra time with one of the following: Orff instruments, World instruments, Recorder, Organ/Piano, Drama, Guitar/Strings, or Handbells. Click the Music Camp icon at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events to register. Cost is \$100.

RESONATE! CONCERT SUNDAY, MAY 4 AND CHILDREN'S MUSIC CONCERT WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Come celebrate our students (grades 6–12) and children (K4–grade 5) as they showcase all they've learned in choir this past year! From joyful singing to an impressive drumming performance of all the books of the Bible by our older children, this is an event you won't want to miss! Enjoy a variety of musical styles as we explore how music deepens our faith and brings us together as Christians. Through this journey, our young musicians are developing a lifelong skill of praising God through music. We look forward to sharing these free concerts with you:

Resonate!—May 4, 1:30pm, Harper Chapel
Children's Choirs—May 7, 6:15pm, Sanctuary

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

DAY MISSIONS DRIVERS & CHAPERONES NEEDED

Join us in supporting our grade 5–12 students as they serve the needs of our city the mornings of June 9–12. We're looking for drivers and chaperones to help make this missions experience impactful and meaningful. To sign up, please click the *Summer Day Missions* icon at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

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 150 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.



Events Productions, Caleb Miller

PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

Join Production Services and help create meaningful and dynamic experiences through sound, lighting, video, and stagecraft. No experience? No problem! We provide training. Use your creativity and technical skills to enhance worship. Serve behind the scenes and make a big impact! Interested? Email productions@firstpresgreenville.org for more details. We'd love to have you on the team!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 30, 2025

SERMON SERIES

"Flourishing!

Healthy Then—Healthy Now"

Acts 11:19–24

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:

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YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite

YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

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WEDNESDAY

April 2, 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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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Fried Chicken

Teriaki Baked Salmon

Coconut Rice

Fried Green Tomatoes

Sweet and Sour Cabbage

Blakeye Peas

Rolls

Salads

Chefs Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4–12: \$5

Children ages 0–3: Free

Family max: \$40

LOOKING AHEAD

EASTER WEEK INFORMATION

Visit FirstPresEaster.com

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

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ March 23, 2025

James Harrison Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frazier (Julia)

Joseph McCallum Steifle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Steifle (Laura Katherine)

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. Phillip Patrick in the death of his brother, Mr. Charles Hugh Patrick Jr. of Pawleys Island, SC, on March 8, 2024.

The family of Carolyn “Gena” Holcombe.

IN MEMORIAM

Carolyn Genevieve Holcombe ♦ October 26, 1933 – March 18, 2025

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of James H. Biggers by Charlotte Chapman

In memory of Larry D. Freeman by Beth and Wayne Robbins

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Larry D. Freeman by Kathi and Buddy Daniel

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Lee Alexander, Sandra Banks, Miriam Brice, Keren 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,

PRAYER LIST *continued*

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

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

PRAYER RESOURCES

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



The FPC Military Ministry assists and prays for church members of our congregation serving in the Armed Forces (Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard). Visit the Military Ministry page under Care and Prayer on our website to learn more.



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mobile app | FPC Live

TELEVISION

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

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

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Richmond Family Mission Trip

Student Mission Fundraiser

Resurrection Letters Concert
with Andrew Peterson April 3

Easter Volunteers Needed!

Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic

The Lightning Thief
Musical Theater Production

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

MARCH 27–APRIL 2, 2025



RICHMOND
VIRGINIA

Richmond Family Mission Trip 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. Contact Karen King if you have any questions—864.565.0936.

Participants must be 10 years old or older in order to register with their families.
Registration closes on Monday, April 21.

Register Now at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the 'Mission Trips' icon.

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