

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAUNDY THURSDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY

Join us on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary for our Maundy Thursday service with the Lord's Supper. This deeply moving 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. This evening invites us to reflect on Christ's love, humility, and sacrifice. We will partake in the bread and the cup, remembering Jesus' body broken for us and His blood shed for the forgiveness of sins. As we share in communion, we will also meditate on His commandment to love one another, marking the beginning of the Passion story that leads us to Easter. All are welcome to come and reflect on this poignant moment in the life of our Savior. There is no childcare for this service.

Note Easter Sunday 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.

GROW@FIRST RESUMES AFTER EASTER

All Grow@First discipleship classes, meals, and Bible studies will resume after Easter. Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, April 6.

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 Christian 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.

TUESDAY HEALING & PRAYER SERVICE

The Healing & Prayer Service is held each Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Prayer Chapel. You are invited to come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit.

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 on **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

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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.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

EIGHTEEN MILE BLUEGRASS BAND

Join us on Friday, May 15, at 6:30pm for an unforgettable evening of bluegrass music with Eighteen Mile. This dynamic group of five young musicians blends deep roots in traditional bluegrass and gospel with fresh, original songwriting. Their passion for crafting a classic sound—while telling their own stories—creates a performance that resonates with every audience. Named after Eighteenmile Creek in the Upstate of South Carolina, the band brings a genuine small-town charm and authenticity that is both engaging and inspiring. Don't miss this special night of music that's sure to capture hearts.

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, 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 100 more 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.

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 by volunteering at the Carnival. Choose your shift (3:45–6:00pm or 6:00–8:00pm, and go to FirstPresGreenville.org/Events to sign up. Questions? Contact Beth Simmons at simmonsfam@charter.net.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Mark 12:1–12

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00am | Sanctuary

9:15am | Worship & Arts Center

9:30am | 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

All services

[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

WEDNESDAYS

April 8

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Deep Dive in Romans

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU

Fried Chicken or Hamburger Steak

Greenville Green Rice

Corn Pudding

Onion Rings

Broccoli with Lemon and Parmesan

Salads and 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

APRIL

6: Church Campus Is Closed

10: New Member Weekend

10: Sporting Clay Classic

10: Pursuit Men's Weekend

17: Hollis Spring Carnival

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

23: Women's Spring Luncheon

MAY

10: Mother's Day

15: Eighteen Mile Bluegrass

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

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ March 29, 2026

Clarea Jane Coultas and Eloise Ryan Coultas, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Coultas (Kristen)

Juliette Rose Heffner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Heffner (Annastasia)

Weston Robert Ruyack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ruyack (Kelsey)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Morris (Hannah) on the birth of a daughter, Amelia Kate Morris, on March 20, 2026.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

The family of Jeanette Caldwell. Mrs. Caldwell died on March 19, 2026.

The family of Ms. Mary Kitzmiller. Ms. Kitzmiller died on March 26, 2026.

IN MEMORIAM

Jeanette Bogan Caldwell ♦ October 2, 1934 – March 19, 2026

Mary Louise Kitzmiller ♦ February 16, 1931 – March 26, 2026

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Betty Farr by Greenville Tech Foundation

CHURCH HONOR FUND

In memory of Marilyn Hutton by Jim Murphy

In memory of Laura Hutton by Jim Murphy

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of John Cooter by Bonnie and Lee Powell

In memory of Bud Fant III by Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Sturtevant, Jr.; Camilla Hertwig

In memory of Betty Farr by Bonnie and Lee Powell; Kathy and David Sudduth; Joe and Julie Freeman; Beth and Wally Cheves; William and Lauren Brown; Deirdre Smith; Sugie and Willard Stout; Kathy Duncan; Caroline and Cecil Nelson; Mary Ellen and Don Kiser; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Riordan; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan A. Einstein; The Mary Jane Fortin and Rick Clary Foundation; Mrs. Clarence B. Bauknight; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fulk

In memory of Gena McGowan by Carol Loyless; Mrs. Clarence B. Bauknight; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fulk

In memory of William Rogers by Polly Mills

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

In memory of John Cooter by Rip and Lisa Van Riper

In memory of Jim Nance by Rip and Lisa Van Riper

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bob Chandler by Lou and George Creswell

In memory of Betsy Guffey by Lou and George Creswell

In memory of Bill Lusk by Carol Loyless; Lynn Siebers

PRAYER LIST ♦ **Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital

Nancy Adams, Bill Anthony, Sandra Banks, Betty Bennett, Harry Bolick, **Dick Brennecke**, 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, **Buster Kennedy**, Don McAlister, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Deryl McKinney, **Lisa Merck**, Rachel Mullinax, Martha Nance, Chloris Norman, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Donna and Jerry Steeves, Lewis Tollison, **Lindsay Webb**, Beryl Wickliffe, **Jetty 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

APRIL 2–8, 2026

First Pres Easter Services

8:00am

SANCTUARY

9:15am

WORSHIP & ARTS

9:30am

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10:45am

WORSHIP & ARTS

11:00am

SANCTUARY

We invite you to bring your family, friends, and neighbors to these special times of worship. It will be a memorable experience for everyone as we celebrate the wonder of the resurrection.

Nursery care and classes for K5 and under are available during each service.

For more details or to watch the livestream, visit FirstPresEaster.com.

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