

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the *Easter Flowers* icon. Please return forms with payment to the church by Wednesday, April 9. Dedications will be printed in an Honors and Memorials brochure available on Easter Sunday in the literature racks.

### 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](mailto: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 27 or May 4, 11, 18 or 25**. Please contact Linda Slash at 864.235.0496 or [lslash@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lslash@firstpresgreenville.org) to reserve a date.

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

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### PURSUIT WEEKEND POSTPONED

Due to Carolina Point being used as a base of operations for fire crews battling the Table Rock fire, the Pursuit Men's Weekend had to be postponed. 3GEN Ministries is actively working to secure a new date for the fall and will provide an update as soon as possible. In the meantime, we ask for your continued prayers—for the firefighters on the front lines, for those whose lives and homes are affected, and for much-needed rain.

## 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 concert! Scan the QR code for tickets.



*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### JUST ANNOUNCED: SACRED GEOMETRY EXHIBIT

Experience the thought-provoking work of Matthew Clay Baumgardner in *Sacred Geometry*, an exhibit that explores the tensions of the world—light and dark, conscious and subconscious, geometric and organic. These paintings will challenge, inspire, and captivate you. Join us for an evening of art and reflection at an opening reception on Friday, April 25, from 6:00–8:00pm in the Sturgis Gathering area and the Lenz Gallery.

### Are you interested in serving the Arts Ministry?

We are always looking for docents, and we would love to talk with you about joining the team! Email Chelsea Fraser at [cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org) for more information.

*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](https://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](https://Send.org/gascc). Questions? Contact Steven Hall at [shall@send.org](mailto: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](https://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!—Sunday, May 4, 1:30pm, Harper Chapel
- Children's Choirs—Wednesday, May 7, 6:15pm, Sanctuary

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### RICHMOND FAMILY MISSION TRIP POSTPONED

The Richmond, VA, mission trip has been postponed until 2026. Please contact Karen King with questions (864.565.0936).

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

*Events Ministry, Linda Sholtis*

### HELP WELCOME OUR GUESTS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Thank you to those who have volunteered to welcome our guests on Easter Sunday. We need another 100 volunteers to serve as Parking Hosts, Greeters, or 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.



*Event Productions, Caleb Miller*

### PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

Join the production services team and help create exciting and worshipful experiences through sound, lighting, video, and stagecraft. Training will be provided—no experience is required. For more information, please email [productions@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:productions@firstpresgreenville.org). We look forward to welcoming you!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 6, 2025

### SERMON SERIES

“**Flourishing!**

**Healthy Then—Healthy Now”**

**Acts 12:1–14**

**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](https://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

**10:45am:**

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://Facebook.com/firstpresignite)

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## WEDNESDAY

April 9, 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

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### WEDNESDAY MEALS

**11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall**

### LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Breaded Pork Chops | Swedish Meatballs

Herbed Egg Noodles, Dilled Roasted

Carrots, Cheesy Pineapple Bake,

Fried Green Beans

Rolls | Salads | Chefs Choice Desserts

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4–12: \$5

Children ages 0–3: Free

Family max: \$40

## LOOKING AHEAD

**4/17: Maundy Thursday Communion**  
**7:00pm in the Sanctuary**

**4/20: Easter Morning Services**

**8:00 | Sanctuary**

**9:15 | Worship & Arts Center**

**9:30 | Sanctuary**

**10:45 | Worship & Arts Center**

**11:00 | Sanctuary**

Visit [FirstPresEaster.com](https://FirstPresEaster.com) for details.

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



MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Brashier (Mary Leslie) on the birth of a son, Henry Wilson Brashier, on March 10, 2025.*

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Larry D. Freeman* by Tom and Elaine Estes

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

*In memory of Hugh Patrick* by Mary Jane Myers

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Sandra Banks, **Barbara Brasington**, 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, 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, **John M. Walker**, **Jennifer Winter**, Beryl Wickcliffe, **Gretchen Horwarth Wood**, 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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WHAT'S INSIDE

April 3–9, 2025

Student Mission Fundraiser Begins Sunday

Sacred Geometry Exhibit Now Open

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Easter Volunteers Needed

The Gray Havens Return to FPC

For more information about the ministries of FPC, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO DR FUNDRAISER

APRIL 3–9, 2025



Pick up an envelope this Sunday or scan the QR code to support an individual student going on the trip. DEADLINE IS APRIL 30.

