

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER PHOTOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Look for the “Easter Photos” icon on the home page or the Events page of the website or scan the QR code to view and download your free Easter photos. Thank you to photographers Abby Tripp of Authentic Moments Photography, Mark Massingill and Dixon Massingill of Ernest Rawlins Photography, and Michael Gibbons of Michael Gibbons Media.



KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS—SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Join us on **Sunday, April 19**, at 11:00am in the Sanctuary for a special Kirkin' o' the Tartans service to celebrate the rich Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church in America. This meaningful worship service will feature music from the Greenville Pipes & Drums and a procession of clan tartans presented by the St. Andrew's Society, culminating in the traditional blessing of the tartans. All are invited to experience this unique and inspiring celebration of faith, history, and heritage.

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 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 [lslash@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto: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.

GROW@FIRST CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 30

Our weekly discipleship semester will continue through the end of this month. Dr. Gibbons' Bible Study will continue at 12:30pm and 6:30pm through **Wednesday, April 29**, and then only the luncheon Bible Study will continue through June. Watch for more information or visit the website at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

EVENTS

Women's Ministry, Tiffany Boggs

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON—"THEN SINGS MY SOUL"

All women are invited to a Spring Luncheon on **Thursday, April 23**, at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a delicious lunch and devotion led by Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley. Childcare for age 4 and under 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.

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.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

RESONATE! STUDENT CONCERT

On Sunday, April 12, at 1:30pm, Resonate! will present a special concert in Harper Chapel. This youth choir, made up of students in grades 6–12, will lead an afternoon of inspiring music and worship. Come and support these talented young musicians as they share their gifts, and be encouraged by the passion and faith of the next generation of worship leaders. All are welcome—bring your family and friends!

SAVE THE DATE: "PROCLAIM LIBERTY" CONCERT

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 1**, 6:00–7:30pm as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation! Tickets go on sale Sunday, April 24. Watch for more information coming soon.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP—THE COOLEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!

Looking for something fun, creative, and meaningful for your kids this summer? Music Camp is the perfect place to explore music, imagination, and play—and it's the same week as VBS—June 8–11! Kids can enjoy VBS (9:00am–12:00noon) in the morning and stay for Music Camp in the afternoon (12:00–4:00pm) for a full day of summer fun. From ukulele and world percussion to piano, organ, and drama, campers will experience a wide range of hands-on musical activities—whether they're trying something new or growing in what they already love. This year, we're bringing the North Pole to the South with a festive “Christmas in the Summer” theme, complete with carols, holiday-themed music games, and plenty of cool surprises along the way. The week concludes with a special double feature: a live finale concert for family and friends, followed by a celebratory trip to Discovery Island Waterpark—a perfect way to end an unforgettable week with a splash! Cost: \$100 per child. Register online at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

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. Contact Tina at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

APRIL BUDDY BREAK—WAITING LIST

Buddy Break is a joyful ministry that offers children with special needs a safe and fun place to be loved and cared for, while giving their parents and caregivers a well-deserved break. Each child is paired with a trained volunteer “Buddy” from our congregation. Because this month's event (Friday, April 24) is already full, we have several families on the waiting list. With more Buddies, we can open the door to even more families. If you'd like to serve as a Buddy, please contact Brenda Harper at buddybreak@firstpresgreenville.org. Training is provided.

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. See a complete list of needed items at FirstPresGreenville.org/events. Donations may be dropped off on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings at the Children's Ministry 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

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Mark 10:46–52

Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton

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

All services

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

“Like” and “Subscribe” for easy access

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAYS

April 15

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Deep Dive in Romans

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU

Teriyaki Baked Salmon

Sweet and Sour Pork

Steamed Rice

Sauteed Squash and Zucchini

Steamed Asparagus

Egg Rolls

Chef's Special Salad

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

APRIL

12: Youth Envelope Fundraiser

17: Hollis Spring Carnival

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

23: Women's Spring Luncheon

24: Buddy Break

30: Grow@First Semester Ends

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 ♦ April 5, 2026

Jack Michel Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Jones (Mollie), grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones (Tina), and great-grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Jones (Priss)

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 Janice Dickenson. Mrs. Dickenson died on October 28, 2025.

Mr. David Browning in the death of his wife, Le Anna Browning, on March 31, 2026.

Mrs. Suzanne S. Jordan in the death of her husband, Whit Jordan, on April 5.

IN MEMORIAM

Janice Scott Dickenson ♦ August 8, 1937 – October 28, 2025

Le Anna Glover Browning ♦ November 11, 1951 – March 31, 2026

Lambert Whitfield “Whit” Jordan ♦ April 24, 1940 – April 5, 2026

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Betty Farr by Geni and Joe Ramseur

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of John Cooter by Geni and Joe Ramseur

In memory of Nancy Deadwyler by Elliott and Erin Yates

In memory of Betty Farr by Carey and David Hudson; Tina Royster; Rob and Nora

Shore; Terri and Richard Strauss; Joe and Ann Jennings; Joe, Laurens, Nana and Barry Nicholson; South Atlantic Bank

In memory of Gena McGowan by Dena Benedict

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Mary Haseldon by The Ward Life Group

In memory of Jim Nance by Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Austell

FPC YOUTH MISSIONS FUND

In memory of Robert Carter by Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Austell

In memory of Thomas Lide Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Austell

In memory of Jim Smith Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Austell

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

Nancy Adams, Bill Anthony, Sandra Banks, Betty Bennett, Harry Bolick, **Dan Boling**, Dick Brennecke, Brantley Daniel, Peggy Denny, Martha Gallivan, Richard and Danette Hanks, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, *Buster Kennedy*, Anne Lide, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Lisa Merck, Rachel Mullinax, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Lewis Tollison, Lindsay Webb, Beryl Wickliffe, Jetty Wickliffe

PRAYER RESOURCES ♦ For Pastoral emergencies call 864.235.0496.

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



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on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:00am

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WHAT'S INSIDE

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Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
Begins Sunday

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Coming May 15

For more information about
FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO DR FUNDRAISER

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Pick up an envelope this Sunday or scan the QR code to support an individual student going on this year's mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The deadline for donations is MAY 10TH.



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