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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENT MISSION FUNDRAISER

 Help support this summer's Senior High Dominican Republic mission trip by picking up an envelope from tables around the church on Sundays. Enclose the suggested amount (\$5 to \$100)—or \$2,000 to sponsor the trip for one student—and return it by Sunday, April 30, to the church office or offering plate. You can also scan the QR to donate to an individual student. Questions? Contact Mason Simmons at msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org. Thank you for supporting Youth Missions!

CHILDREN ON PALM SUNDAY

Children are invited to help with the celebration by waving palm branches in a processional in each service. If your child would like to participate, check in by 8:20am (early service) or 10:20am (for Ignite and 11:00 services). We'd love to have any older children to help hold the hands of the little ones. If your child attends Sunday School, you may leave them with the Children's Ministry. They will bring all children back to Kid's Church for the remainder of the services.

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 27, May 11 (Mother's Day), 18, 25, June 1, 22, or 29. Please contact Linda Slash at 864.235.0496 or lslash@firstpresgreenville.org to reserve a date.

EVENTS

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

BUDDY BREAK APRIL 25

Our next Buddy Break is Friday, April 25, 5:30–8:00pm. Buddy Break is for families with children who have special needs. Bring all of your children to the church for pizza and fun while you go out to dinner, go shopping, or even just go home and take a nap! For questions, please email tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

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

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. We are always looking for docents if you are interested in joining the team! Email Chelsea Fraser at 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. Come support our upper school Academy students in this musical theater production!

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Karen King

EASTER ANGELS FOR GREENVILLE SUMMIT

Help us share the joy of Easter with the residents of Greenville Summit by joining our Easter Angels outreach! We're collecting homemade Easter cards with encouraging notes, along with individually wrapped treats (like brownies, cupcakes, cookies, etc.). Drop off donations to the Children's Ministry by Tuesday, April 15. Cards and goodies will be delivered on Wednesday, April 16. Questions? Contact Karen King (kking@firstpresgreenville.org, 864.565.0936).

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.



Missions Ministry, Eric Swofford

HOLLIS CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

We're excited to be approaching our 15th year of partnering with Hollis Elementary to help make their Spring Carnival a fantastic event for the community! The carnival is happening on Friday, April 25, and we need your help to make it a success. We're looking for volunteers to help run booths or serve food during two available shifts: 3:30–5:45pm and 5:45–8:00pm. Sign up to volunteer here, <https://bit.ly/hollis-carnival-volunteer> or email Beth Simmons at simmonsfam@charter.net. We're also collecting donations of canned drinks (Coke, Diet Coke, Fanta Orange, and Sprite) along with a few other items. Sign up to donate here, <https://bit.ly/hollis-donations> or email Beth to coordinate. Please drop off all donated items at the church by Monday, April 14. Thank you for supporting our Hollis Ministry!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

SERMON

"The Triumphal Entry"

John 12:12–19

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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10:45am:

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WEDNESDAY

April 16, 2025

During Holy Week, there will be no

Bible studies, classes, or meals.

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 for details.

4/25: Sacred Geometry Opening
Reception (Lenz Gallery)

4/25: Hollis Academy Carnival

4/25: Buddy Break

5/4: Resonate! Concert

5/7: Children's Choirs Concert

More info on all events at
FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wanner (Janie) on the birth of a son, Smith Fontaine Wanner, on February 18, 2025.*

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Hatfield III (Angie) in the death of his father, Dr. Asa Quincy Hatfield, Jr, of Greenwood, SC, on April 1, and to Acie, Mae Harmon, and Knox in the death of their grandfather.*

MEMORIALS & HONORS

FOUNDATION FUND

In memory of Larry D. Freeman by L. Samuel Keith, Janelle Nelson, Don and Jean Nickell, and David and Nina Williams

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, Anna Hewitt, Harry Hightower, 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, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Claire Taylor, John Volpe, John M. Walker, Jennifer Winter, Beryl Wickcliffe, Gretchen Horwath 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 10–16, 2025

Easter Week Services

Student Mission Fundraiser

Sacred Geometry Exhibit Now Open

Hollis Carnival Volunteers and Donations Needed

The Gray Havens Return to FPC

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

TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



APRIL 10–16, 2025

PALM SUNDAY:
APRIL 13
8:30am: Sanctuary
10:45am: Worship & Arts
11:00am: Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY:
APRIL 17
7:00pm: Sanctuary

EASTER WEEK:
APRIL 13-20

CELEBRATE

EASTER AT FPC



HE IS NOT HERE HE IS RISEN

EASTER SUNDAY:
APRIL 20
8:00am: Sanctuary
9:15am: Worship & Arts Center
9:30am: Sanctuary
10:45am: Worship & Arts Center
11:00am: Sanctuary
*Children will participate in the 10:45am & 11:00am worship services.

MORE INFO:
FIRSTPRESEASTER.COM