

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EASTER WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

#### April 17: Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Sanctuary (communion)

This powerful and 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. We will partake in the bread and the cup, remembering Jesus' body broken for us and His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. *There is no childcare for this service.*

#### April 20: Easter Sunday

8:00am | Sanctuary

9:15am | Worship & Arts Center

9:30am | Sanctuary

10:45am | Worship & Arts Center

11:00am | Sanctuary

### FOR CHILDREN

- A nursery is available for all five services.
- There will be no Sunday School for K5–5th grade.
- Children up to K4 may attend Kids Church during all five services.
- Children K5 and older should attend worship with their families.

### PARKING

The main church parking lot will be reserved for those with mobility issues. We encourage all others to use the Richardson Street parking garage. Please visit [FirstPresEaster.com](http://FirstPresEaster.com) for parking locations.

**FAMILY EASTER PHOTOS**—One of our Easter Sunday traditions at First Pres is taking family photographs beside the decorated flower crosses. This year we will have four crosses around the campus. Photographers will be available to take your photos after each service at three locations: outside the Sanctuary at the tower, outside the Intersection coffee shop, and inside the Sturgis Gathering area on the second floor. You will receive a card with a QR code to download your free digital photos.

### 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](mailto:lslash@firstpresgreenville.org) to reserve a date.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

#### 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 21.

## 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! If you have questions, please email [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

#### ARE YOU A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT?

Join us for a special training on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00–11:00am, featuring Dr. Laurel Shaler—author of three books, including *Loving Adopted Children Well*. This training will equip foster, kinship, and adoptive parents with practical tools for using the five love languages to better connect with and care for their children. RSVP today to [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto: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.



### Student Ministry

#### 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, or give to the general trip fund. Envelope Fundraiser—pick up an envelope from the tables around the church after Easter, include your donation, and return it to the church by Wednesday, April 30. Thank you for investing in our students and their mission to serve!

### 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](http://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](http://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

### 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 at <https://bit.ly/hollis-carnival-volunteer> or email Beth Simmons at [simmonsfam@charter.net](mailto:simmonsfam@charter.net). We're also collecting donations of canned drinks (Fanta Orange) and \$5 gift cards. Go to <https://bit.ly/hollis-donations> to see the list of donations needed. Please drop off all donated items at the church by Thursday, April 17. Thank you for supporting our Hollis Ministry!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

### SERMON

"Who Are You Looking For?"

John 20:10-18

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00am in the Sanctuary

9:15am in the Worship & Arts Center

9:30am in the Sanctuary

10:45am in the Worship & Arts Center

11:00am in the Sanctuary

Nursery Available All Morning

No Children's Sunday School

No Student Life Groups

9:45am Adult Life Groups (Check with Your Group Leader)

Kids Church All Morning (K4 and under)

### LIVE STREAMING

8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am:

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

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

[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

9:15am & 10:45am:

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

[YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship)

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## WEDNESDAY

April 23, 2025

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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

[YouTube.com/](https://YouTube.com/)

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[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

### LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Beef Short Rib | Charleston Shrimp

with Creamy Stoneground Grits

Summer Tomato Pie

Okra | Corn on the Cob

Rolls | Salads | Desserts

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4–12: \$5

Children ages 0–3: Free

Family max: \$40

## LOOKING AHEAD

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

4/25: Hollis Academy Carnival

4/25: Buddy Break

5/1: Gray Havens Concert

5/4: Resonate! Concert

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



MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ April 13, 2025

David Munro Hutchins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matson Hutchins (Madison)  
Louise Townsend Painter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Painter (Eliza)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Parks McLeod (Camille) on the birth of a daughter, Rosemary  
“Rosie” Day McLeod, on April 9, 2025.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

The family of Barbara Brasington. Mrs. Brasington died on April 10, 2025.  
Dr. and Mrs. Tom Lide (Anne) in the death of their son, Mr. Steve Lide of  
Auburn, AL, on April 13; and to Ms. Pam McShea and Ms. Dana Smith in the  
death of their brother.

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Balentine Brasington ♦ July 16, 1935 – April 10, 2025

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Dennis Hutton by the R.N. Ward Class

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Larry D. Freeman by Betty Milligan

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Hugh Patrick by the R.N. Ward Class



Easter Memorials and Honors

A list of Easter Honors and Memorials is available in the  
literature racks and online at FirstPresGreenville.org/  
Events. Look for the Easter Lily icon.

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Sandra Banks, Miriam Brice, Keren Clay,  
Jamie Daniel, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, Tasha Garrison, Darst  
Guest, Betsy Guffey, Anna Hewitt, Tina Hicks, Harry Hightower, Wanda  
Hightower, Don Hobbs, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, John Kylin, Mary  
Kylin, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, 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, 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



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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

April 17–23, 2025

Sacred Geometry Exhibit

Maundy Thursday and  
Easter Sunday Services

Grow@First Schedule

Student Mission Fundraiser

Buddy Break April 25

Hollis Carnival Volunteers and  
Donations Needed

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

APRIL 17–23, 2025

The selected artwork, titles, and photographs convey aspects of my personality.  
Since very early childhood, I have loved creating Noumena (things unto themselves)  
that engage & heal me.

sacred  
geometry  
MATTHEW CLAY BAUMGARDNER  
APRIL 1–OCTOBER 1, 2025  
THE LENZ GALLERY  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
200 W WASHINGTON ST GREENVILLE SC 29601



“Where the Angels Play,” 2014, ©Estate of Matthew  
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Open Mon-Fri 10am-3pm | Reception Friday, April 25 @6pm

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