

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENT MISSION ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

Help support this summer's Senior High Dominican Republic mission trip by picking up an envelope from tables around the church this Sunday. Enclose the suggested amount (\$5 to \$100)—or \$2,000 to sponsor the trip for one student—and return it by **Sunday, May 10**, to the church office or offering plate. You can also scan the QR code to donate to an individual student. Questions? Contact Courtney Rockness at crockness@firstpresgreenville.org. Thank you for supporting Youth Missions!



HOLLIS THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Hollis Carnival such a wonderful success! From the beautiful weather to the joyful energy of students and families, it was a day full of fun, connection, and celebration. We are deeply grateful for the many ways you contributed—donating supplies, baking treats, and volunteering your time and energy throughout the event. The Hollis Ministry Team sincerely appreciates the congregation's continued support of this special partnership with the students and staff at Hollis Academy.

CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

We're excited to celebrate our graduating high school seniors on **Sunday, May 3**, during the 10:45am Ignite Service! Following the service, highschool seniors and their families are invited to a celebratory luncheon in Fellowship Hall. RSVP with your student's name and number of guests to Autumn Clark (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org) by Sunday, April 26.

PRAYER RESOURCES

There are a number of ways to receive prayer and pastoral care at First Presbyterian.

Congregational Care: To share 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 or email prayer@firstpresgreenville.org.

Elder Prayer: Meet with one of our elders on Sunday mornings after worship services.

Healing Prayer Service: Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper 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: **May 31; June 21; August 2; September 20; October 25; and November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**. To reserve a date and provide your dedication for the bulletin, please contact Linda Slash at lslash@firstpresgreenville.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

JOIN THE CAST: VBS DRAMA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to help bring Bible stories of Paul and the underground church to life? We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to fill 10 roles in our Vacation Bible School dramas. Some roles span all four days, while others are one-day parts—there's something for everyone! Interested? Contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

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

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.

First Presbyterian Academy

FPA PRESENTS MARY POPPINS JR. MUSICAL

First Presbyterian Academy's upper school students proudly presents *Mary Poppins Jr.*, a magical musical adventure for the whole family! Join us on **May 7, 8, or 9**, at 7:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Featuring beloved songs, unforgettable characters, and a heartwarming story full of wonder, this delightful production celebrates the power of family, imagination, and a little bit of magic. It's a practically perfect evening you won't want to miss! Tickets are on sale now at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS' SHOWCASE

Join us for a joyful evening as our Cherub, Carol, and Covenant Choirs present their final program of the year on **Wednesday, May 6**, at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary. Children from K4 through Grade 5 will share the music they've been learning and growing in all year long. Come celebrate and support these young voices as they glorify God through song!

THE COOLEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!

Looking for something fun, creative, and meaningful for your kids this summer? Music Camp, **June 8–11**, is the perfect place to explore music, imagination, and play! Kids can enjoy VBS (9:00am–12:00noon) in the morning and stay for Music Camp in the afternoon (12:00–4:00pm). From ukulele and world percussion to piano, organ, and drama, campers will experience a wide range of hands-on musical activities with a highly qualified staff of teachers. 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.

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. Prefer to shop online? Click the QR code to shop. You can have items shipped directly to the church, Attn: Karen King. Donations may be dropped off on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings at the Children's Ministry Check-In Desk next to the Nursery.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 26, 2026

Sermon Series: "Empowered and Enabled" (Nehemiah 2:4–12)
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons preaching

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am | Sanctuary
10:45am | Worship & Arts Center
11:00am | Sanctuary

SUNDAY EDUCATION

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 29, 2026

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

Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers,
Hot Dogs, Condiments and
Toppings Bar, French Fries, Onion
Rings, Corn on the Cob, Tomato and
Cucumber Salad, Pasta Salad, Rolls,
Salads, Fruit, Chef's Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10
Children ages 4–12: \$5
Children ages 0–3: Free
Family max: \$40

*This is the final evening meal and Bible Study for the Winter-Spring Grow@First semester.

LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL

26: Youth Envelope Fundraiser
30: Grow@First Semester Ends

MAY

3: Senior Sunday
6: Children's Choirs' Showcase
7–9: Mary Poppins Jr. Musical
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 19, 2026

Genevieve Mae Fellers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Fellers (Magdalena)

Russell Walker Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Thomason (Sarah)

Bennett Clark Thomason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Fellers (Magdalena)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Duhon (Amber Newland), who were married on April 18

Mr. and Mrs. Conner Smith (GraceAnne Stokes), who were married on April 18

NEW MEMBERS ♦ *The pastors and congregation welcome new members*

April 19: Christine and Scott Auslund (Kiefer), Lynda and Sumter Bradwell,

Lauren Brock, Lisa and Todd Burton, Lauren and Barrett Clayton (Emerson and

Weston), Martha and Emory Hendrix (Guy and Mary Alice), Kaitlyn and Joshua

Holzhaeuser, Jane and Jim Neely, Katie and James Pizzo (Eleanor and Stevie),

Gabby and Clark Rettberg, Rick Rettberg, Dana and Greg Ulmer

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Short, Sr. (Suzanne) in the death of her father, Dr. Hal H.

Crosswell, Jr., MD, of Columbia, SC, on April 17, and to **Laughton Short** in the

death of her grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. James Erickson (Judy) in the death of her mother, Elaine H.

Waldrop, of Pickens, SC, on April 9.

Rev. Charlie and Dr. Carrie Buchanan in the death of his grandmother, Ms.

Edith Buchanan, of North Augusta, SC, on April 11.

The family of Mr. Paul McGahee. Mr. McGahee died on April 15.

IN MEMORIAM

Paul McGahee ♦ September 21, 1953 – April 15, 2026

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, Richard & Danette Hanks,

Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Charlie Hutton, Anne Lide, Jenny McCorkle, Lisa

Merck, Rachel Mullinax, Chloris Norman, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise

Robinson, *Bill Sykes*, Lewis Tollison, Beryl Wickliffe, Jetty Wickliffe

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH HONOR FUND

In honor of **Barbara Hanner** by Nathan and Sugie Einstein

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUND

In memory of **Betty Farr** by Ewan and Becky Sweeney Sr.; Dr. and Mrs.

Charles West

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **John Cooter** by Laura Lynn and William Luce

In memory of **Betty Farr** by Jo and Harry Ussery; Hutch and Billy Koch;

Steve and Sharon Wilson; Beth and Phillip McCorkle; Laura Lynn and

William Luce; Stephanie and Dane Pierce

In memory of **Lambert "Whit" Jordan** by Trish Campbell

In memory of **William Rogers** by Dr. and Mrs. Charles West

In memory of **Lucy Tiller** by Stephanie and Dane Pierce

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of **Le Anna Browning** by The Gospel Partners Life Group

In memory of **Lucy Tiller** by Dr. and Mrs. Charles West

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of **John Cooter** by Dr. and Mrs. Charles West

In memory of **Thomas Lide Jr.** by Dr. and Mrs. Charles West

In memory of **Jim Nance** by Dr. and Mrs. Charles West

In memory of **Jim Smith Jr.** by Dr. and Mrs. Charles West



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TELEVISION

First and Foremost Program

on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina

Sundays at 10:00am

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WHAT'S INSIDE

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For more information about
FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FAITH AND FREEDOM

**PROCLAIM
LIBERTY**

- Concert -

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 | 6:00PM | FPC SANCTUARY

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26, AT FIRSTPRESGREENVILLE.ORG/EVENTS

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