

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAMILY EASTER PHOTOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Look for the “Easter Photos” icon on the Events page of the website or scan the QR code here to view and download your Easter family photos.

### STUDENT MISSION 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 Wednesday, April 30, to the church office or offering plate. You can also scan the QR code to donate to an individual student. Questions? Contact Mason Simmons at [msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org). Thank you for supporting Youth Missions!



### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers for the Sanctuary and dedicate them in honor or memory of loved ones on these Sundays: May 18, May 25, June 1, June 22, or June 29. Please contact Linda Slash at 864.235.0496 or [lslash@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lslash@firstpresgreenville.org) to reserve a date.

### 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).

### ARE YOU EXPECTING?

Are you a covenant partner who has a new baby or is expecting? The Children’s Ministry would love to celebrate with you! Please let us know by contacting Evelyn at [epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org).

### 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.

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### WEDNESDAY MEALS AND PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

The lunch and evening Pastor’s Bible study will conclude on April 30. A few Grow@First classes will continue past April 30. Please check with your class leader or the Grow@First brochure for dates.

## 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*

### YOU’RE INVITED TO THE SACRED GEOMETRY EXHIBIT RECEPTION ON APRIL 25

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](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org) for more information.

### ART & FAITH LUNCH MAY 2

Come hear from folks at The Arbor Institute who will share about their work in faith and the arts on Friday, May 2, at 12:00pm at the Intersection (Bridge City Café). All are welcome to this free event!

### JUST ANNOUNCED: LOOKING UP EXHIBIT

*Looking Up* is a new exhibit to be installed in May on the first and second floors of The Galleries at First Presbyterian. This exhibit features the work of four regional Christian painters: George Stone, Joe Craighead, Mark Baral, and Zakhar Somov. Watch for more information coming soon!

### 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!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones*

### VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—SIGN UP TODAY

We have 323 children registered for Vacation Bible School (VBS) on June 9–12 with another 89 on the waiting list! We currently need **60** more volunteers to register so we can accommodate all who want to attend.

**Greatest Need:** Tribe Leaders (serve in pairs) to guide small groups through stations like worship, Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, the marketplace, and games.

**Other Open Roles:** Drama team, craft area, games, and preschool VBS.

The sooner you register, the sooner we can finalize children’s placements and prepare for an amazing week! Sign up today: [VBSpro.events/p/events/24572e/](https://VBSpro.events/p/events/24572e/) volunteers or click the VBS icon at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to these children!

### DAY MISSIONS SUPPLIES DRIVE

The Children’s Ministry is collecting supplies to support low-income housing residents and those in need within our community. You can make a difference by donating essential items! For a list of items needed, click the “Summer Day Missions donations list” icon on the Events page of the website. Drop off your donations by May 18 at the Children’s Ministry check-in desk (across from the Nursery). For details, contact Karen King at 864.565.0936 or [kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org). Thank you for your generosity and support!

*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).

*Missions Ministry, Eric Swofford*

### LAST CALL FOR HOLLIS CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS

As we approach our 15th year of partnering with Hollis Elementary, we’re excited 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). Thank you for supporting our Hollis Ministry!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### SUNDAY

April 27, 2025

### SERMON

“Walking in the Presence of God”

Luke 24:13–35

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am in the Sanctuary

10:45am 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)

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

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## WEDNESDAY

April 30, 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)

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### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

### LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Enchiladas

Shredded Chicken Quesadillas

Fiesta Rice

Fresh Salsas and Chips

Guacamole

Black Beans

Mixed Vegetable Saute

Jicama Apple Salad

Chefs Choice Desserts and more

*South of the Border Treats!*

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4–12: \$5

Children ages 0–3: Free

Family max: \$40

## LOOKING AHEAD

5/1: Gray Havens Concert

5/4: Resonate! Concert

5/4: Senior Recognition in Worship

5/7: Children’s Choirs Concert

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. Adam Summer (Ryan) on the birth of a son, Daniel Thomas Summer, on April 12, 2025.*

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Jack Whitesides* by John Windom

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY FUND

*In memory of Larry D. Freeman* by Ewan and Becky Sweeney

SENIOR HIGH MISSIONS FUND

*In memory of Mareon Stall* by Dr. Alex Patrick

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Raoul Glenn Jr.* by Tom and Sandra Banks

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



*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.*



Easter Memorials and Honors

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



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*mobile app* | FPC Live

TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

April 24–30, 2025

Resonate! and Children's  
Choirs Concerts

Sacred Geometry Reception April 25

Student Mission Fundraiser Ends Soon

Easter Sunday Family Photos  
Available Online

FPA Presents *The Lightning Thief:*  
*Theater for Young Adult Audiences*

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

APRIL 24–30, 2025

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE  
OUR STUDENT AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS!

*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.*

RESONATE!

GRADES 6-12

SUNDAY, MAY 4  
1:30PM | HARPER CHAPEL

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

CHERUB, CAROL, AND COVENANT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7  
6:15PM | SANCTUARY

*We look forward to sharing these free concerts with you!*

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