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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER’S DAY OFFERING MAY 11

Each year South Carolina Presbyterian churches participate in a Mother’s Day Offering for the six Presbyterian Communities of SC. The offering provides charitable care to enable residents to stay in their retirement homes when they have outlived their life’s savings. Their average age is 89! The envelopes will be distributed on Mother’s Day or you may contribute online by visiting PresCommunities.org. Thank you for your generosity!

2025 GRADUATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE

FPC members and family members who are 2025 (or August/December 2024) graduates of High School, College, Graduate School, and Seminary will be announced in early June. To be included, complete the form online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or contact Austin Clay (aclay@firstpresgreenville.org) by Friday, May 30.

VBS AND DAY MISSIONS TRAINING

If you are registered as a volunteer for Vacation Bible School or Day Missions, please attend a training session on Wednesday, May 14, 6:00-7:30pm in Room C201. RSVP to Tina at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

WOMEN’S 6-WEEK SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Finding I AM; How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart by Lysa TerKeurst

In John’s Gospel, Jesus reveals His divine identity through a series of profound declarations known as the “I AM” statements. These statements are more than poetic metaphors; they are personal revelations from Jesus about who He is and what He came to do. This same study will be offered at three different times each week starting Tuesday, June 17, at 9:30am and 6:00pm, and Wednesday, June 18, at 9:30am. Childcare is available with registration. Please contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org) or Tiffany Boggs (tiffanyboggs3@gmail.com) with questions. Registration coming soon!

MONTHLY WOMEN’S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Lemonade and Learning: The Lord’s Prayer

Join us for Bible study and light refreshments on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall: June 18, July 16, and August 13. (No registration required.) Our study will be led by Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley, Rev. Don Feuerbach, and Fine Arts Director Chelsea Fraser.

EVENTS

Congregational Care, Don Feuerbach

THE BRUNCH BUNCH TURNS TWO!

JOIN THE CELEBRATION ON MAY 18

Since May 21, 2023, more than 100 covenant partners, singles, couples, and guests have joined the First Presbyterian Sunday Brunch Bunch for a weekly time of fellowship and food. Every Sunday after the 11:00am service, we gather in the Abbott area before heading downtown to share a meal and good company. Now, we’re turning two—and we’d love for you to celebrate with us! Help us kick off year three with record attendance by joining us on Sunday, May 18, at noon in the Abbott Gathering area. No reservations are needed—just bring your appetite and a friendly spirit. Questions? Contact Rev. Stan Johnson at 864.423.2067. Bon appétit!

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

LOOKING UP EXHIBIT AND OPENING RECEPTION

Looking Up is a new exhibit being installed this month on the first and second floors of The Galleries at First Presbyterian. FPC Arts invites you to the opening reception featuring the works of George Stone, Joe Craighead, and Mark Baral. Join us Friday, May 16, from 6:00–8:00pm in the Sturgis Gathering area to enjoy the show and meet the artists! This is a free public event.

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!

ACADEMY GRADUATION AND ENROLLMENT

The Graduation Ceremony for the First Presbyterian Academy Class of 2025 will be held on Thursday, May 22, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. You are welcome to join us to celebrate this milestone in the lives of our students. Enrollment is now open for the 2025-2026 school year for K3–12th grade. Please visit FirstPresAcademy.com to schedule a tour or apply for enrollment.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

SUMMER ADULT PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE LEAGUE

Join us for the Summer Pickleball Challenge League, July 7–August 31. Play unlimited challenge matches and schedule your matches anywhere, anytime. The top six teams in each division will qualify to opt in to our postseason tournament to be held August 18–31. Cost is \$25 for your first division. Registration includes an indoor open play membership at the Graham Gym. Register today at FirstPresSports.com.

SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Join us for the Summer Basketball Youth League and Skills Clinics located in the Graham Gym. The season, which runs June 9–July 26 for K5-12th graders, will include several games, jamborees, and clinics each week. Registration ends May 31. Visit FirstPresSports.com or contact Caleb McKisic at info@CSARec.com for details.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS OPENINGS

Only a few spaces remain for weekly summer camps for K5–5th grade, May 26–August 7, 9:00am–12noon in the Graham Gym. A list of weekly camps and registration can be found at FirstPresSports.com under the Programs menu. Register your child today!

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

JR. HIGH AND SR. HIGH ROOTS SCHEDULE

Please be on the lookout for the Jr. and Sr. High Roots calendar for the summer! We look forward to seeing familiar faces and new friends. If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter, please email Mason Simmons at msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org. You can also stay connected by following us on Instagram: [@fpc_roots](https://www.instagram.com/fpc_roots).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones

WE’RE ONLY FIVE WEEKS AWAY!

We are five weeks out from a week that highly impacts both the children and youth of this church. Between Vacation Bible School and Day Missions, over 450 children and youth hear and experience the gospel. Through worship, Bible dramas, service and even games, they are learning the love of Christ. There are 14 openings for drivers to escort the youth to local mission sites (<https://vbspro.events/p/3f8e65>) and openings for 45 tribe leaders to take children from station to station for VBS (<https://vbspro.events/p/24572e>). It’s a week you won’t want to miss! Contact Tina Jones with questions (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY

Mother’s Day

May 11, 2025

SERMON SERIES

“What Do We Believe?”

1 Peter 1:3-9

Rev. Charlie Buchanan

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

8:30am & 11:00am:

Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville

YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite

YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

“Like” and “Subscribe” for easy access

WEDNESDAY

May 14, 2025

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Lunch: 11:45am • Fellowship Hall

MENU: Chefs Choice

PRICE: \$10

LOOKING AHEAD

May 8-10: *The Lightning Thief* Performances

May 16: *Looking Up* Exhibit and Reception

May 18: Brunch Bunch Anniversary Luncheon

May 22: First Presbyterian Academy Graduation

June 9-12: VBS/Day Missions

June 9-12: Music Camp

June 12: Music Camp Showcase

July 18: A Night of Good News with Illusionists The Laflins

More info on all events at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins (Madeleine)* on the birth of a daughter, Sophie Ann Hopkins, on April 23, 2025.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mrs. Adele Freeman* in the death of her husband, Mr. Michael Freeman Sr., on April 30, 2025.

IN MEMORIAM

Michael Bradford Freeman Sr. ♦ *November 12, 1950 – April 30, 2025*

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

April 27, 2025: Taylor and Kelsey Anderson, Michael Bridges, Naomi Bridges, Marilyn Cornish, Patrick DeKold, Brando and Mary Ellen Dill, Brady Hames, Weston and Ellison Jackson (Maves), Terry and Glenda Johnson, Brooke and Alexis McCaleb (Quincy), Mary Sue McClain, Logan McMakin.

May 4, 2025: Kyle and Sarah Beard (Banks), Jack and Morgan Banda (Nora and Ford), Samantha Bluth, Linda Edgerton, Madeline and Parker Howard (Charlotte), Trent and Jaimi Erickson (Everett, Abigail, Henry, and Lizzie), Bob and Bootsie Mayfield, Allen and Greta Mishek (Archer and Gretchen), Cathy Nix, Luke and Lea O’Steen (James, John, and Annaelise), Ashley Simpson (Zach), Matt and Lucy Steinbacher (Eleanor), Samantha Ternes.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Larry D. Freeman by Sharon and Lyle Killey
In memory of Wilma McGarity by Richard and Iva Boerma
In memory of Jack Plating by The Peace Center, Sean DeNeale, Stokes & Company CPAs

SENIOR HIGH MISSIONS FUND

In memory of Larry D. Freeman by Ann and Larry Freeman
In memory of Raoul Glenn Jr. by Ann and Larry Freeman
In memory of Gladys “Hap” Henderson by Ann and Larry Freeman

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Sandra Banks, Miriam Brice, Keren Clay, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, Tasha Garrison, Darst Guest, Betsy Guffey, **Danette Hanks**, Anna Hewitt, Tina Hicks, Harry Hightower, Wanda Hightower, Don Hobbs, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Frances Kowalski, John Kylin, Mary Kylin, Tom Lide, **Tom Logan**, 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, Lewis Tollison, John Volpe, John M. Walker, Jocelyn Williams, Jennifer Winter, Beryl Wickcliffe, Jan Zimmerman

Bold = New *Italics* = In Hospital

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
For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.



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

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Mother’s Day Offering for
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Women’s Summer Bible Studies

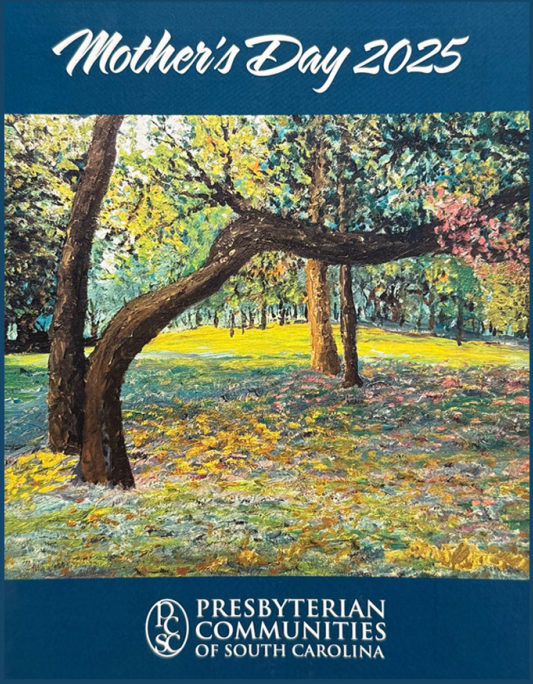
Looking Up Exhibit and Reception

First Pres Sports: Summer Pickleball,
Youth Basketball, and Camps

Day Missions Supplies Drive

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

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Mother’s Day Offering at First Pres
Sunday, May 11th

Or you can give online by
scanning the QR code above.

Thank you for your generosity! For information about Presbyterian Communities of SC, watch this video at Vimeo.com/1081565654.

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