



# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW TIME FOR *FIRST AND FOREMOST* ON FOX CAROLINA—Now Airing Sundays at 10:00am

Our weekly *First and Foremost* broadcast on Fox Carolina has moved to a new time—10:00am, right after the Sunday morning news (previously 10:30am). This 30-minute program features highlights from our worship service and reaches viewers across the Upstate and western North Carolina. Please help us spread the word! If you know someone who watches regularly, be sure to let them know about the updated time.

### 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](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or contact Austin Clay ([aclay@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclay@firstpresgreenville.org)) by Friday, May 30.

### SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENINGS IN JUNE

You may purchase flowers for the Sanctuary and dedicate them in honor or memory of loved ones on Sundays, June 1, 8, or 29. Please contact Linda Slash at 864.235.0496 to reserve a date.

## 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](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Tiffany Boggs ([tiffanyboggs3@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyboggs3@gmail.com)) with questions. Register now at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### 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.

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO THURSDAY GATHERINGS

- Bible, Fellowship, & Breakfast each Thursday, 7:30–9:00am (Formal Dining Room). Optional breakfast (\$5) at 8:30am. For more details, contact Carl Evans ([carl.h.evans@gmail.com](mailto:carl.h.evans@gmail.com) or 864.770.5647).
- Christian Men's Fellowship each Thursday, 12:00–1:15pm (Formal Dining Room). RSVP for lunch (\$10) to Charlotte Joye, [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

## 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*

### MAY 17 BOOK LAUNCH

The Arbor Institute for the Arts is hosting a book launch

for *The Mother Tree*, a debut poetry collection written by FPC's Fine Arts Director Chelsea Fraser. *The Mother Tree* examines the themes of being and becoming, especially through the lens of motherhood. All are welcome on Saturday, May 17, from 6:00-8:00pm at Bridge City at the Intersection Café.

*First Presbyterian Academy, Rob Brown*

### 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](https://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](https://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](https://FirstPresSports.com) or contact Caleb McKisic at [info@CSARec.com](mailto: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](https://FirstPresSports.com) under the Programs menu. Register your child today!

*Student Ministry, Mason Simmons*

### SUMMER STUDENT MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

All Jr. and Sr. High students are invited to join us for a fun-filled summer of weekly activities, both on campus and off! A save-the-date schedule was shared recently, and detailed event info will be updated regularly on our website. To stay in the loop, sign up for the Roots Weekly Email. It's the best way to get timely updates and reminders. To subscribe, contact Mason Simmons at [msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org) or Courtney Rockness at [crockness@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:crockness@firstpresgreenville.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### WE'RE ONLY FOUR WEEKS AWAY!

We are four 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 will encounter 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](mailto: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](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### SUNDAY

May 18, 2025

### SERMON SERIES

"What Do We Believe?"

1 Peter 1:13-20

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

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

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

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10:45am:

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## WEDNESDAY

May 21, 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 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](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events)



MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ May 11, 2025

**Pruitt William Story**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Story (Hannah)  
**Davis Campbell Strange**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Strange (Tate)  
**Margaret Louise Barr**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Barr (Caroline)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

**Mr. and Mrs. Ryan King (Merritt)** on the birth of twin sons, James Talmadge King and Warren David King, on April 23, 2025; and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Rusty King (Karen).

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Jack Plating** by Rick and Ann Reinert; Dan and Wendy Mead

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Barbara Brasington** by The Covenant Sunday Life Group

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, **Diana August**, Sandra Banks, **Kathy Beck and family**, 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

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.

IN THIS WEEK’S PODCAST

In this week’s episode, Dr. Gibbons previews what’s coming up in Sunday worship and shares highlights of special events happening in the life of our church.

Co-host Michelle Ward sits down with Rev. Stan Johnson to talk about the Brunch Bunch Anniversary Luncheon happening this Sunday—don’t miss it!

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**First and Foremost** Program  
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
Sundays at 10:00am

ONLINE  
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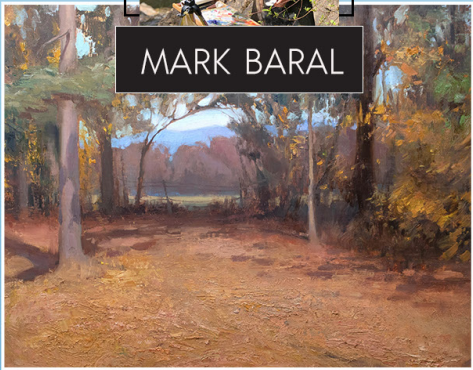
- Looking Up Exhibit and Reception
- Women’s Summer Bible Studies
- Day Missions Supplies Drive Ends Sunday, May 18
- Register Now for Adult Summer Pickleball, Youth Basketball, and Kid’s Sports Camps
- Change to *First and Foremost* Broadcast on Fox Carolina

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


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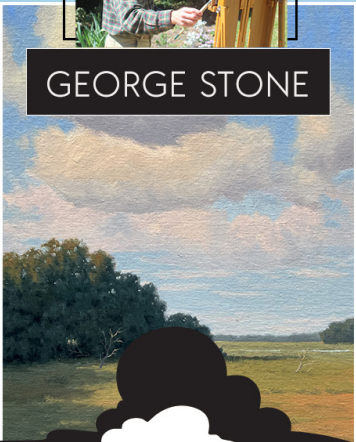
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OPENING RECEPTION  
FRIDAY, MAY 16 AT 6PM

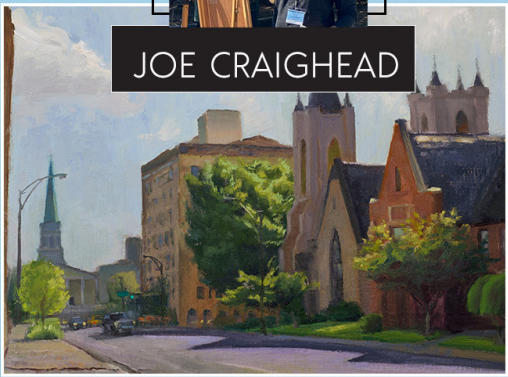


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LOOKING UP

MAY 16 - AUGUST 31