

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY HEALING & PRAYER SERVICE

The Healing & Prayer Service is held each **Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Prayer Chapel**. You are invited to come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit. Click the QR code to watch a video with Prayer Team member Dr. John McGraw and prayer recipient Michelle Ward to learn more about the Healing & Prayer service.



JUNE 21ST FATHER'S DAY CHOIR

Calling all men! With Father's Day approaching, First Pres Men's Discipleship will be hosting a very special men's choir at both our **8:30am and 11:00am services on June 21**. Sign up and invite your son, father, brother, or friends! To participate, simply email Charlie Buchanan at cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org.

2026 GRADUATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE

FPC members and family members who are 2026 (or August/December 2025) 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 **Sunday, May 31**.

DISCIPLESHIP

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

JOIN OUR VBS AND DAY MISSIONS CREW!

There's something for everyone **June 8–11, 9:00am–12:00noon**: lead a tribe, participate in a drama, assist with crafts, purchase items for homeless kits, or provide food for our on-site crew! We also need additional chaperones and drivers to make Day Missions possible. It's a great way to share the love of Jesus with children, youth, and the Greenville community. Click the QR code for ways you can join our crew!



CARING FOR FAMILIES WHO FOSTER AND ADOPT

Are you currently fostering or in the process of adopting? We would love to match you with folks who will support your family with prayer, meals, respite care, and more. Email tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Men's Discipleship, Charlie Buchanan

JOIN THE CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Christian Men's Fellowship gathers each **Thursday from 12:00–1:15pm in the Formal Dining Room** (located behind the kitchen in Fellowship Hall). The group is currently watching *The World of the End*, a video series by Dr. David Jeremiah that explores Jesus' teachings in the Olivet Discourse. This week, Jim Childers will lead the discussion on the lesson, "In a World of Deception, Be Honest." All men are warmly invited to join for fellowship, biblical study, and encouragement. An optional lunch is available for \$10.

Women's Ministry, Tiffany Boggs

REGISTER NOW: WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Registration is open for the First Pres Women's Summer Bible Study: *Now and Not Yet* by bestselling author and artist Ruth Chou Simons. Too often, we feel disappointed with our "right now"—our life circumstances, our relationships, our lack of progress towards our dreams and goals, our daily grind. Simons reminds us of God's powerful provision and faithful promises for those "who have ears to hear." The study will be offered on **Tuesdays, June 16–July 28, 9:30–11:00am** and **6:00–7:30pm**, and **Wednesdays, June 17–July 29, 9:30–11:00am** (with childcare). We hope you will join us this summer! Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events to register.

RADIANCE SMALL GROUP REGISTRATION

Are you a woman in your 20s to early 40s looking for a small group? Join Radiance! Groups meet in mentor leaders' homes for dinner and Bible study on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:00pm. Together, we "do life" as we grow in faith, enjoy retreats and fun activities, and serve our Greenville community. Registration is open now through August 8 for the Fall and Spring 2027 semesters. Participants are placed in groups

with others in a similar life stage. Click the Radiance icon at FirstPresGreenville.org to sign up. Questions? Contact Diana Orders at dianaschmittorders@gmail.com.

ICE CREAM SUMMER SOCIAL

Save the dates: **June 17, July 15, and August 12!** Join us at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall for a delightful summer afternoon of delicious ice cream, warm fellowship, and encouraging discipleship. Bring a friend and enjoy meaningful conversation and community together. Adults only. No registration is required—just come and enjoy! \$3 at the door.

EVENTS

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

NEW EXHIBIT COMING SOON: IN THE LAND OF WOODEN SHOES, A HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

Join us for an Opening Night Reception on **Friday, June 12, at 6:00pm in Building A and Lenz Gallery**. This powerful exhibition, a collaboration between the Anne Frank Center and South Carolina artist Mary Burkett, tells the stories of children affected by the Holocaust through moving visual portraits and storytelling. More than an art exhibit, it is an immersive experience of remembrance—honoring young lives, fostering empathy, and inviting reflection. The exhibition runs through November and is open to individuals, families, schools, and community groups, with guided tours and special programming available. For more information or group bookings, contact Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

CULTIVATE 2026: ROOTED RETREAT

Cultivate 2026: *ROOTED* is coming to First Pres **June 19–21**. This in-person retreat will gather faithful creatives and leaders for a weekend of keynote speakers, workshops on writing and publishing, worship, guided prayer, and meaningful community in the heart of downtown Greenville. Space is limited, with fewer than 35 seats remaining. Registration is \$250 and includes special offerings such as a free Friday community dinner, professional author/artist headshots, and unique breakout experiences. For more details and to register, click the QR code.



First Presbyterian Academy, Rob Brown

ACADEMY GRADUATION AND ENROLLMENT

The Graduation Ceremony for the First Presbyterian Academy Class of 2026 will be held on **Thursday, May 21, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary**. Join us as we celebrate this milestone in the lives of our students.

FPA Shannon Forest and FPA Downtown are open for enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year. Please visit the school's website at FirstPresAcademy.com to schedule a tour or for enrollment documents.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

PROCLAIM LIBERTY CONCERT TICKETS

This July 1, experience an inspiring evening of worship and patriotic celebration at *Proclaim Liberty*—a concert honoring our nation's 250th birthday. Featuring a full choir and orchestra, this special event is designed for the whole family. Tickets are on sale now—Adults: \$15, Children: \$10. Visit the Events page at FirstPresGreenville.org to purchase. Join us as we celebrate 250 years of freedom, lift our voices in worship, and proclaim liberty together on **Wednesday, July 1, from 6:00–7:30pm in the Sanctuary**.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

FINE ARTS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that you don't have to be a First Pres member to join in the work of the Fine Arts Ministry?

Here are some ways to connect:

- Serve on our docent team! Reach out to Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org.
- Serve on our events team! Reach out to Linda Sholtis at lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org.
- Interested in caring for artists? Reach out to Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

May 24, 2026

Sermon Series:

"Life Empowered and Enabled"

Colossians 1:9–14

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

WEDNESDAY

MAY 27, 2026

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons teaching

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

11:45am • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

- Fried BBQ Beef
- Glazed Pork Chops
- Roasted Potatoes
- Fried Okra
- Asparagus
- Field Peas
- Salads
- Fresh Fruit
- Rolls
- Chef's Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICE: \$10

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

25: Memorial Day: Church Campus Closed

JUNE

7: Communion Sunday

8–11: VBS and Day Missions

12: *In the Land of Wooden Shoes* Exhibit Opening/Reception

16–17: *Now and Not Yet*

Women's Bible Study Begins

17: Summer Ice Cream Social

19–21: Cultivate 2026: *ROOTED*

JULY

1: *Proclaim Liberty* Concert

3: Church Campus Closed for July 4 Holiday

15: Summer Ice Cream Social

This newsletter offers highlights of announcements, events, and opportunities. For more information, visit firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ May 17, 2026

Adelaide Louise Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Brown (Catherine) Taylor Brown

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mrs. Anna Melvin in the death of her grandfather, Mr. Glenn “Shorty” Tribble, on May 12. Anna works in FPC’s Human Resources.

Mrs. Jill Vaughan in the death of her husband, Mr. Jay Vaughan, on May 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Carver (Peggy) in the death of her mother, Elizabeth Boyd Pinson, on May 17.

IN MEMORIAM

James Douglas Vaughan Jr. ♦ July 31, 1963 – May 16, 2026

The funeral service for Mr. Vaughan will be held Friday, May 22 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary with visitation following at 3:00pm in the Abbott gathering area.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Betty Farr by Michael and Carla Graf

In memory of Lambert “Whit” Jordan Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. William Sykes, Jr.; Haynes Studstill; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Harvin

In memory of Elizabeth Robison by Casey and Teresa Dick

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

In memory of Lambert “Whit” Jordan Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. William Sykes, Jr.; Haynes Studstill; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Harvin

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Kathleen Paramore by The Koinonia-Covenant Sunday Life Group

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, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Charlie Hutton, Anne Lide, Jenny McCorkle, Lisa Merck, Rachel Mullinax, Chloris Norman, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, *Alex Therien*, Lewis Tollison, **Charlotte Watson**, Beryl Wickliffe, Jetty Wickliffe

PRAYER RESOURCES ♦ For Pastoral emergencies call 864.235.0496.

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



MEMORIAL DAY

The FPC Military Ministry reminds all to pause and unite with fellow Americans in the “National Moment of Remembrance” at 3:00pm, Monday, May 25.



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TELEVISION

First and Foremost Program

on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina

Sundays at 10:00am

ONLINE GIVING



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WHAT'S INSIDE

May 21–27, 2026

Welcome Summer Interns

You're Invited! Graduation Ceremony for FPA Class of 2026

Join the June 21st Father's Day Choir

Summer Ice Cream Social

Cultivate 2026: *ROOTED*

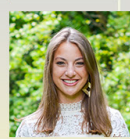
Proclaim Liberty Concert Tickets

Volunteer for VBS and Day Missions

For more information about FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

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youth ministry



Kathryn Ann Batson, a Clemson graduate, just finished up a year-long Fellows program in DC. She hopes to testify to the ways God has made Himself known to her and help students better understand His heart towards them.



Billy Hendrix is a rising junior at Clemson University who is returning to Roots as an intern. He is excited to help students in their knowledge of the Bible, the same way past interns helped him.



Elliot Jones is currently a senior at Clemson University studying Civil Engineering. He is thankful for the opportunity to serve as an intern this summer in the youth program and is looking forward to what God has in store.



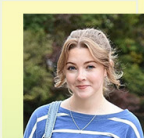
Katy Young just finished her sophomore year at Clemson University, where she studies Biology and Psychology. This summer, she hopes to grow in her love for and dependence on the Lord and build genuine relationships with students.

WELCOME FIRST PRES

Summer

2026 INTERNS

children's ministry



Erin Curtis is a rising junior at the University of South Carolina majoring in Psychology with a minor in Counseling Education. Being a Children's Ministry intern has helped her understand the path God wants for her in the future.



Annaliese Nelli is studying Human Development at the University of Georgia with a minor in American Sign Language. She loves working with children with special needs and spending part of her summer serving on staff at a special needs camp.

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