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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS!
Mother's Day Offering donations totaled \$6,538. You may still contribute online at <https://www.prescommunities.org/mother-s-day-offering>.
Student Ministry Dominican Republic Mission Trip donations totaled \$34,000. To contribute to the mission trip, please go to FirstPresGreenville.org/Events and click the FPC Mission Trips icon.

STUDENT MINISTRY JOB OPENING

FPC has a strong student ministry program with a large number of students who are active during our weekly programs. We are looking for someone to work well with our already-existing two-person team to help shepherd our students. For more information about this position, visit our Job Openings page on the church website. Click the About Us menu, then the Job Openings link.

WELCOME BACK TO CALEB JIVA THIS SUMMER IN THE WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

Caleb Jiva is a rising senior at North Greenville University, majoring in music worship studies. In addition to his studies, Caleb loves writing new music, and in the last year has had works premiered at First Pres, North Greenville, and the Fine Arts Center of Greenville. In his third summer working with the church, Caleb is looking forward to gaining experience in both traditional and contemporary music worship, learning about important theological principles, and serving the congregation for one last summer, especially the music campers!



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 or contact Austin Clay (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 for the Wednesday morning study with registration. Register now at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events and purchase your book in the church bookstore. Please contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org) or Tiffany Boggs (tiffanyboggs3@gmail.com) with questions.

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

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

NEXT ART & FAITH LUNCH JUNE 6

FPC Arts' Art & Faith Lunch welcomes all creative souls to come and fellowship at noon in Bridge City at the Intersection Café. Our next Art & Faith Lunch will feature YOU! Bring some of your work to share with others, and we look forward to having a creative share time together. All are welcome to this free event on Friday, June 6, at 12:00noon.

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.

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 or Courtney Rockness at crockness@firstpresgreenville.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

WE'RE COUNTING DOWN!

We are now only three weeks away from Vacation Bible School and Day Missions! Over 450 children and youth will hear and experience the gospel through worship, Bible dramas, service, and games. There are still openings for volunteers. Visit the website to sign up to help either VBS or Day Missions. It's a week you won't want to miss! Contact Tina Jones with questions (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

DAY MISSIONS PUSH WEEK

Day Missions is just around the corner, and we are still in need of drivers/chaperones and items for those in low-income housing and the homeless. **We have extended the collection date to Sunday, May 25.** See below for the lists of supplies needed. Please drop off donations at the Children's Ministry desk near the nursery lobby. Questions? Contact Karen King at 864.565.0936 or kking@firstpresgreenville.org. Thank you for being a part of "Transforming the Heart of the City through the Love of Jesus Christ!"

NECESSITY ITEMS: Kleenex (box), Paper towels, Full-size body soap bar, Toilet paper, Shampoo (16–20 oz), Dish detergent (30 oz), Deodorant (2–3 oz), Ziploc baggies (any size), Laundry detergent pods (14–20 count), Wafer cookies (sleeve – any flavor), Trash bags (13-gallon)

HOMELESS KITS: Comb, Toothbrush, Small tubes of toothpaste, Hotel-size shampoo, Hotel-size body soap, Small mini-size deodorant, Handi-wipes (travel size), Hand sanitizer (travel size), Snack/gum (individually wrapped packs), Chapstick/lip balm, Socks, Hotel-size lotion, Reading glasses (any strength – used or new)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY

May 25, 2025

SERMON SERIES

"What Do We Believe?"

1 Peter 2:1-9

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am | Sanctuary

10:45am | Worship & Arts Center

11:00am | Sanctuary

8:30am Nursery

9:30am No 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

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WEDNESDAY

May 28, 2025

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Charlie Buchanan

Lunch: 11:45am • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole
Baked Pork Chops with Peach Glaze
Wild Rice Blend
Chef's Choice Vegetables
Salads
Fruit
Rolls
Chef's Choice Desserts

PRICE: \$10

LOOKING AHEAD

May 30: Graduate List Deadline

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

BAPTISMS ♦ May 11, 2025

Davis Campbell Strange, son of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Strange (Tate)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Sisk (Kendall) on the birth of a daughter, Molly Blake Sisk, on May 12; and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sisk (Kathy).

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Ms. Lynn Jeffcoat in the death of her mother, Carolyn Phillips Jeffcoat, of Greenwood, SC, on May 12.

The family of Mr. Herbert Lindsay of Greer, SC. Mr. Lindsay died on Friday, May 16. A graveside service will be held at Woodlawn on May 22 at 1:00pm.

IN MEMORIAM

Herbert Lindsay Jr. ♦ February 27, 1928 – May 16, 2025

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH HONOR FUND

In honor of Margaret Louise Barr by Imogene King

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jack Plating by Phil and Sara Gregory; Chuck and Angelle Reichert

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Carrie Stringer by Becky Dunlap

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.



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 26.



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

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

May 22–28, 2025

- Welcome to our Student Ministry Summer Interns
- Women’s Summer Bible Studies
- Day Missions Supplies Drive Extended to Sunday, May 25
- Register Now for Adult Summer Pickleball and Youth Basketball

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

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Youth SUMMER 2025 INTERNS

STONE



Stone Dickson is a rising sophomore at Anderson University majoring in Finance. Outside of school, he spends his time working or enjoying the outdoors. He is excited for the opportunity to serve with the youth ministry, helping the students grow their knowledge and love for Christ. Stone also looks forward to deepening his relationship with God and learning from the Roots community.

Kathryn Ann Batson just completed her senior year at Clemson with a major in Communication. Having grown up in Roots, she is excited to return and once again be part of what God is doing through this ministry. Kathryn Ann is also looking forward to seeing the ways God works specifically in the lives of young students, in turn further igniting her child-like awe and wonder of Him.



KATHRYN ANN

SAM



Sam Norris recently graduated from Anderson University, where he played on the golf team and served in campus ministries with FCA and BCM. This summer at Roots, he’s excited to meet new people, grow in his faith, and be part of a Christ-centered community. Sam loves sports and good conversation, with a little healthy competition along the way.

PLEASE WELCOME THEM TO THE FIRST PRES FAMILY!