

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### 2025 GRADUATES TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK

FPC members and family members who are 2025 (or August/December 2024) graduates of High School, College, Graduate School, and Seminary will be announced next week. Watch for the Graduates brochure link on the Events page of the website or pick up a brochure from the literature racks around the church.

### SUMMER HOURS FOR LOWER CHILDREN’S LOBBY

The lower children’s lobby near the parking lot entrance to the A Building will operate from 10:30am to 12:00noon during the summer months. Questions? Contact Tina Jones at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

### SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENINGS

Several Sundays are available in August and September if you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary and dedicate them in honor or memory of loved ones. Please contact Linda Slash at 864.235.0496 to reserve an available date.

### 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.

### Stewardship Ministry, Bobbie Hoffman JUNE STEWARDSHIP GIVING

June is the last month of First Presbyterian’s fiscal year and we want to thank you for the good year we have had in terms of our tithes and offerings, but we need your help to finish strong. Summer is here, which means vacations with fewer attending worship in person. Ways to make a gift include the offering during worship, online, mail, gifts of appreciated stock, and Required Minimum Distributions from IRA’s. Thank you for your continued generosity. Contact Kristy Service ([kservice@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kservice@firstpresgreenville.org)) with any questions.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Finance Committee Chair Lee Dixon gave a recent financial update on Sunday, June 1. To view the presentation, go to [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) and look for the “Financial Update” icon.

Fiscal Ministry Budget 2025		
	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$6,263,620	\$6,713,377
Expenses	\$6,096,742	\$6,600,330
Net	\$166,878	\$113,047
For the period July 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025		

TOTAL	
Commitments	\$30,083,801
Collected	\$27,974,735
Remaining Balance on Construction Loan	\$7,576,654
Outstanding Commitments	\$2,109,066
Funds Still Needed	\$5,467,588

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley BIBLE STUDIES AND MEALS CANCELED DURING VBS WEEK JUNE 9–12

Please note that due to Vacation Bible School June 9–12, Wednesday Lunch and Bible Study, Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study, and the Christian Men’s Fellowship are canceled. All regular activities resume the following week.

### 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. Register now at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) and purchase your book in the church bookstore or online. Please contact Charlotte Joye ([cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Tiffany Boggs ([tiffanyboggs3@gmail.com](mailto: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

### Care Ministry, Stan Johnson BRUNCH BUNCH ON SUNDAYS

All singles and families are invited to gather Sunday afternoon for brunch in downtown Greenville. Please meet at 12:15pm in the Abbott Gathering area. No sign-ups, just show up and enjoy a meal together. Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at [sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org).

### 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 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.

### ELEVENTH HOUR THEATER OPEN MIC JUNE 19

We hope you will join us for our June Open Mic Night on Thursday, June 19! Actors, writers, and audience members are all welcome. Writers, remember that original pieces (play scenes, poetry, prose, music, etc.) that are five minutes or less may be submitted. If you’d like to submit a piece or jump in as an actor, please come during the submission time, 7:00-7:25 in the Youth Ministry Room. The show begins at 7:30pm. Questions? Contact Chelsea Fraser at [cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.565.0907.

### 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](http://FirstPresSports.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Missions, Eric Swofford EGYPT MEDICAL MISSIONS SEEKING OB/GYN

To help complete the Egypt medical mission team this November, the Missions Committee is seeking a licensed family practice or OB/GYN doctor to aid in outpatient care. This physician must be female. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Andy Gunter at [gunteraw@att.net](mailto:gunteraw@att.net).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### COMMUNION SUNDAY June 8, 2025

### SERMON SERIES

“What Do We Believe?”

1 Peter 3:13-22

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)

[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://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

June 11, 2025

No Bible Study or Lunch  
this week due to VBS.

## LOOKING AHEAD

June 12: Music Camp Showcase

June 15: Father’s Day

June 17 & 18: Women’s Summer  
Bible Studies Begin

June 19: Eleventh Hour Theater  
Open Mic

June 29: Patriotic Services

July 1: Registration Opens for  
Re|engage Marriage Class

July 6: Annual Hollis Back-to  
School Drive Begins

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

July 26: Men’s Breakfast

August 13: Introduction of  
Christmas@First Music

Check [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) for more information about upcoming and current events at First Presbyterian.

MEMBER NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Colin Rogers (Grace Bergmann)* who were married on May 24, 2025.

**SYMPATHY** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Blake Applewhite (Paula)* in the death of his mother, Mrs. Patricia Applewhite of Anderson, SC, on May 29. Paula is the Accounts Payable Administrator for First Pres.

**Mrs. Barry Gilmer and family** in the death of her husband, Mr. Fred Gilmer, on May 31, 2025. A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 6, at 11:00am in Harper Chapel. Visitation will begin at 10:00am in Memorial Hall.

IN MEMORIAM

**Frederick “Fred” Gilmer Jr.** ♦ *February 10, 1936 – May 31, 2025*

MEMORIALS & HONORS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

*In memory of Larry Freeman* by Lynne Read  
*In memory of Jack Plating* by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Melone

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, **Richard 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

PRAYER LIST *Continued*

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, Clifford Selby, 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.



Please join us in praying for the hundreds of children, volunteers, and leaders taking part in Vacation Bible School, local mission projects, and Music Camp from June 9–12. Ask God to work powerfully through these ministries as they help transform lives and bring hope to the heart of our city!



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

ONLINE  
GIVING



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

JUNE 5–11, 2025

You’re invited to our Music Camp Showcase!

UKULELES  
XYLOPHONES  
DRUMS  
PIANO



SONGS  
RECORDER  
ORGAN  
DRAMA

Thursday, June 12 | Sanctuary | 3:00pm

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