

# 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.

### 2024-25 GRADUATES LIST AVAILABLE

Congratulations to all of our FPC members and family members who are graduates of High Schools, Colleges, Graduate Schools, and Seminaries. For a complete list of names, please visit the Events page on our website, and click on the Graduates icon. The lists are also available in the literature racks.

### SIGN UP FOR THE FINE ARTS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Our Fine Arts Ministry features frequent exciting events and ministry activities. Stay in the loop! Sign up for the monthly Fine Arts newsletter by contacting Chelsea Fraser at [cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org).

### SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENINGS

Several Sundays are available in August, September, October, and November, 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.

### 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.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

#### DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Would you like to discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC? Our next New Member Weekend will be Friday–Saturday, July 11–12. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Charlotte Joye at [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org). Registration is open at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### 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](https://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.

### REGISTER IN JULY FOR RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE MINISTRY THIS FALL

Re|engage, a 14-week marriage enrichment ministry designed to equip and disciple couples in their walk with Christ, teaches couples how to apply biblical principles to their marriage. This fall, Re|engage will be offered on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The joint kick-off will be

held Sunday, August 17, at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$55 per couple. Children's programming (birth–5th grade) is available on Wednesday evenings only. Watch for registration information in upcoming editions of *Connect@First*. Contact Charlotte Joye at [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org) for more details.

## 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).

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

#### LAFLIN ILLUSIONISTS—JULY 18 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Child Evangelism Fellowship has partnered with the Laflins and FPC to bring you a fun night for the whole family on Friday, July 18, at 6:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Doors open at 4:00pm with food, inflatables, and kid-friendly activities. Witness the impossible at *A Night of Good News* as the Laflins create a dazzling spectacle that's perfect for families and audiences of all ages. Tickets are available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). *This event was originally scheduled in September 2024 but was postponed due to Hurricane Helene.*

### BUDDY BREAK IS JULY 25

Do you know of a family raising a child with special needs? Once a quarter we hold Buddy Break to give these parents a respite. Our next Buddy Break is Friday, July 25, from 5:30–8:00pm. Please share this information and consider serving as a "Buddy." Training is provided. Contact Tina Jones with questions or to register at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Missions, Eric Swofford

#### HOLLIS ACADEMY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

Help support the students and teachers at Hollis Academy as they prepare for a new school year! Beginning July 6, you may pick up a paper apple from displays located in the Loggia, Abbott Gathering, Sturgis Gathering, and the Worship & Arts reception area. Each apple lists needed snacks for children or gift card options for teachers. You can also visit our website for an Amazon wish list of items. Please return all donations to the church by Wednesday, July 23. Thank you for helping us bless Hollis Academy with a strong start to the school year!

### 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

June 15, 2025

### SERMON SERIES

"What Do We Believe?"

1 Peter 4:1–11

Rev. Don Feuerbach

### 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:

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## WEDNESDAY

June 18, 2025

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton

### LIVE STREAMING

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Lunch: 11:45am • Fellowship Hall

### MENU:

Roast Pork Tenderloin, Baked Salmon with Beurre Blanc Sauce, Potatoes Au Gratin, Corn, Green Beans, Spiced Apples, Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Desserts

PRICE: \$10

## LOOKING AHEAD

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 25: Buddy Break

July 26: Men's Breakfast

Check [FirstPresGreenville.org](https://FirstPresGreenville.org)/Events for more details about current and upcoming events.



MEMBER NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Dr. and Mrs. Gray Thomas (Ellie)* on the birth of twin daughters, Josephine “Josie” Leigh Thomas and Charlotte Edith Thomas, on June 5 in Richmond, VA; to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Thomas (Laurie); and to great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seaver (Gloria).

**SYMPATHY** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to The family of Ms. Florence Howard* of Fountain Inn, who died June 7, 2025. **Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Price Ellis (Brittany)** in the death of his father, Mr. Roddey S. “Joe” Ellis, on June 8, and to Anna Jane, Claire, and Benjamin Ellis in the death of their grandfather.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Florence Watson Howard** ♦ *July 28, 1955 – June 7, 2025*

**MEMORIALS & HONORS**  
**CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND**  
*In memory of Jerry Chapman* by Scott and Neel Hipp; Luther and Sally Boliek  
*In memory of Fred Gilmer Jr.* by Luther and Sally Boliek  
*In memory of Herbert Lindsay Jr.* by Lucille Lindsay  
*In memory of Jack Plating* by Jerry and Micki Thurow

**MUSIC MINISTRY FUND**  
*In memory of Jerry Chapman* by The Agape-Fellowship Life Group  
**TURNER MEMORIAL FUND**  
*In memory of Jerry Chapman* by Dick Brennecke

**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, **Hand family**, 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 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, **Rhody Taber**, 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.

H A P P Y  
*Father's Day*  
*Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.*  
PROVERBS 17:6



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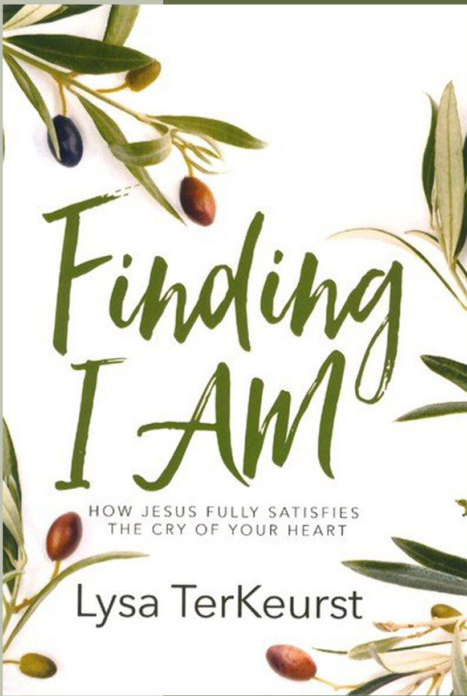
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**WHAT'S INSIDE**  
*June 12–18, 2025*  
  
Women's Summer Bible Study  
  
Join the Brunch Bunch!  
  
Lafin Illusionist Show July 18  
  
Hollis Back-to-School Drive  
Coming Soon!  
  
Re|engage Marriage Enrichment Ministry Coming This Fall  
  
For more information about the ministries of FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

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WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Beginning June 17 & 18  
Tuesdays | 9:30am or 6:30pm  
Wednesdays | 9:30am

Register online at  
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