

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF NEWS

Their faces may already be familiar, but we are excited to officially welcome Marella Havens and Patti Riddle to the First Pres Staff as new receptionists.



Although Marella grew up in the Midwest, she considers Greenville her true home. After moving back to the Midwest in 2006, she was grateful to the Lord for leading her back to the South in 2021. Now residing in Greer, Marella enjoys traveling, container gardening, and discovering great local restaurants. A devoted prayer warrior for many years, she is a member of Catch the Fire Church in Greenville.



Patti lives in Powdersville with her husband of 46 years, Steve, and her dog, Grady. They have two adult children, Cody and Haley. Patti loves to visit Hilton Head Island several times a year and work on projects in her 100-year-old house that belonged to her grandfather. Patti worked in the banking industry for 42 years as a Branch Manager.

JOB OPENINGS

For more information about these positions, visit our Job Openings page on the church website. Click the About Us menu, then the Job Openings link.

- 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.
- The Event Operations Ministry is seeking a Production Services Manager. This role oversees all aspects of live event production for worship services and special events on the First Presbyterian campus.

DISCIPLESHIP

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

BACKPACK BLESSING & PROMOTION SUNDAY

During our August 10 worship services, we will pray for our children, students, and all those who work in education as they prepare to go back to school. All children are invited to wear their backpacks as they come forward for prayer. Children's Ministry will also have a fun day in Sunday School and Kids Church as the children celebrate moving to their new classrooms with a treasure hunt!

EVENTS

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

LEMONADE & LOVE: SUPPORTING ISAIAH 117 HOUSE

Stop by the Sturgis Gathering area this Sunday between 9:30am and 12:15pm for a refreshing cup of lemonade and a chance to learn more about the work of Isaiah 117 House in Greenville County. This ministry provides physical and emotional support in a safe, loving home for children awaiting foster placement. Many of these children arrive scared, lonely, and with very little. Isaiah 117 House welcomes them with clean clothes, warm meals, caring volunteers—and most importantly, love.

FamBLITZ: FUN, FAITH, AND FAMILY!

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at FamBLITZ, where faith and family collide for an evening of excitement! Parents and kids will team up to conquer thrilling games and challenges, all while hearing the powerful message of the gospel in a fun and engaging way. It's the perfect opportunity to make lasting memories, strengthen family bonds, and grow in faith together. Don't miss out on this high-energy event designed for the whole family! Get your free tickets today at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

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. Purchase tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

AN EVENING AT THE PIANO WITH DAVID NEVUE

Join pianist/composer David Nevue on Saturday, September 13, at 7:00pm for an inspiring evening of music and storytelling! Nevue is recognized internationally as a remarkable force in contemporary piano music. His musical portfolio consists of 17 albums, with his most recent, *In the Soft Light of Grace*, debuting at #1 on iTunes and Amazon in its genre and breaking into the Top 5 on the Billboard music charts. For this evening's performance, David will play a selection of his most popular works, personal favorites, and unique arrangements of popular hymns. Tickets are available now at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Worship & Music, Susan Messer

CHRISTMAS@FIRST MUSIC PREVIEW NIGHT

It may only be midsummer, but our Worship & Music Team is already preparing for this year's *Christmas@First* concerts to be held December 13–14. Are you interested in participating this year? Mark your calendar for a special preview night on Wednesday, August 13, 6:15–7:30pm in the Choir Room. You'll get an introduction to this year's music and theme and learn how to get involved. Everyone is welcome—whether you're a seasoned choir member or simply love to sing. Rehearsals will begin in September, and more details will be shared at the preview. Come be part of this joyful Christmas event!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

First Pres Academy, Rob Brown

URGENT: HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We are in urgent need of host families for a few international students arriving soon. These students are eager to join the FPA community and need loving, supportive homes.

- Camila is an 11th grader from Brazil who loves volleyball and is excited to stay for the full year. She needs a dog-free home.
- We also need a host (or backup) family for a 10th-grade boy from Spain and another student, Isabela.

Short-term (semester-only) hosting options are also available. Hosting is a meaningful way to share Christian hospitality and make a lasting impact. If you're interested or want more details, contact Jynne Stowe at jstowe@firstpresacademy.com.

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! 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 click the QR code for a wish list of items. All donations are due back to the church by Wednesday, July 23.



PRAY FOR OUR STUDENT MISSION TRIP

Seventy-six students and leaders from our church will travel this week to La Romana, Dominican Republic, on July 20 for their tenth mission trip there! Please join us in praying for:

- Meaningful encounters with God as the group experiences a new culture
- God's powerful work in and through the team as they serve our brothers and sisters
- Safe travels to and from the Dominican Republic

Event Productions, Caleb Miller

PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

Join the production services team and help create exciting and worshipful experiences for our congregation and guests through sound, lighting, video, and stagecraft. No experience? No problem! We provide training. Use your creativity and technical skills to enhance worship. Serve behind the scenes and make a big impact! Interested? Email productions@firstpresgreenville.org for more details. We look forward to welcoming you!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 20, 2025

SERMON SERIES

"Follow Me"

Lamentations 3:19-23

Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton

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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YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite

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WEDNESDAYS

July–September 3

The Pastor's Bible Study and Wednesday meals are paused during the summer.

Watch for the new Grow@First booklet in August for the Fall season of Bible studies, classes, and meals.

LOOKING AHEAD

July 25: Buddy Break

August 10: Promotion Sunday

August 13: Lemonade & Learning

August 13: *Christmas@First* Concert Music Preview

August 16: FamBLITZ

August 17: Re|engage Marriage Class Kickoff

September 12: Daddy Daughter Dance with 3Gen Ministries

September 13: An Evening at the Piano with David Nevue

October 3–5: Pursuit Men's Retreat with 3Gen Ministries

October 17: Sidewalk Prophets—*The Looking Up Tour*

Check FirstPresGreenville.org/Events for more details about current and upcoming events.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ July 13, 2025

Katherine Louisa Baretto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baretto (Sullivan)
John Bryan Parr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Parr (Ashley)

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

The family of Olive W. McCord. Mrs. McCord died on July 8, 2025. A graveside service will be held for immediate family in Raleigh, NC.

IN MEMORIAM

Olive Worth McCord ♦ February 8, 1935 – July 7, 2025

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH HONOR FUND

In honor of Maggie Champion by Rosalyn Swan

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Fred Gilmer Jr. by David and Nina Williams; Finley and Laura Clarke; Stephanie and Dane Pierce

In memory of Bill Hawkins Jr. by Helen Ann Rawlinson

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Richard Tapp by Buddy and Kathi Daniel; Don and Jean Nickell Jr.

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Gerald Loyless by Carol Loyless

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Diana August, Sandra Banks, Kathy Beck and family, Keren Clay, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, **Martha Gallivan**, 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, Stephanie Johnson, Frances Kowalski, John Kylin, Mary Kylin, Tom Lide, Tom Logan, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Mozelle Moore, Rachel Mullinax, Jim Nance, Martha Nance, *Charles Nickles*, Chloris Norman, Becky Powell, Ken Rhoden, Caroline Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Tom Seay, 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.



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

ONLINE GIVING



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WHAT'S INSIDE

July 17–23, 2025

Christian Men's Fellowship
Summer Series

Welcome New Staff Members

Lemonade & Love:
Supporting Isaiah 117 House

FamBLITZ Event

FPA International Students
Need Housing

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

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JOIN US THURSDAYS AT NOON | FPC FORMAL DINING ROOM

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SUMMER SERIES: WHAT HAPPENS ONE MINUTE AFTER I DIE?

JULY 24 - "STRANGE INSIGHTS INTO A DARK SUBJECT"

JULY 31 - "WHY SHOULD I STUDY DEATH WHILE I AM STILL ALIVE?"

AUGUST 21 - "WHAT REALLY HAPPENS AFTER I DIE?"

AUGUST 28 - "QUERIES ABOUT HEAVEN"

SEPTEMBER 11 - "WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE END TIMES"

SEPTEMBER 18 - "HOW CAN I LIVE TODAY IN LIGHT OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN TOMORROW?"

RSVP for LUNCH (\$10) to Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org.

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