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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACKPACK BLESSING & PROMOTION SUNDAY

This Sunday at all 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!

SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Parents and students, please complete a college information form for your new or returning college student. Look for the College Care Packages icon at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or find the forms in the literature racks around the church. Send your completed forms to Autumn Clark (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org).

BRIDGE CITY OPENING ON SUNDAYS

Starting August 24, Bridge City Coffee at the Intersection will be open on Sundays, from 9:00am–2:00pm, for a six-week period. Come enjoy their delicious coffee or tea before or after worship. The Bridge City staff is excited to welcome members of First Presbyterian Church and the wider community during these extended hours. We kindly ask that no food or drinks be brought into the Worship & Arts Center or the Sanctuary.

CONSIDER A GIFT OF STOCK

Giving appreciated stock held for over a year may be a smart way to support the church. You can avoid capital gains tax and receive credit for the stock's full current value. If you wish to keep the stock in your portfolio, consider repurchasing it with cash to reset your cost basis. To give, contact Kristy Service (864.565.0929) or Bobby Hoffman (864.565.0962). Let us know the stock name, donor, and whether the gift is for the ministry budget, capital campaign, or both.

DISCIPLESHIP

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

SUPPORT GROUPS OFFERED THIS FALL

GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our next group will begin Sunday, September 7, 3:00–5:00pm in Room D210. Visit GriefShare.org, or contact Sarah Emore at semore@firstpresgreenville.org to register.

DivorceCare is a support group that will help you heal from the pain of divorce. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Gain hope for your future! Childcare is provided. Visit DivorceCare.org, click on "In-Person," then click on the First Presbyterian Church listing. Sessions will run 6:00–8:00pm on Wednesdays, September 10–December 10. Questions? Contact Sarah at semore@firstpresgreenville.org.

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

MONTHLY SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Lemonade and Learning: The Lord's Prayer

All women are invited to join us for our final summer Bible study and light refreshments on Wednesday, August 13, at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Don Feuerbach will be our speaker.

A FEW SPACES ARE OPEN FOR RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

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 summer and fall, Re|engage will be offered on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The joint kickoff will be held Sunday, August 17, at 9:30am in Harper Chapel. The cost is \$55 per couple. Children's programming (birth–K5) is available on Wednesday evenings only. Register online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Contact Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org for more details.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ON AUGUST 21

Join us Thursday, August 21, at noon in Fellowship Hall for a special Christian Men's Fellowship luncheon

featuring Chief Justice John Kittredge of the South Carolina Supreme Court. A longtime Elder and active member of First Pres, Chief Justice Kittredge will share his personal testimony. Reservations are required. Visit the First Pres website at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events to register. Please indicate if you plan to attend the program only or would like to reserve a \$10 lunch.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

ROOTS FALL KICKOFF ON AUGUST 20

Come join us as we kick off the fall semester at Roots! We'll have food, games, and a lesson as we jump into a brand-new school year. Junior High will meet 5:45–7:15pm, and Senior High will meet 7:30–9:00pm. Questions? Contact Mason Simmons at msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org or Courtney Rockness at crockness@firstpresgreenville.org. We hope to see you there!

EVENTS

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

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 on Saturday, August 16, 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall! Get your free tickets today at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or the Five Points check-in desk.

Missions, Eric Swofford

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BAND CONCERT

Join us for an uplifting night of worship with El Orquesta Revelación Maranatha—affectionately known as the DR Band—on Friday, September 19, 7:00–9:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. More details coming soon!

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Church league basketball season for K5–12th grade is approaching! Registration is open August 1–31. Late registration is open September 1–15. Learn more details and sign up at FirstPresSports.com. Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic at caleb@firstpressports.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Missions, Eric Swofford

THANK YOU–HOLLIS BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

Because of your incredible generosity, we were able to deliver over 650 boxes of snacks for the Hollis students and close to 300 gift cards for the teachers! These gifts will be put to good use in feeding children and encouraging the Hollis Academy staff.

ROOM PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

As we enter our 16th year of partnering with elementary school Hollis Academy, our desire is to have a Room Parent in every classroom to help with reading, tutoring, hugging, listening, and encouraging. We have 12 openings for Room Parents in several grade levels and special education classrooms. For more information, please contact Edith Parks at hollisroomparents@gmail.com.

Worship & Music, Susan Messer

CHRISTMAS@FIRST MUSIC PREVIEW NIGHT

Are you interested in participating this year's *Christmas@First* concerts to be held December 13–14? 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!

BECOME A GREETER ON SUNDAYS

A few greeters are needed for the 8:30am service on Sunday mornings. Please contact Kathi Daniel if you can help (864.630.2416 or kathi.daniel531@gmail.com).

SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 10, 2025

SERMON SERIES

"Follow Me"

Matthew 28:18-20

Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley

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

YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite

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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

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WEDNESDAYS

Family Night Supper September 3

Join us on Wednesday, September 3, for a special Family Night Supper at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Our pastors will be in attendance as we enjoy an evening of good food, warm fellowship, prayer, and a fun round of Bible trivia for all ages. Bring your family, invite a friend, and be encouraged as we grow together in faith and community!

Fall Season Grow@First Begins September 10

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

LOOKING AHEAD

September 3: Family Night Supper

**September 5: Mending a Heart
Exhibit Opening Reception**

**September 12: Daddy Daughter
Dance with 3Gen Ministries**

**September 13: An Evening at the
Piano with David Nevue**

September 16: Radiance Kickoff

September 17: Above All Kickoff

September 19: DR Band Concert

September 21: Missions Sunday

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

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

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ August 3, 2025

Banks Garrison Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Beard (Sarah)
Dallas Ann Frost and Emmie Gail Frost, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Frost (Lauren)
Perrin Rose Alexandria Greenway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Greenway (Mary Elise)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Robert August (Mary Evelyn Brown)* who were married in the Sanctuary on August 1, 2025.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bloomer (Dannelle)* in the death of his sister, Ms. Cathy Foster of Binghamton, NY, on August 3, 2025.
Mrs. Margaret Goodnough in the death of her husband, Mr. Millard Goodnough Jr., on August 4, 2025.

IN MEMORIAM

Millard Barnell Goodnough Jr. ♦ August 18, 1941 – August 4, 2025

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Diana August, Sandra Banks, Kathy Beck and family, Keren Clay, Brantley Daniel, **Buddy Daniel**, Debbie Davidson, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, Martha Gallivan, Tasha Garrison, **Larry Goodwin**, Darst Guest, Betsy Guffey, Hand family, Danette Hanks, Richard Hanks, Anna Hewitt, Tina Hicks, Harry 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

PRAYER LIST Continued

Nance, Martha Nance, *Charles Nickles*, Chloris Norman, Becky Powell, Ken Rhoden, Carolyn 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.

IN THIS WEEK’S PODCAST

FRIDAYS AT FIRST SUMMER ROUNDTABLE: AUGUST 8
Join us as we gather around the table with ministry leaders and special guests for dynamic conversations that highlight the heart and mission of our church. In this episode host Michelle Ward leads a thoughtful dialogue on staying in community as students go back to school and the busy fall season begins. This week’s guests are Karen King, Dr. Claire Ripley, and Rev. Charlie Buchanan. Whether you’re traveling or staying local, stay spiritually connected and encouraged! Watch on our YouTube channel (@FPCGreenvilleSC) or listen on your favorite podcast platform.



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

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

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Music@First

WEDNESDAYS | BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10

ADULTS of all ages

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm
Choir Room

Orchestra Rehearsal
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm
Sanctuary

Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm
Choir Room

*Openings for Handbell Ringers
are available!*

Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Sundays, 4:00-5:30pm
Beginning Sunday, September 28
Choir Room

STUDENTS Grades 2–12

INTRODUCTION:
Wednesday, September 10

Resonate–Grades 6-12
5:00-5:30pm | Harper Chapel

Covenant Choir–Grades 2-5
5:30-6:10pm | Ligon Conference Room

CHILDREN Ages 4–7

Ages 4-5
Cherub Choir: 6:15-6:45pm | C208
Bible Study: 6:45-7:15pm

Grades 1-2
Carol Choir: 6:45-7:15pm | C208
Bible Study: 6:15-6:45pm

You’re invited
to join us!

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