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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SERMON SERIES: “SUSTAINING FAITH”

Abraham’s story is at times uncomfortable, yet profoundly inspiring. It shows what it means to rise after failure, face uncertainty, wrestle with doubt, and wait on God’s timing. Through hard lessons, Abraham learns to trust God completely—a timeless message for today. Join us this Sunday as Dr. Gibbons begins this new sermon series.

BRIDGE CITY OPENING ON SUNDAYS

Starting August 24, Bridge City Coffee at the Intersection will be open on Sundays, 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.

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! See Meal prices under WEDNESDAYS.

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE TOUR

Are you interested in First Pres architecture, history, symbols, and true stories of real people from 1848 to the present? A guided tour of the church campus will be conducted on Thursday, September 11, 1:30–3:00pm. Meet in the reception area at the Washington Street entrance and wear comfortable shoes. RSVP to Linda Slash (lslash@firstpresgreenville.org).

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.

WORTHY MENTOR PROGRAM

The Worthy Mentor Program is a ministry that offers spiritual support to women who have experienced an unexpected pregnancy. Some of these women may be walking through pregnancy and considering their options, while others may be healing from abortion. If you are interested in being paired with a Worthy mentor, or feel called to serve as a Worthy mentor, please contact Amy Murray at hello2amymurray@gmail.com.

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.

Missions, Eric Swofford

MISSIONS WEEKEND—COMBINED SUNDAY LIFE GROUPS SEPTEMBER 21

All Sunday Life Groups are invited to gather for a special Missions Weekend session as we welcome Grant Haynes, founder of Global Frontier Missions in Clarkston,

GA. Grant will share how God is moving among the unreached in our own communities and how we can engage in reaching them. GFM exists to mobilize, train, and multiply disciples and churches to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the world’s least-reached people groups. For more details, contact Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org.

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!

Women’s Ministry, Claire Ripley

RADIANCE WOMEN’S SMALL GROUPS

Women in their 20s to mid-30s are invited to join us each Wednesday for dinner and Bible Study in leaders’ homes throughout downtown Greenville. Small groups meet September 16–December 3, 6:30–8:00pm. Our study, *Philippians: At His Feet Studies*, begins with a special kickoff event (see announcement below). Register for a small group at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Contact Diana at dianaschmittorders@gmail.com for more information or details about being placed in a small group.

RADIANCE KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 16—FREE TICKETS

“Hope Heals” author, Katherine Wolf, brings her inspiring story of true faith and healing in a relatable way that women will not want to miss. Join us on Tuesday, September 16, 6:30pm, in the Worship & Arts Center. Tickets are required and available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Look for the Radiance Kickoff icon.

ABOVE ALL KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 17

Above All Ministries is excited to announce their kickoff with a “A Morning with Katherine Wolf” on Wednesday, September 17, in the Worship & Arts Center. Doors open at 9:30am and tickets are available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Join us afterward for “LaCroix and Linger,” where we’ll continue the conversation and Katherine Wolf will hold a book-signing.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

MUSIC MINISTRY FALL OFFERINGS

The Music Ministry invites preschoolers, children, students, and adults to participate in the Fall music offerings beginning Wednesday, September 10. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events and click the Music Opportunities icon for details and times. Questions? Contact Susan Messer (smesser@firstpresgreenville.org) or Dustan Chevalier (dchevalier@firstpresgreenville.org).

EVENTS

Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones

FamBLITZ: FUN, FAITH, AND FAMILY!

Free tickets are still available for an unforgettable experience at FamBLITZ, where faith and family collide for an evening of excitement! Don’t miss out on this high-energy event designed for the whole family on Saturday, August 16, 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall! For tickets, go to FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Fine Arts, Chelsea Fraser

ART AND FAITH LUNCH

All are invited to our next Art and Faith lunch meeting on Friday, September 5, 12:00pm at Bridge City Coffee at the Intersection. Local artist KB Brauer will join us to speak about God’s ministry to her through painting and her ministry to others through painting. KB and her husband Eric spent 30 years in missions work in Europe, and we are excited to have her in our FPC Arts community.

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!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 17, 2025

SERMON SERIES

“Sustaining Faith”

Genesis 12:1-9

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

YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

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WEDNESDAYS

Family Night Supper September 3

SUPPER MENU

Fried Chicken, Roast Pork BBQ, Macaroni and Cheese, Fried Okra, Roasted Carrots, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, House Salads, Assorted Chef’s Desserts, Ice Cream Sundays

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

See the Meals and .

Fall Season Grow@First Begins September 10

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

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

3–Family Night Supper

5–Mending a Heart Exhibit

Opening Reception

11–History & Architecture Tour

12–Daddy Daughter Dance

13–An Evening at the Piano with David Nevue

16–Radiance Kickoff

17–Above All Kickoff

19–DR Band Concert

21–Missions Sunday

OCTOBER

3–5: Pursuit Men’s Retreat

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

MEMBER NEWS

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mrs. Martha Gallivan* in the death of her husband, Mr. Harold Gallivan Jr. of Greenville, SC, on August 1, 2025.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH HONOR FUND
In honor of Dallas Ann and Emmie Gail Frost by Danita Frost

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND
In memory of Olive McCord by Carlton and Belinda Manley

PRAYER LIST ♦ **Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital
Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Sandra Banks, Keren Clay, Buddy Daniel, Debbie Davidson, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, Martha Gallivan, Larry Goodwin, Darst Guest, Danette Hanks, Richard Hanks, Anna Hewitt, Tina Hicks, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Stephanie Johnson, John Kylin, Mary Kylin, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, Paul McGahee, Mozelle Moore, Rachel Mullinax, Jim 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, Jocelyn Williams, 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 RESOURCES *Continued*
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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE—FISCAL YEAR AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

On Sunday, August 10, Financial Committee Chair Lee Dixon gave an update on FPC’s fiscal year and the Capital Campaign. First Pres ended the Fiscal Ministry Budget in June 2025 with a net of \$209,588. Expenses for the period of July 2024–June 2025 were \$7,200,971. Contributions totalled \$7,410,559. See below for the Capital Campaign update. Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministry of First Pres.



Commitments \$30,381,867
Collected \$28,649,761

Remaining Balance on Construction Loan	\$6,976,654
Cash on Hand	\$109,769
Outstanding Commitments	\$1,732,106
Funds Still Needed	\$5,134,779



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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
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Come meet the study leaders and preview the books!

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