



CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 the menu and meal prices under WEDNESDAYS.

CLOSINGS FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Sunday, August 31: No Sunday School for children—There will be a nursery (8:15-9:30am) and Kids Church (10:30-12:10pm). No Sunday Life Groups for Youth
Monday, September 1: Church Office Closed

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).

OFFERING ENVELOPES

First Presbyterian has a number of ways for covenant partners to give in support of the ministry budget. These include placing cash or checks in the offering plates on Sunday, online giving, mailing or dropping off your gifts at the church office, gifts of stock, and gifts from foundations or retirement accounts. We happily provide personalized offering envelopes to those that request them, which means we pay for the printing and mailing of these each month. So if you have changed your method of giving and no longer use the envelopes, please contact Bobby Hoffman at 864.565.0962 or bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org; he can take you off the envelope mailing list to reduce this cost.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship, Claire Ripley GROW@FIRST FALL SEASON

Get connected this year and grow in your faith! In our new Fall Grow@First schedule, you'll find details on Sunday morning worship and classes, weekday studies, and music opportunities for all ages. Pick up a booklet from the literature racks or go to FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

Grow@First, Richard Gibbons PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: "THE SUPREMACY & SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST"

On Wednesday, September 10, at 12:30pm and 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall, Dr. Gibbons will begin a new study series on the epistle of Colossians. Whether you're new to the faith or have walked with Christ for years, this time in Colossians will encourage you to deepen your trust in Him and live with confidence in His supremacy. Come ready to grow in your understanding, connect with others, and be reminded of the unmatched glory of Jesus Christ.

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. Join us at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall as Grant shares 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.

Roots Student Ministry, Mason Simmons "UNBOUND" ROOTS FALL RETREAT

Join Roots Student Ministry for our annual Fall Retreat at Look Up Lodge in Traveler's Rest, SC! Open to both Jr. and Sr. High students, this weekend is designed to deepen friendships and faith through camp activities, worship, and teaching. This year's guest speaker, Charlie Buchanan, will share on the theme "Unbound" from John 17:13–19.

The retreat runs September 26–28, and spots fill quickly—so don't wait! Registration opens August 28 at 6:00pm. Questions? Contact msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org or crockness@firstpresgreenville.org.

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 FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

Join us Thursday, October 2, at 6:30pm in the Worship & Arts Center for an evening of food, fashion, fellowship, and fun as we celebrate our friends with special abilities! This year's event features Tanner Smith—ClemsonLIFE graduate, Netflix's "Love on the Spectrum" Season 2 cast member, and passionate advocate for joy and inclusion. Purchase tickets and learn more at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser
OPENING RECEPTION FOR NEW ART EXHIBIT
Our next community exhibition, *Mending a Heart: One Brushstroke at a Time*, demonstrates "painting through tragedy, tears, illness, despair, regrets, fear, forgiveness, courage, survival, joy, hope, and healing. It is amazing how creative grief and love can be," says artist Suzanne Accetta. The opening reception will take place on Friday, September 5, 6:00–8:00pm in the Sturgis Gathering area. All are welcome to come and see the exhibition and meet the artist! The exhibit will be located on the 1st and 2nd floors of the Galleries at First Pres.

"THE NATURE OF US" 10TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR WITH JOEL ANSETT

Folk songs and stories are coming your way this fall as Joel Ansett celebrates with an anniversary tour of "The Nature of Us" on Thursday, October 9, at 7:00pm in the Student Ministry community room. Joel Ansett is an award-winning singer-songwriter whose blend of folk and R&B has been described as "soul therapy." With over 40 million streams, a Lennon Award, and multiple film/TV placements, his grassroots approach continues to resonate widely. His latest album, *Layers*, explores the unseen barriers in our relationships with strangers, loved ones, and God. Ansett was the wonderful opening act for the Gray Havens' concert last year and we can't wait to have him back. The Songwriter Q&A session will begin at 6:00pm and concert will begin at 7:00pm.

Missions, Eric Swofford
**COMMUNITY WORSHIP WITH EL REVELACIÓN
MARANATHA FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**
Experience an unforgettable night of worship with Revelación Maranatha, lovingly known as the DR Band, on Friday, September 19, 7:00–9:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Each summer, the DR Band tours the U.S. to raise support for El Hospital Buen Samaritano (The Good Samaritan Hospital), a ministry partner we've joined for more than a decade to provide life-changing medical care for those in need in the Dominican Republic. Whether you've served on a mission trip, supported through prayer, or simply want to enjoy an evening of vibrant, multicultural worship, this concert is for you! Free tickets are available now at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer JOIN THE CHRISTMAS@FIRST CHOIR!

Do you like to sing? You're invited to join the Christmas@First concert choir! Rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 28, 4:00-5:30pm in the Choir Room. Questions? Contact Choral Director Susan Messer at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 31, 2025

SERMON SERIES
"Sustaining Faith"
Genesis 13:1-15
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
8:30am | Sanctuary
10:45am | Worship & Arts Center
11:00am | Sanctuary

8:30am Nursery
9:30am No Children's Sunday School
9:45am No 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:
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WEDNESDAYS

Family Night Supper
September 3, 5:30pm

MENU: Fried Chicken, Roast Pork
BBQ, Macaroni and Cheese, Fried
Okra, Roasted Carrots, Pinto Beans,
Cornbread, House Salads, Assorted
Chef's Desserts, Ice Cream Sundaes

MEAL PRICES:
Adults: \$10
Children ages 4-12: \$5
Children ages 0-3: Free
Family max: \$40

**Fall Season Grow@First
Begins September 10**

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

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER
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
2: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made
3–5: Pursuit Men's Retreat

For more events and details go to firstpresgreenville.org/events.

Note: This newsletter provides a brief overview of announcements, events, and discipleship and serving opportunities. For a complete list, visit firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ August 24, 2025

Carolyn Mae Harvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Harvin (Lauren)

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Hicks (Tina) in the death of her mohter, Ms. Frances Curtis, on August 22, 2025.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jerry Chapman by Lee and Bonnie Powell

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Claire Brittain by The Agape-Fellowship Life Group

In memory of Olive McCord by Dr. Alex Patrick

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Richard Tapp by Dane and Stephanie Pierce

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Harold Gallivan by The Covenant Life Group

FPC FOUNDATION

In memory of Liza Bentley by Lisa Van Riper

In memory of Larry Freeman by Robert and Marion Austell

In memory of Fred Gilmer by Robert and Marion Austell

In memory of Dick Tapp by Louise and Diane Smith; R. Bates and Sarah Kennedy; FPC Prime Time Sunday Life Group

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Sandra Banks, Keren Clay, Joyce Corley, Brantley 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, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Tom Seay, Clifford Selby, Rhody Taber, 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 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.



The FPC Military Ministry assists and prays for church members of our congregation serving in the Armed Forces (Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard). Visit the Military Ministry page under Care and Prayer on our website to learn more.



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For more information about
the ministries of FPC, visit
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SEPTEMBER 5 - JANUARY 16

Mending a Heart

One Brushstroke at a Time

BY SUZANNE ACCETTA

OPENING RECEPTION: SEPTEMBER 5, 6:00PM | STURGIS GATHERING AREA

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