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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

If you are receiving offering envelopes but no longer use them (perhaps you’ve switched to online giving), please let us know. Contact Bobby Hoffman at bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0962 to be removed from the mailing list. This small step helps us save on printing and mailing costs each month—thank you for helping us steward our resources wisely.

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.

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.

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, October 3–4. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org. Registration is open at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

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 9:45am 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! Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/events. 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

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach TUESDAY HEALING & PRAYER SERVICE

The Healing & Prayer Service is held each Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Prayer Chapel. You are invited to come and receive God’s love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Children’s Ministry & Men’s Ministry DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE IN SEPTEMBER

Mark your calendars for a memorable evening with your daughter at the 3GEN Ministries Daddy Daughter Dance! It’s all happening on Friday, September 12, 7:00-9:30pm, at the beautiful Larkin’s Sawmill Venue (22 Graves Drive, Greenville, SC 29609). We’re teeing you up for a fantastic night of fun, laughter, and connection, complete with yummy desserts, photo ops, and tons of dancing. Register at 3genministries.org or 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 program space. 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.

Congregational Care, Don Feuerbach
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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 7, 2025

SERMON SERIES
“Sustaining Faith”
Genesis 15:1-19
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:
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WEDNESDAY

September 10, 2025

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall
6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

LIVE STREAMING
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WEDNESDAY MEALS
11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

LUNCH & SUPPER MENU
Meatloaf with Gravy or Cheesy Chicken
Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots,
Collard Greens, Fried Green Beans,
Salads, Rolls, Chef’s Choice Desserts

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

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER
16–Radiance Kickoff
17–Above All Kickoff
19–DR Band Concert
21–Missions Sunday

OCTOBER
2: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made
3–4: New Member Weekend
3–5: Pursuit Men’s Retreat

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 31, 2025

George Charles Hays III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hays (Melle)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lanier (Rebekah Martin) who were married in the Sanctuary on August 30, 2025.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor (Susan) in the death of her mohter, Ms. Bobbie Long, on August 23, 2025.

Mr. Joel Corley in the death of his mohter, Ms. Joyce Corley, on August 26, 2025.

Mrs. Tracy Nickles in the death of her husband Mr. Charles Nickles, on August 28, 2025; and to Elizabeth Nickles, Laura Coleman, and Wilson Nickles in the death of their father.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nickles (Barbara) and family in the death of his brother.

IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Rhyne Corley ♦ May 18, 1938 – August 26, 2025

Charles Allen Nickles ♦ July 28, 1956 – August 28, 2025

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Sandra Banks, Keren Clay, 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

PRAYER LIST Continued

Rachel Mullinax, Jim Nance, Martha Nance, 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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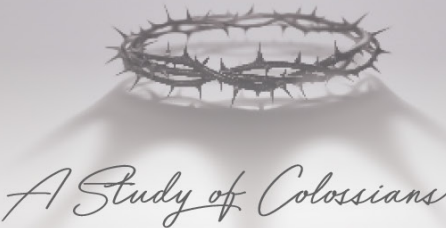
- Pastor's Bible Study
- Grow@First Gall Season Begins
- Music Ministry Fall Offerings
- "Unbound" Roots Fall Retreat
- Mending a Heart Exhibition Opening
- Join the Christmas Choir
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- For more information about the ministries of FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

SEPTEMBER 4–10, 2025

STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 12:30PM & 6:30PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

THE SUPREMACY & SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST



Colossians, written by Paul from prison, emphasizes Christ's supremacy and sufficiency in response to false teachings in Colossae. The letter is split into doctrinal (chapters 1–2) and practical (chapters 3–4) sections, urging believers to live in alignment with their faith. Paul refutes false teachings as empty and calls Christians to remain rooted in Christ alone.

For more information and a study schedule, please visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.