

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENTS—DID YOU KNOW?

Our Children’s Ministry sends out a weekly newsletter to keep you informed about upcoming events, activities, and resources for your kids! If you’d like to be added to the distribution list, email Judy Gutierrez at jgutierrez@firstpresgreenville.org. And don’t forget—you can also stay connected by following us on Instagram @FPCFirstKids.

LOST AND FOUND

This is the “last chance” table to discover what is yours among all the lost and found items we have accumulated. The items will be on a table by the elevators in Building D main hallway from Sunday, September 28, through Sunday, October 5. Please look for any items you have been missing; anything remaining after October 5 will be donated to Miracle Hill Ministries.

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on one of the following Sundays, please contact Linda Slash (lslash@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0901): November 2, 16, 23, or 30.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship, Claire Ripley

GROW@FIRST FALL SEASON HAS BEGUN

It’s not too late to get connected in a Bible study, class, or choir this fall 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. Printed booklets are available in the literature racks or you can download a booklet at FirstPresGreenville.org/events. Questions? Contact Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0956.

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.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

MUSIC MINISTRY FALL OFFERINGS

The Music Ministry invites preschoolers, children, students, and adults to participate in the many choir opportunities on Wednesdays this fall. 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, 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.

Event Operations, Caleb Miller

SIDEWALK PROPHETS "LOOKING UP" TOUR

On the heels of their Grand Ole Opry debut and three RIAA Gold certifications, Sidewalk Prophets launched its “Looking Up Tour” this summer. The extensive nationwide outing will find the beloved band performing signature hits, such as “The Words I Would Say,” “You Love Me Anyway,” and “Live Like That,” alongside fresh selections from their fifth studio album, *Looking Up*. Don’t miss your chance to experience this one-of-a-kind evening filled with soul-stirring music, heartfelt stories, and genuine community. Tickets start at \$20 including fees. Get your tickets today at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

“THE NATURE OF US” 10TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR WITH JOEL ANSETT OCTOBER 9

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 21, 2025

MISSIONS SUNDAY

Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton preaching
Matthew 5:1-2, 13-16

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
YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship
FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

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WEDNESDAY

September 24, 2025

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley
12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall
6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall
Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville
YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC
FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Deep Fried Fish & Chips, Poppy Seed Chicken, Asparagus, Roasted Cauliflower, Turnip Greens, Hushpuppies, Coleslaw, Salads, Chef’s Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

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

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER

2: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made
3–4: New Member Weekend
3–5: Pursuit Men’s Retreat
5: Communion Sunday
9: Joel Ansett Concert
17: Sidewalk Prophets Concert
24: Buddy Break

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 ♦ September 7, 2025

Hallie Elizabeth Malinowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Malinowski (Shelly)
Ellison Grace Mirando, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Mirando (Anna Grace)
Maxwell James O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Connor (Erica)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp Turner (Courtney) on the birth of a son, Robert Sharp Turner Jr.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson (June) in the death of his mother, Mrs. Ethel Going DuBose of Columbia, on September 10, 2025.
Mr. Marvin Thomason in the death of his wife, Mrs. Gayle Thomason, on September 10, 2025.
The family of Ms. Nancy King who died on September 12, 2025.
Mr. Frederick Dickerman in the death of his wife, Mrs. Inge Dickerman, on September 14, 2025.
Mrs. Brigitte Sahm in the death of her husband, Mr. Volker Sahm, on September 15, 2025. Mr. Sahm's funeral will be held Saturday, September 27, 11:00am, at McAfee (downtown).

IN MEMORIAM

Gayle Thomason ♦ August 13, 1949 – September 10, 2025
Nancy W. King ♦ May 10, 1944 – September 12, 2025
Inge Dickerman ♦ April 26, 1936 – September 14, 2025

IN MEMORIAM Continued

Carl George Helge Volker Sahm ♦ March 20, 1938 – September 15, 2025

MEMORIALS & HONORS

IGNITE MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Charles Nickles by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sykes

MISSIONS FUND

In memory of Joyce Corley by Peggy and Carl Redding

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Joyce Corley by The Covenant Sunday Life Group

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Sandra Banks, Betty Bennett, Keren Clay, Brantley Daniel, Debbie Davidson, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, Martha Gallivan, Larry Goodwin, Danette Hanks, Richard Hanks, Anna Hewitt, Tina Hicks, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Stephanie Johnson, John Kylin, Mary Kylin, **Phyllis Laney**, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, Paul McGahee, Mozelle Moore, 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 Request Line: 864.565.0970.



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on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:00am

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DR Band Concert
Sunday Life Group Speaker

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Coming to FPC

Join the Christmas Choir!

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

SEPTEMBER 18–24, 2025

FPC ARTS EVENT

Limited Tickets Available!

JOEL ANSETT

THE NATURE OF US — TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY TOUR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 7:00PM | FPC STUDENT SPACE

Tickets: FirstPresGreenville.org/Events
USE CODE: "SLOWDOWNHEALUP" FOR A 20% DISCOUNT UNTIL SEPT. 20!

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