

CONNECT@FIRST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF NEWS

Please join us in welcoming these new members to the First Pres Staff.



Ralph Hall recently joined the Facilities Team as a sexton. He lives in Greer and enjoys bowling, tennis, and fishing. He lives for the joy of seeing his step grands and the time he gets to spend with them. But most of all he cherishes the thought that his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has blessed him to have quite a flourishing life of love, peace, and most of all happiness.



Ron Ellison also joined the Facilities Team as a sexton. He lives in Greenville and enjoys sports and spending time with his family. His greatest joy is his wife Laura of 36 years and being dad to Blake, Brooke, Bethany, and Bryce.



Matt Mullet recently joined the staff as Event Operations Manager. Matt moved to the Upstate in August 2024 with his wife Tessa and their two young boys (ages 4 and 2). With over a decade of experience in worship, creative, and production leadership, Matt has served churches across the Southeast including Seacoast Church, where he collaborated with artists like Brandon Lake, London Gatch, and Andy Cherry. Most recently, he led worship, production, and creative teams at Nona Church in Orlando, helping shape a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual worship culture. At his core, Matt is a shepherd passionate about creating spaces where people can encounter God and grow in their gifts.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

OCTOBER BUDDY BREAK—FALL FUN ON THE FARM!

First Presbyterian Church offers Buddy Breaks to families with children who have special needs. Let us care for your kids while you get some time away! Bring all of your children to the church for supper and fun while you go out to dinner, go shopping, or even just go home and take a nap—whatever you need! For questions, please email buddybreak@firstpresgreenville.org. Our next Buddy Break date is Friday, October 24, 5:30–8:00pm.

Event Operations, Caleb Miller

SIDEWALK PROPHETS "LOOKING UP" TOUR COMING OCTOBER 17

Don't miss your chance to experience this one-of-a-kind evening filled with soul-stirring music, heartfelt stories, and genuine community. Join us on Friday, October 17, 7:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center for the "Looking Up" Tour. The band will be performing their 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*. 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, 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." 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.

First Pres Academy, Rob Brown

FALL FEST AT THE ACADEMY

All are invited to the Academy's Fall Fest at the Shannon Forest campus on Friday, October 17, 5:00–7:00pm. This annual event will include fun activities for all ages, food trucks, and a silent auction to kick off the 2025–2026 Armor Fund. *New this year:* a petting zoo and a Ferris wheel! This is a night you won't want to miss. For more information go to <https://www.firstpresacademy.com/campus-life/fall-fest-2025.cfm>. Are you interested in donating to the silent auction or being a sponsor? Please contact Macy Ward at mward@firstpresacademy.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

SERVE AS A SPECIAL NEEDS BUDDY

Do you have a heart for children and youth with special abilities? Did you know we have multiple families raising children with special needs who would like to attend worship on Sunday mornings? We are seeking a few more people to serve as buddies in this ministry. Training provided. Contact Dr. Brenda Harper at bharper@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

JOIN THE CHRISTMAS@FIRST CHOIR—REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS SUNDAY!

Do you like to sing? You're invited to join the Christmas@First concert choir! Rehearsals begin this Sunday, September 28, 4:00–5:30pm in the Choir Room. The theme of this year's concerts is "The Wondrous Gift is Given" and performances will be December 13 and 14. Questions? Contact Choral Director Susan Messer at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 28, 2025

SERMON SERIES

"Sustaining Faith"

Genesis 18:1–15

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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YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite

YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship

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WEDNESDAY

October 1, 2025

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Fried Chicken, Country Style Steak, White Rice, Corn Pudding, Roasted Carrots, Stewed Cabbage, Salads, Fruit Cups, Fresh Rolls, 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

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Beeson (Kennedy) on the birth of a son, Furman Coulter Beeson, on May 1, 2025.*

MEMORIALS & HONORS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION
In memory of Dick Tapp by the GCC Women's Golf Association

IGNITE MUSIC MINISTRY FUND
In memory of Charles Nickles by Nina and David Williams; Ann Nickles

MISSIONS FUND
In memory of Joyce Corley by Ann and Ben Crider; Betsy and Craig Marchant; Bev Alberson

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND
In honor of Dot Rollins by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sykes

PRAYER LIST ♦ **Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital

Nancy Adams, **Andy and June Anderson, McFall Anderson,** Bill Anthony, 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 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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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:00am

ONLINE GIVING



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WHAT'S INSIDE

September 25–October 1, 2025

Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

Welcome to New Staff

Discover First New Member Class

Special Needs Buddies Needed

Christmas@First Choir Rehearsals
Begin This Sunday

Fall Fest at The Academy

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

SEPTEMBER 25–OCTOBER 1, 2025

JOIN US FOR A MEET AND GREET WITH
TANNER AND KATE AT 5:30PM BEFORE THE SHOW!

F&WM 2025
Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

God's Divine
Design

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM | 6:30PM SHOW

Tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

