

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB OPENINGS

For more information about these positions, visit our Job Openings page on the church website. Click the About Us menu, then the Job Openings link.

- The Event Operations Ministry is seeking a technically minded individual to join the team as a Video and Media Specialist. This role is primarily responsible for the creation and management of video and other forms of multimedia content used at FPC.
- FPC has a strong student ministry program with a large number of students who are active during our weekly programs. We are looking for someone to work well with our already-existing two-person team to help shepherd our students.

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 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 this Friday and 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

PERSPECTIVES: GOD’S PLAN, PURPOSE, AND PROCESS

The Perspectives Course is a comprehensive study of God’s global movement to bring Him glory from all people groups of the earth. Over a quarter of a million people around North America have participated in this transformational training. This 15-week course begins January 15, 6:30pm, at Greenville Christian Fellowship. Register at www.perspectives.org/courses/greenville-sc-spring-25/. Scholarships are available! For more information, contact Kelli Morrison at 864.380.9611 or Eric Swofford at eswofford@firstpresgreenville.org.

EVENTS

Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones

SAVE THE DATE: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

First Pres is once again partnering with Samaritan’s Purse for Operation Christmas Child! This worldwide ministry shares the love of Jesus by sending gift-filled shoeboxes and the message of the gospel to children in need at Christmastime. Starting Sunday, October 12, shoeboxes will be available for pickup at the nursery check-in area and the Worship & Arts Center. Each box will include a flyer with packing instructions and gift ideas. You are also welcome to use your own shoebox. Stay tuned for details on collection dates and how you can volunteer at our church’s collection site.

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.

Contemporary Worship, Graydon Tomlinson

CHRISTMAS FOR A CAUSE CONCERT AND MARKET

Save the date for *Christmas for a Cause*, featuring Graydon Tomlinson and special guests, on Sunday, November 30. The pre-concert Christmas Market will begin at 3:00pm in the Sturgis Gathering area, followed by the concert at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Tickets (\$15) go on sale Sunday, October 12, at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. All proceeds support the mission of Isaiah 117 House, which provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting placement. This event sold out last year, so don’t delay in securing your tickets!

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.

CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERTS:

THE WONDROUS GIFT IS GIVEN

Join us in the beautiful FPC Sanctuary for this year’s Christmas@First concerts on Saturday, December 13, at 2:00pm or 6:00pm, and Sunday, December 14, at 3:00pm. You’ll hear Christmas favorites by our 100-voice choir, full orchestra, and handbell choir as we celebrate our Savior’s birth through songs of the season, both sacred and secular. Tickets go on sale October 19 at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or at the First Pres box office (main reception area) during normal business hours Monday–Friday. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children (12 and under).

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 is provided. Contact Dr. Brenda Harper at bharper@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 5, 2025

Communion

SERMON SERIES

“Insights from Isaiah”

Isaiah 53:4–6

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:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite

YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

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WEDNESDAY

October 8, 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

Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville

YouTube.com/

[@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

LUNCH & SUPPER MENU

Pork Souvlaki Skewers, Greek Feta

Shrimp, Oven Roasted Brussels

Sprouts, Fried Zucchini, Herbed Lima

Beans, Rice Pilaf, Pita Bread, Salads,

Fruit Cups, Chef’s Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4–12: \$5

Children ages 0–3: Free

Family max: \$40

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER

12: Christmas for a Cause Concert
Tickets on Sale

19: Christmas@First Concert Tickets
on Sale

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 28, 2025

Henry Wilson Brashier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Brashier (Mary Leslie)

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mrs. Diana Bekins in the death of her father, Mr. Eldon Crawford, on September 22, 2025.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Fred Gilmer Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Cole Jr.

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Nancy King by the Agape-Fellowship Life Group

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In honor of Dot Rollins by Rebecca A. Epting

In memory of Charles Nickles by Dane and Stephanie Pierce

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Joyce Corley by Chuck and Teresa Blankenship

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, **Stan Johnson**, Stephanie Johnson, John Kylin, Mary Kylin, Phyllis Laney, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, **Jenny McCorkle**, Paul McGahee, Mozelle

PRAYER LIST continued

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

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

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.



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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TELEVISION

First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:00am

ONLINE GIVING



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WHAT'S INSIDE

October 2–8, 2025

New Sermon Series:
“Insights from Isaiah”

Discover First New Member Class

Special Needs Buddies Needed

Fall Fest at The Academy

October Buddy Break

Christmas Concerts–Tickets on Sale
This Month

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

OCTOBER 2–8, 2025

New Series Starts This Sunday



Isaiah can seem formidable, full of unpronounceable names and unfamiliar places. Yet it is often considered to be the deepest, richest, and most theologically significant book in the Old Testament. It is, without question, an insightful affirmation of the character and nature of God. Across the 66 chapters, Isaiah enhances our understanding of God while pointing forward to the coming of Christ and the salvation of humanity.

Please join us as we explore *Insights from Isaiah* and live out our faith week by week.

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