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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICK UP A SHOEBOX THIS SUNDAY FOR 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.

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.

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

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 <https://perspectives.org/courses/greenville-sc-spring-26/>. Scholarships are available! For more information, contact Kelli Morrison at 864.380.9611 or Eric Swofford at eswofford@firstpresgreenville.org.

EVENTS

Event Operations, Caleb Miller
SIDEWALK PROPHETS 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](https://firstpresgreenville.org/events).

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser
JUST ANNOUNCED—WITNESS TO FAITH: THE BIBLICAL ART OF SADAO WATANABE
The Galleries at First Presbyterian is delighted to present *Witness to Faith: The Biblical Art of Sadao Watanabe*, featuring original works of graphic art by Japan’s foremost Christian artist of the 20th century. Born in 1913, Japanese artist Sadao Watanabe dedicated his life to sharing the stories of the Bible through traditional stencil-print techniques. He combined Christian themes with Japanese artistic traditions, depicting biblical figures in kimonos and familiar cultural settings. His works are held in major museums worldwide, including the British Museum, MoMA, and the Vatican. This exhibition features more than 30 original prints, Christmas cards, and calendars, showcasing Watanabe’s unique vision of faith expressed through beauty and tradition. The

exhibition will open in the Lenz Gallery November 7 and run through May 16, 2026. Watch for more details at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

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.

Military Ministry, Don Feuerbach
VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
The Military Ministry invites all FPC members who have served in the armed forces to a special Veterans Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, November 6, from 12:00–1:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We would be honored to have you and your spouse join us as we share a meal and express our gratitude for your service. Space is limited—please register by Sunday, October 19, online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or by contacting Sarah Emore at semore@firstpresgreenville.org.

Worship & Music, Susan Messer
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
OCTOBER BUDDY BREAK—WAITING LIST
Buddy Break is a joyful ministry of First Presbyterian Church that offers children with special needs a safe and fun place to be loved and cared for—while giving their parents and caregivers a well-deserved break. Each child is paired with a trained volunteer “Buddy” from our congregation. Because this month’s event is already full, a waiting list is now available. With more Buddies, we can open the door to even more families. If you’d like to serve as a Buddy, please contact Brenda Harper at buddybreak@firstpresgreenville.org. Training is provided.

SERVE AS A SPECIAL NEEDS BUDDY ON SUNDAYS
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.

Missions, Eric Swofford
FEBRUARY MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN
Join us February 11–18, 2026, for a mission trip to the Dominican Republic! Our team will partner with Misiones Maranatha/El Buen Samaritano and Eastern Dominican Christian Mission to serve families in need through food distribution, medical and dental clinics, and eye care. No medical experience is required—just a willing heart to serve. We’ll also spend time in Brizas del Mar building meaningful relationships with the community. Registration is open at FirstPresGreenville.org/events. For more information, please contact Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 12, 2025

SERMON SERIES
“Insights from Isaiah”
Isaiah 6:1-8
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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FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:
Facebook.com/firstpresignite
YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship
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WEDNESDAY

October 15, 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
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WEDNESDAY MEALS
11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

LUNCH & SUPPER MENU
Chicken Cacciatore, Meatballs in Cream Sauce, Italian Green Beans, Spinach Souffle, Oven Roasted Butternut Squash, Penne Pasta, Garlic Bread Sticks, Salad, 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
17: Sidewalk Prophets Concert
19: Stewardship Sunday
Christmas@First Concert
Tickets on Sale
24: Buddy Break
26: Commitment Sunday

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. Erik Holton (Ailee McKain) on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Marlow Holton, on September 23, 2025; and to grandmother Lynn McKain.*

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Banks (Katherine) on the birth of a daughter, Maryhixon McNeill Banks, on September 30, 2025.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Silsby in the death of his sister, Ms. Linda Silsby Hitt, on October 6, 2025.*

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 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 RESOURCES *continued*

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.

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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 9–15, 2025

Christmas for a Cause Concert and Market November 30

Sidewalk Prophets Coming October 17

New Art Exhibition Announced

Fall Fest at The Academy

Register for February Mission Trip

Catch the Fridays@First Podcast

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

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Christmas For A Cause

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

CHRISTMAS MARKET @ 3:00PM
CONCERT @ 5:00PM
FIRST PRES WORSHIP & ARTS CENTER



Featuring GRAYDON TOMLINSON & SPECIAL GUESTS

Tickets on sale October 12!



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