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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

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. Empty shoeboxes are available for pickup at the nursery check-in area and the Worship & Arts Center. Each box includes a flyer with packing instructions and gift ideas. You are also welcome to use your own shoebox. Collection dates are November 17–24. Questions? Contact Karen King at kking@firstpresgreenville.org.

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

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

SAVE THE DATE: ONE PRAYER WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for an evening of unifying worship and prayer led by local church pastors on Sunday, November 16, at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. At *ONE Prayer* 2025, we will ask God together for greater local church unity in the Upstate, which Jesus prayed for in John 17. We believe that as we persevere in this prayer, local church unity will become a greater reality in our region. Free tickets are required for this event. Go to FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

Contemporary Worship, Graydon Tomlinson

CHRISTMAS FOR A CAUSE TICKETS GOING QUICKLY

Get your tickets now 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) are on sale 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!

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

NEW EXHIBITION COMING NOVEMBER 7—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 on Friday, November 7. More details at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

First Pres Academy, Rob Brown

FALL FEST AT THE ACADEMY ON FRIDAY

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

TICKETS ON SALE THIS SUNDAY FOR 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 (Friday, October 24), we have several families on the waiting list. 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION SITE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First Pres is an official Operation Christmas Child shoebox drop-off location for downtown Greenville. If you would like to serve during one of the shifts at the collection site, please contact Teresa Hannon at 864.907.4794 or email twannon@aol.com. For the collection schedule, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/events and click the Operation Christmas Child icon.

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 19, 2025

Stewardship Sunday

SERMON SERIES

“Insights from Isaiah”

Isaiah 40:28-31

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 22, 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

German Roast Pork Loin, Baked Sausages in Sauerkraut, Cheese Roasted Cauliflower, Rotkohl: German Red Cabbage, Baked Spiced Apples, Potatoes Au Gratin, Pretzel Bites, Salad, Fruit Cups, Dessert

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER

24: Buddy Break

26: Commitment Sunday

NOVEMBER

6: Veterans Appreciation Lunch

7: Witness to Faith Exhibit

16: ONE Prayer

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 ♦ October 12, 2025

Eleanor Amelia Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Anderson (Kelsey)
Brooks Turner Thomason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Thomason (Sarah)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Howard (Ashlynn Powell) on the birth of a son, Russell Walker Howard, on September 15, 2025; to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Powell IV (Kelly) on the birth of a granddaughter; and to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Powell III (Bonnie), on the birth of a great granddaughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Fellers (Magdalena) on the birth of a daughter, Genevieve Mae Fellers, on October 8, 2025.

NEW MEMBERS ♦ The pastors and congregation welcome new members

October 12, 2025: Claire and Trevor Brock (Teddy); Catherine and Taylor Brown; Bill and Lee Gulledge; Coby and Rob Lathem; Buddy Letson; Jay and Carol Lee Maruzella; Gena Newland; Amy Sifren

MEMORIALS & HONORS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

In appreciation of a welcoming church and the Corey and Andrea Phillips and Nick and Nason Bernthal families by Paul and Marie Bernthal

IGNITE MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Charles Nickles by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Austell

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 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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For more information about
FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

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

ONLINE GIVING



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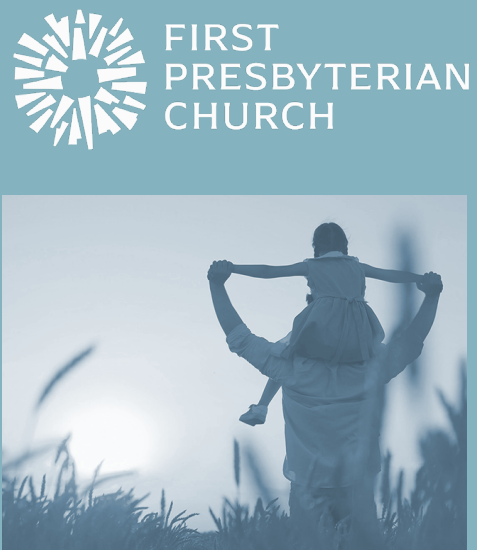
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STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY
October 19

We would not be the congregation we are without your whole-hearted commitment. Thank you! As we seek to grow in our relationship with the Lord, that growth is composed of many facets. One area that is evidence of this growth is our generosity. For many of us, this requires new patterns of behavior and at times difficult choices. It may involve being intentional and prayerful in your giving. It may mean deciding that in 2026 you will begin giving in a different way, or perhaps significantly increasing what you have been giving.

Planning for 2026

to fund the mission and ministry of



COMMITMENT
SUNDAY
October 26

On Commitment Sunday, October 26, we make our financial commitment toward the ministry priorities God has called us to for 2026. We ask that you prayerfully complete the commitment card that will be mailed to you next week, bring it to worship on the 26th, and participate with hundreds of others in an act of selfless commitment. You may also mail your card to the church in the envelope provided or place it in the offering plate on a subsequent Sunday.