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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 26 IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

The generous financial and practical support of the congregation has been truly extraordinary this past year and reflects a willingness to support our mission priority: *Transforming the Heart of the City*. This Sunday, we ask that you prayerfully complete the 2026 Commitment Card (mailed earlier this week), bring it to worship, and participate with hundreds of others in an act of selfless commitment of our tithes and offerings to honor the Lord. If you have questions regarding your commitment or giving record, our Finance Office will be happy to assist you. Contact Kristy Service at 864.565.0929 or kservice@firstpresgreenville.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 9

The Session has approved a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 9, at 12:00noon in the Sanctuary and Worship & Arts Center for the purposes of approving changes in Pastors’ Terms of Call and electing church officers: Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2028. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Election Procedures brochures containing the slate of nominees will be available soon online and in the literature racks.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

UPDATE: We are now out of shoeboxes; however, you are welcome to use your own shoebox. OCC packing pamphlets are located at the 5 points Children’s Ministry Check-In (near the nursery). 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. 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.

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach 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.

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 SAVE THE DATE: ADVENT FESTIVAL DECEMBER 3

Join us for the Family Advent Festival on Wednesday, December 3, 5:30–7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. It’s a great way to kick off the Advent season with your whole family by making a fun craft and enjoying Christmas cookies together! Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events for a family ticket that includes crafts, cookies, and beverages. Pizza and additional crafts are available as add-ons when purchasing a ticket.

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

In the Galleries at First Presbyterian, we are 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.

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 before Sunday, October 26, by contacting Sarah Emore at semore@firstpresgreenville.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones 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 twhannon@aol.com. For the collection schedule, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/events and click the Operation Christmas Child icon.

Missions, Eric Swofford HOLLIS ANGEL TREE

Hollis Angel Trees will be up throughout the church on November 9! Please choose an angel and purchase gifts that will be placed in our annual Christmas Store, where parents of Hollis students will shop for their children’s Christmas gifts. You can also purchase gifts online and ship the gifts to the church by November 26. Watch this video to see the impact of the gifts you provide: <https://vimeo.com/387020920>. Tree Locations: Worship & Arts Center, Loggia, and Abbott Gathering area. Contact Christy Glenn (864.908.5699) with questions about the Angel Tree process. To volunteer for the Christmas Store, contact Cara Morris (cnmorris915@gmail.com).

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 26, 2025
Commitment Sunday

SERMON SERIES
“Insights from Isaiah”
Isaiah 43:1-3
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:
[YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)
[FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu](#)

10:45am:
[YouTube.com@FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship)
[FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu](#)

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WEDNESDAY

October 29, 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
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)
[FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu](#)

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

LUNCH & SUPPER MENU
Beef Stew Bourguignon, Baked Mahi Mahi, Orange Ginger Glazed Carrots, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Succotash, Rice Blend, Warmed French Baguette, 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

NOVEMBER
6: Veterans Appreciation Lunch
7: Witness to Faith Exhibit
9: Hollis Angel Trees Begins
9: Congregational Meeting
16: ONE Prayer Worship Service
17: Shoebox Collection Begins
30: Christmas for a Cause Market and Concert

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

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Sisk (Kathy) in the death of her mother, Mrs. Bobbie Bagwell of Greenville, on October 12; to her grandchildren, Lindsey Connell and Leighton Sisk; and to her great-grandchildren, Addison Connell, Olivia Connell, and Molly Sisk.

The family and friends of Mrs. Mozelle Moore of Mars Hill, NC, who died on October 18.

Ms. Laura Vaughn in the death of her mother, Ms. Nell Hall of Atlanta, GA, on October 20.

IN MEMORIAM

Mozelle Moss Moore • January 21, 1932 – October 18, 2025

NEW MEMBERS ♦ *The pastors and congregation welcome new members*

October 19, 2025: Greg and Jodi Beaupre; Cameron Dublin; Amber Newland Jodi Ferrill; Jackson and Jessica Mizzell (Hampton, Emily and Elizabeth)

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Elaine Wood by Circle 6

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Inge Dickerman by Gary and Marcy Schlansker

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

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Andy and June Anderson, McFall Anderson, 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, 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 Wickliffe, Jan Zimmerman



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.

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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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



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WHAT'S INSIDE

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THE WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS@FIRST

THE
Wondrous Gift
IS GIVEN

Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 2pm & 6pm
Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 3pm

ADULTS \$15 | CHILDREN* \$10
*12 and under

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