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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2028. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. The Election Procedures brochure containing the slate of nominees is on the website under Events and is also in the literature racks.

PRAYER FOR EGYPT MISSION TEAM

Please be in prayer for the medical team traveling to Egypt **November 7–16**. They will offer primary care for Sudanese refugees, eye care, and health education for nurses at the Cairo Evangelical Medical Center. They will also worship with our sister churches Ain Shams and El Zatoun and visit the FPC-sponsored church plants.

UPCOMING FRIDAYS AT FIRST PODCAST: CONFRONTING ALCOHOL ADDICTION

In the **November 14 and 21** editions of the Fridays at First Podcast, Dr. Gibbons welcomes two special guests for an honest conversation about alcohol addiction. Both guests share their personal experiences, reflecting on when they recognized their struggle, sought help, and how faith has played a role in their recovery and ongoing sobriety. This moving discussion addresses a reality that impacts many families—especially during the holiday season. Don't miss this powerful two-part series, and consider sharing it with others who may be encouraged by their stories.

Listen to Fridays@First on our YouTube channel (@FPCGreenvilleSC) or on your favorite podcast platform. Be sure to like, comment, and subscribe to stay connected! Want to get the Fridays@First eblast each week? Visit firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first and click the red "Subscribe" button.

CONSIDER A GIFT OF STOCK

Giving appreciated stock held for more than a year can be a smart and tax-efficient way to support First Presbyterian Church. You avoid paying capital gains tax and receive full credit for the stock's current value. If you wish to keep the stock in your portfolio, you can repurchase it at today's price, resetting your cost basis. To make a stock gift, please contact Kristy Service (864.565.0929) or Bobby Hoffman (864.565.0962) for transfer details and to let the church know the donor name, stock, and whether the gift supports the ministry budget, capital campaign, or both.

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.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones FAMILY 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. Space is limited.

Contemporary Worship, Graydon Tomlinson CHRISTMAS FOR A CAUSE AND CHRISTMAS MARKET

Tickets for *Christmas for a Cause*, featuring Graydon Tomlinson and special guests, on **Sunday, November 30**, are nearly sold out. Don't delay in securing your seat! 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. The pre-concert Christmas Market (open to the public)

begins at 3:00pm in the Sturgis Gathering area, followed by the concert at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser OPENING RECEPTION NOVEMBER 7—WITNESS TO FAITH: THE BIBLICAL ART OF SADAO WATANABE

You are invited to *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. The exhibition will open in the Lenz Gallery on **Friday, November 7**. Join us for reception at 6:00pm in the Sturgis Gathering area. More details at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan COOKING DEMO WITH CHEF MIKE ZEMKE

With Thanksgiving approaching, our very own Mike Zemke will be leading the men of First Pres in a cooking demonstration and revealing some insider tips on best practices for frying turkeys. All men of FPC are welcome to join us in the courtyard in front of Bridge City Coffee at the Intersection on **Wednesday, November 12**, 6:15–7:15pm for this time of fellowship and fun.

Women's Ministry, Tiffany Boggs GIFTS WORTH GIVING WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

All women are invited to the annual Women's Christmas Luncheon on **Thursday, December 4**, 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Our special guest is singer and songwriter Emily Cupelli, who will bring a message of encouragement, prayer, faith, and hope. Cost is \$15 for lunch and registration is open now. A pay at the door option is also available for cash only. Free childcare is offered (age 5 and under) with a deadline of November 28 (sign up online). Go to FirstPresGreenville.org/events for more details and to register. Questions? Contact Tiffany Boggs at 864.565.0931.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones FOSTER AND ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

This month, we're bringing awareness to the needs of vulnerable children in the Upstate and inviting you to be a part as we fulfill the calling outlined in James 1:27: *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."* Please join us in praying for waiting children, ongoing advocacy efforts, and the dedication of those already caring for vulnerable children. For a weekly list of ways you can pray and get involved, go to FirstPresGreenville.org/events and click the Foster and Adoption Awareness Month icon.

Events Productions, Caleb Miller PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

As we head into the holiday season we need help to create meaningful and dynamic experiences through sound, lighting, video, and stagecraft. No experience? No problem! We provide training. Serve behind the scenes and make a big impact. Please email productions@firstpresgreenville.org for more details. We'd love to have you on the team!

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. Register now at FirstPresGreenville.org/events. Questions? Contact Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 9, 2025

SERMON SERIES

"Insights from Isaiah"
Isaiah 59:1–3, 21
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am | Sanctuary
10:45am | Worship & Arts Center
11:00am | Sanctuary
12:00pm | Congregational Meeting

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

November 12, 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

Breakfast for Lunch & Supper: Chicken and Waffles, Bacon and Ham Quiche/ Breakfast Casserole, Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Caramel Soaked French Toast, Cheese Grits, Bacon, Link Sausage, Fruit, Croissants, Doughnuts

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10
Children ages 4-12: \$5
Children ages 0-3: Free
Family max: \$40

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

11: Veterans Day
12: Men's Ministry Cooking Demo
16: ONE Prayer Worship Service
17: Shoebox Collection Begins
30: Christmas for a Cause Market and Concert

DECEMBER

3: Family Advent Festival
4: Women's Christmas Luncheon
9: Service of Remembrance
13 & 14: Christmas@First Concerts

This newsletter offers highlights of announcements, events, and opportunities. For the full list, visit firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ November 2, 2025

Reeves Bartlett Gabriel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gabriel (Lillie)

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mrs. Carrie Dickert in the death of her father, Mr. Bruce Rolland Holl of Greenville, on October 10.

Mrs. Anne Stover in the death of her husband, Mr. Ladson "Laddie" A. M. Stover, on October 20.

The Family of Mr. Thomas Edwards Jr. who died on November 3.

IN MEMORIAM

Ladson Arthur Mills Stover ♦ March 31, 1941 – October 20, 2025

Thomas Wellington Edwards Jr. ♦ June 19, 1942 – November 3, 2025

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Nell Hall by Libby and Ford Borders

IGNITE MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Charles Nickles by Kelly and Jeff King

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Ken Nix by the R.N. Ward Life Group

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

Nancy Adams, Andy and June Anderson, McFall Anderson, Bill Anthony, Sandra Banks, Betty Bennett, **Harry Bolick**, Keren Clay, **John Cooter**, Brantley Daniel,

PRAYER LIDST continued

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, **John McGraw**, Rachel Mullinax, Jim Nance, Martha Nance, Chloris Norman, Bane Ouzts, Becky Powell, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Tom Seay, Clifford Selby, Lewis Tollison, John Volpe, Jocelyn Williams, Beryl Wickliffe

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.





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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

November 5–12, 2025

Hollis Angel Trees

Witness to Faith
Exhibition Opens November 7

Congregational Meeting to Elect
Church Officers November 9

Fridays@First Special Edition Podcast

ONEPrayer Service November 16

Family Advent Festival December 3

For more information about
FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

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Angel Trees

STARTS THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 9

Please choose an angel or scan the QR code to purchase gifts that will be placed in our annual Christmas Store, where parents of Hollis students will shop for their children's Christmas gifts.

Questions? Contact Christy Glenn
at 864.908.5699.

RETURN BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2



LOOK FOR HOLLIS ACADEMY ANGEL TREES LOCATED HERE:

WORSHIP & ARTS CENTER | ABBOTT GATHERING AREA | THE LOGGIA