

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP TIME CHANGE DECEMBER 15

Because the Sanctuary will be set up for the Christmas@First concert on December 15, we will have two identical worship services at 8:30am and 10:45am in the Worship & Arts Center that Sunday. Please mark your calendar and share this change with your friends and family.

### EGYPT MEDICAL MISSIONS TRIP, NOVEMBER 8-17

Please be in prayer for the 13 participants who will offer eye care, primary care for Sudanese refugees, and community health education for our sister churches around Cairo. They will also visit our other partners, including the Cairo Seminary, a hospital in Tanta, and the FPC-sponsored church plants.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 10

The Session has approved a Congregational Meeting for this Sunday, November 10, 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 2027. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Election Procedures brochures containing the slate of nominees are available in the literature racks and at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### COMMITMENTS FOR 2025

If you missed the Moment of Commitment last Sunday, please turn in your commitment card to the church office, in the offering plate, or by mail. Cards are available in the pew holders and literature racks. You can also set up contributions online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Give](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Give). Thank you to those who have faithfully returned commitments thus far!

## EVENTS

### Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach ONE PRAYER WORSHIP SERVICE

Come join us for an evening of unifying worship and prayer led by local church pastors on Sunday, November 17, at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. At *ONE Prayer* 2024, 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. Register for this free event at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL

Join us for the annual Family Advent Festival on Wednesday, December 4, 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](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) for a family ticket that includes one nativity craft, cookies, and beverages. Pizza and additional crafts are available as add-ons when purchasing a ticket.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX DRIVE

Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through a simple gift! Pick up a shoebox from the nursery check-in area or the Worship & Arts Center, or use a regular shoebox. Return shoeboxes to the First Presbyterian collection site (located in the Washington Street parking lot) during these times:

Monday, Nov. 18: 4:00pm–6:00pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 19: 11:00am–1:00pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 20: 5:00pm–7:00pm  
Thursday, Nov. 21: 12:00pm–2:00pm  
Friday, Nov. 22: 11:00am–1:00pm  
Saturday, Nov. 23: 10:00am–12:00pm  
Sunday, Nov. 24: 10:00am–12:00pm

If you would like to serve during one of the shifts, please contact Teresa Hannon at [twhannon@aol.com](mailto:twhannon@aol.com).

### Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart PERSPECTIVES USA COURSE BEGINS JANUARY 2025

The Perspectives Course is a comprehensive study of

God's global movement to bring His glory from all the people groups of the earth. This 15-week course begins Thursday, January 16, 6:30–9:15pm in Room D305. If you're not sure, try the first two classes for free. Discounted registration is available until December 31. To register, visit [Perspectives.org/courses/greenville-sc-spring-25/](https://Perspectives.org/courses/greenville-sc-spring-25/). For more information, contact Kelli Morrison at 864.380.9611 or Brian Stewart at [bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org). If you need childcare, contact Evelyn Penkert at [epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org).

### MISSIONS PRESENTATION WITH DR. NIC HARDING

UK author and pastor Dr. Nic Harding will be speaking at FPC to share with us and others from the Greenville community his insights into evangelism and discipleship from a European context. He is the author of six books including *Manifesto: Blueprint Missional Church* and *Why Aren't We Making Disciples? The 1234 of Discipleship*. Join us on Wednesday, November 20, at 6:30pm in Room D305. For more information, contact Brian Stewart at [bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org).

### Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All women are invited to the annual Women's Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 5, at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a delicious lunch together and hear a devotional by Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley entitled "The Unopened Gift." Cost is \$15. RSVP at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) by Friday, November 29. Childcare is available.

### Worship and Music Ministry, Susan Messer CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERTS: LOVE'S PURE LIGHT

Join us in the beautiful FPC Sanctuary for this year's Christmas@First concert, "Love's Pure Light," on Saturday, December 14, at 2:00pm or 6:00pm, or Sunday, December 15, at 3:00pm. You'll hear Christmas favorites by our 100-voice choir, full orchestra, and the FPC handbell choir as we celebrate our Savior's birth through songs of the season, both sacred and secular. Tickets are available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) and at the First Pres box office (main reception area) on weekdays during normal business hours or on Sundays, November 24 and December 8. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children (12 and under).

### Worship and Music Ministry, Graydon Tomlinson CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

Save the date for *Christmas Concert for a Cause*, featuring Graydon Tomlinson and special guests, on Sunday, December 1. The pre-concert Christmas Market will begin at 3:30pm, followed by the concert at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Tickets (\$10) are available for sale at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or at the First Pres box office (main reception area) during normal business hours. 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.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones LUMBER NEEDED

Children's Ministry is seeking 2x4 lumber scraps. Pieces even as small as 4" will work. If you have any you would like to donate, please contact Tina Jones at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) by November 30.

### WAYS TO SERVE FOSTER CARE FAMILIES

Have you prayerfully considered how the Lord might be calling you to serve the foster care community? You could transport siblings for play dates, bring meals for a family, become a guardian ad litem or foster parent, tutor children, or mentor teens before they age out of the system. Please join us during Adoption Awareness Month to pray for the foster care system and come alongside those who help vulnerable children in our state. For more information, contact Tina Jones at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 10, 2024

Veterans' Recognition

### WORSHIP

8:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary  
10:45am Ignite  
in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Sermon: "Therefore..."

Scripture: Romans 7:15-8:2

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](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](https://FirstPresGreenville.org) Watch menu

10:45am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://Facebook.com/firstpresignite)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship)  
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## WEDNESDAY

November 13, 2024

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

"The Book of Ruth"

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](https://FirstPresGreenville.org) Watch menu

### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Roast Teriyaki Chicken  
Sweet and Sour Pork  
Rice  
Sesame Broccoli  
Orange Ginger Carrots  
Sauteed Snap Peas with Bok Choy  
Cabbage  
Eggrolls  
House Salads  
Assorted Desserts  
Fortune Cookies

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10 • Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$35

## LOOKING AHEAD

11/10: Congregational Meeting

11/17: *One Prayer*

12/4: Family Advent Festival

More info on all events at  
[FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events)



## MEMBER NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Powell (Deborah)* on the birth of a granddaughter, Ruby Holland Faerber, on October 28. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Faerber (Erika) of Park City, UT.

**Capt. and Mrs. Joseph Casteel Angermeier (Mary McCloskey)**, who were married in Warrenton, VA, on November 2.

### PRAYER RESOURCES

**Congregational Care:** To pass on information regarding a medical emergency, upcoming surgery, or admittance to the hospital, please call 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

### PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Dick Brennecke, Pat Browning, Susan Cable, Lin Cundiff, *Katherine Davis*, Peggy Denny, John Dominick, Bud Fant, Michael Faw, Susan Findley, Liz Fuqua, **Tasha Garrison**, **Betsy Guffey**, Betty Harrington, Don Hartz, Mary Haselden, Meredith Holliday, **Gretchen Horwath Wood**, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, Ginny Johnson, Tom Lide, *Francis Littlejohn*, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, **Jenny McCorkle**, Paul McGahee, Joan Mercer, Raoul Glenn, Mozelle Moore, Jim Nance, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Myra Phillips, Becky Powell, *Joanne Quantz*, Ken Rhoden, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Lee Shelton, Barbara Seibel, Carrie Stringer, Kathy Suddeth, Claire Taylor, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, Tim Walsh, Robin Walton, *Carey Williamson*, John Woodham, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmerman

**Bold** = New    *Italics* = In Hospital

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.



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instagram | [@FPCGreenville](https://www.instagram.com/FPCGreenville)

mobile app | FPC Live

### TELEVISION

**First and Foremost** Program  
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE  
GIVING



### WHAT'S INSIDE

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For more information about  
the ministries of FPC, visit  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

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## Hollis Academy Angel Trees

Hollis Angel Trees will be up throughout the church on November 10! 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.

Tree Locations: Worship & Arts Center, Loggia, and Abbott Gathering Space.

Online angels are available at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) or scan the QR code to purchase from an Amazon list and ship to: First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Washington Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Questions? Contact Christy Glenn ([christywglen@hotmail.com](mailto:christywglen@hotmail.com)) or Heather Ware (864.905.7753).  
To volunteer, contact Cara Morris ([cnmorris915@gmail.com](mailto:cnmorris915@gmail.com)).



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