

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Help decorate our church for Christmas by ordering poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. Order online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events), or fill out a form from the literature racks. Cost is \$20 each; orders are due by Monday, December 9.

### YEAR-END GIVING

The last quarter of the year is the time to complete your charitable giving for 2024. You can contribute to FPC with a gift of appreciated stock, a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA, or a gift from a Donor Advised Fund. Some gifts take time to process, so please plan ahead to allow sufficient time for processing in 2024. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Kristy Service at 864.565.0929 or Bobby Hoffman at 864.565.0962.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Eve services will be held on Tuesday, December 24 at 11:00am and 7:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center, and 2:00pm, 4:00pm, and 11:00pm in the Sanctuary. Save the date and look for more details coming soon.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REPORT

At the Congregational Meeting on November 10, the congregation approved changes to the pastors' terms of call and elected the following officers:

**Class of 2027 Elders:** Kent Barber, Jay Bopp, Rich Bradshaw, Terry Bruner, Richard Harper, Susan Humphreys, John McGraw, Jane Mills, Don Nickell, John Parker, David Seaver, Beth Simmons

**Class of 2027 Deacons:** Tiffany Boggs, Aften Briggs, Rick Kalk, Cara Morris, Jake Morrison, Brett Ownbey, Elizabeth Poteat, Robyn Rush, Susan Sanders, Katherine Selvy, Tripp Welch.

### COMMITMENTS FOR 2025

Thank you to those who have turned in commitment cards so far. We are grateful for your generosity and your willingness to invest in the work God is doing here. If you weren't able to take part in Commitment Sunday, there are many ways to give. Commitment cards are in the pews and literature racks around the church. Online giving from a bank account or by a credit/debit card is available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Give](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Give). You can also make gifts of appreciated stock and Required Minimum Distributions from Retirement Accounts. For more information, please contact Kristy Service in the church finance office at 864.565.0929 or Bobby Hoffman, Stewardship Director, at 864.565.0962.

## 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. 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.

### OCC SHOEBOX DROP-OFF

Please return your shoebox to the Washington Street entrance at FPC during these times next week:  
11/18: 4:00pm–6:00pm • 11/19: 11:00am–1:00pm  
11/20: 5:00pm–7:00pm • 11/21: 12:00pm–2:00pm  
11/22: 11:00am–1:00pm • 11/23: 10:00am–12:00pm  
11/24: 10:00am–12:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Hannon at [twannon@aol.com](mailto:twannon@aol.com).

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

### PERSPECTIVES USA COURSE BEGINS JANUARY 16

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 BY DR. NIC HARDING

UK author and pastor Dr. Nic Harding will be speaking at FPC to share 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*. The Greenville community is invited to 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. Cost is \$15. RSVP at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) by Friday, November 29. Childcare is available.

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) available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or the First Pres box office (main reception area) during normal business hours or on Sundays. All proceeds support the Isaiah 117 House.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

### 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).

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

### HOLLIS ACADEMY ANGEL TREES

A few Hollis Angels are left to grab around the church. Please choose an angel and return gifts by November 27. Gifts will be placed in our annual Christmas Store, where parents of Hollis students will shop for their children's Christmas gifts. Online angels are available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the *Hollis Academy Angel Tree* icon. Questions? Contact Christy Glenn ([christywglenn@hotmail.com](mailto:christywglenn@hotmail.com)). To volunteer, contact Cara Morris ([cnmorris915@gmail.com](mailto:cnmorris915@gmail.com)).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 17, 2024

### WORSHIP

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

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons  
Sermon Series: "Therefore..."  
Scripture: Romans 8:1-9

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)  
[FirstPresgreenville.org](https://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

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## WEDNESDAY

November 20, 2024\*

\*Last Wednesday Bible Study and meal for the Fall season. Watch for new studies coming soon.

### 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

Roasted Turkey  
Sliced Baked Glazed Ham  
Cornbread Dressing  
Green Bean Casserole  
Glazed Sweet Potatoes  
Baked Macaroni and cheese  
Collard Greens  
Steamed Rice  
Rolls  
Pumpkin, Apple, Pecan and other assorted pies

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10 • Children ages 4-12: \$5  
Children ages 0-3: Free  
Family max: \$35

## LOOKING AHEAD

11/17: *One Prayer*

12/1: *Christmas Concert for a Cause*

12/4: *Family Advent Festival*

12/5: *Women's Christmas Luncheon*

12/14 & 12/15: *Christmas@First Concerts*

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



## MEMBER NEWS

### BAPTISM ♦ November 10, 2024

**Romee Mak Cash**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cash (Jocelyn)

### CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

**Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neal (Katherine)** on the birth of their daughter, Anna James Hooper O'Neal, born November 1; and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jerry O'Neal (Jennifer).

**Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gabriel (Lillie)** on the birth of their son, Reeves Bartlett Gabriel, born November 4.

**Mr. and Mrs. Jared David Waldner (Caroline Templeton)**, who were married in the Sanctuary on November 9.

### SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**Mrs. Judy Youatt** in the death of her husband, Don Youatt, on November 5.



**ONE PRAYER 2024**  
praying together for greater local church unity

Sunday, November 17 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENVILLE**

Worship & Arts Center  
200 W Washington St, Greenville, SC 29601  
Free tickets available at [firstpresgreenville.org/events](http://firstpresgreenville.org/events)

## 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, 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, 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, Claire Taylor, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, Robin Walton, Carey Williamson, Jan Zimmerman

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

### 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

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

200 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
GREENVILLE, SC 29601

### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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facebook | [facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville](https://facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville)

instagram | [@FPCGreenville](https://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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Christmas@First Concerts

Family Advent Festival

Christmas Concert for a Cause

Operation Christmas Child

Hollis Academy Angel Trees

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

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THE WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS  
**CHRISTMAS@FIRST**

**LOVE'S PURE**  
*Light*

Saturday, December 14 at 2pm & 6pm  
Sunday, December 15 at 3pm

**TICKETS ON SALE**  
ADULTS \$15 | CHILDREN\* \$10  
\*12 and under

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Transforming the Heart of the City*

[FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events)

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.

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