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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLLIS CHRISTMAS STORE THANK YOU

A huge THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our 13th annual Hollis Christmas Store! Because of your kindness, we were able to provide toys for more than 150 children from 81 families. We are also deeply grateful for the many volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the store a welcoming place for our Hollis families. From your Hollis Christmas Store team, we pray that you experience God's richest blessings this holiday season. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry to Hollis Academy!

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE DECEMBER 14

Because the Sanctuary will be set up for the Christmas@First concert on **December 14**, 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 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:00am Children's Service | Worship & Arts Center
2:00pm Afternoon Service | Sanctuary
4:00pm Children's Service | Sanctuary
7:00pm Candlelight Service | Worship & Arts Center
11:00pm Watchnight Service | Sanctuary
Visit **FirstPresChristmas.com** for more details.

YEAR-END GIVING—STEWARDSHIP

As we enter the final month of the year, please consider completing your 2025 charitable giving. First Presbyterian Church offers several ways to give to the Ministry Budget or the Capital Campaign. Please note these important year-end deadlines:

- **Cash or checks** must be received in the church office by noon on **Wednesday, December 31**.
- **Mailed gifts** must be postmarked by **12/31/25**.
- **Online gifts** made on **December 31** will be counted for 2025.
- **Stock gifts, QCDs, or Donor Advised Fund distributions** should be initiated by **December 12** to ensure processing by year-end. Please notify Kristy Service (864.565.0929) or Bobby Hoffman (864.565.0962) of any stock gifts so they can be properly credited. They are also available to answer questions.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? Discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! The next New Member Weekend will be **Friday–Saturday, January 23–24**. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Missional Ministry, Mark Hutton

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The MDC course, open to all covenant partners, is a great preparation for any church leadership role and a prerequisite for officer nomination. You are invited to attend an orientation on **Wednesday, January 14**, 6:00–7:30pm in Room D305. To register go to FirstPresGreenville.org/events and click the icon. For more information on the MDC, contact Mark Hutton at mhutton@firstpresgreenville.org.

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

DIVORCE CARE BEGINS JANUARY 7

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the pain of divorce. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Register at DivorceCare.org; enter "Greenville, SC" in "Find a Group Near You"; then click on the First Presbyterian Church listing. Questions? Contact Sarah Emore at semore@firstpresgreenville.org.

Stewardship Ministry, Bobby Hoffman

"GOD AND MONEY" WORKSHOP

Beginning **Sunday, January 11, 2026**, and continuing for the following three Sundays, we will offer a special

four-week series on "God and Money" during the Sunday School hour (9:45–10:30 AM) in Fellowship Hall.

- **January 11: What Does the Bible Say About "What's in Your Wallet?"**
Teachers: Mark Hutton and Bobby Hoffman
- **January 18: Saving and Investing**
Teacher: Mark Clary
- **January 2: Budgeting and Debt**
Teacher: Tripp Welch
- **February 1—Estate Planning**
Teacher: Bob August

We encourage everyone to attend as many sessions as possible as we explore both biblical wisdom and practical guidance on these important topics that shape so much of daily life. For questions, please contact Bobby Hoffman at bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0962.

EVENTS

Fine Arts, Chelsea Fraser

ACTIVATE: AN INVITATION TO MAKING February 26–28, 2026

Conferences and the arts can sometimes feel lofty, academic, or distant from everyday life. *ACTIVATE* is designed to push against that. Together, we will explore the deep intellectual and theological foundations of making—and then help you put those ideas into practice in ways that enrich your life, your church, and your community. With keynote speakers Esther Lightcap Meek and Andy Squyres, *ACTIVATE* invites you to step more fully into your own creative calling, because your community needs the art you bring. This gathering offers extended time in smaller groups with local artist-presenters, giving you space to apply what you learn, experiment together, and imagine what God might be calling you to create next! Registration is open now at FirstPresGreenville.org/events. Join us!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CARING FOR OUR SENIORS

We have recently acquired a golf cart to assist senior members who park in the Main Church Parking Lot off Richardson Street, helping them transition easily and comfortably from their cars to the church entrance on Sunday mornings. We are seeking volunteers, age 25 or older, to drive the cart during Sunday morning service times. If you are willing to serve in this helpful ministry, please contact Mike Templeton at mtempleton@firstpresgreenville.org.

Volunteer shift times are:

8:00–9:30am • 9:30–11:00am • 11:00am–12:30pm

Thank you for considering this meaningful way to serve our church family!

THE SANCTUARY GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Sanctuary Guild is looking for a few volunteers willing to give just 60–90 minutes once a month to help tidy and organize the pew racks in the Sanctuary. If you're interested in serving in this simple and quiet ministry, please contact Avery Moser at almmoser@aol.com.

HELP WELCOME OUR GUESTS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve is right around the corner, and we need your help to provide a welcoming environment for the many guests visiting our church on **Wednesday, December 24**. We need volunteers to serve as Greeters and Ushers. The only requirement is a welcoming smile. If you can help, please sign up at FirstPresGreenville.org/events. Questions? Contact Linda Sholtis at lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org.

Family Missions, Karen King

REGISTER NOW FOR FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Join with other families from First Pres **June 21–28, 2026**, for a week of ministry and service at the Christian Arabic Church in Richmond, Virginia. Our team will lead a Vacation Bible School for young children (five evenings), conduct a Sports Camp for youth (three mornings), and assist with church improvement projects (two mornings). Children age 11 and older are welcome to participate with their families. For more information, contact Karen King at kking@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0936. Register online at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

ADVENT SERIES

"The Wondrous Gift Is Given"
Luke 1:26–38, 46–47
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am | Worship & Arts Center
10:45am | Worship & Arts Center
No 11:00am Worship

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:
YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:
YouTube.com@FirstPresIgniteWorship
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

WEDNESDAYS

Join us for a **FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER** on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**.

5:00PM SUPPER MENU:

Fried Chicken and Chicken Tenders,
Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes and Okra, Oven Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Chef's Choice Vegetable, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, House Salads, Fruit, Assorted Chef's Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

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

LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER

13 & 14: Christmas@First Concerts
14: Worship at 8:30am & 10:45am in the Worship & Arts Center

24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
11:00am Children's Service
2:00pm Afternoon Service
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28: Worship at 10:45am & 11:00am
31: Deadline for Year-end Giving

JANUARY

7: Family Night Supper
7: Divorce Care Begins
14: Grow@First Begins
14: Ministry Development Course Orientation
18: Sanctity of Life Sunday
23–24: New Member Weekend

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

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ December 7, 2025

Elizabeth Gray Barr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Barr (Caroline)

ONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Zay Jefferies Kittredge (Jennifer) on the birth of a daughter, Grace Girardeau Kittredge, on November 26, 2025; and to grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kittredge (Lila).

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Lucy Tiller by Susan and Paul Grier

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Lucy Tiller by Carlton and Belinda Manley

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jim Smith Jr. by the 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, David and LeAnne Browning, Keren Clay, John Cooter, Brantley Daniel, Debbie Davidson, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, Martha Gallivan, Larry Goodwin, Richard and Danette Hanks, Anna Hewitt, Tina Hicks, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Stan Johnson, Stephanie Johnson, John and Mary Kylin, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Deryl McKinney, Lee Miller, Rachel Mullinax, Jim and Martha Nance, Chloris Norman, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, **Joan Snowden**, Lewis Tollison, Jocelyn Williams, Beryl Wickliffe

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.



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.



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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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FirstPresChristmas.com

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and Menu

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COMING SOON TO LITERATURE RACKS & ONLINE

Come Grow
With Us in 2026!

Get connected next year and grow in your faith! In our new Winter/Spring Grow@First schedule, you'll find details on Sunday Morning Worship and Life Groups, weekday studies, and music opportunities for all ages.

Questions? Contact Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org.

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