



CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

FRIDAYS AT FIRST PODCAST AND EMAIL

Tune in every Friday on our YouTube channel (@FPCGreenvilleSC) or your favorite podcast platform to catch *Fridays at First* with our Senior Pastor, Dr. Richard Gibbons. If you prefer email, sign up for the *Fridays@First* eblast at firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect@first and click the red “Subscribe” button.

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 1, 8, 22, or 29; December 6.**

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley GROW@FIRST FALL SEASON IS HERE!

Connect. Grow. Serve. Make this fall a season of growing deeper in your faith and more connected to the life of our church! The new *Fall Grow@First* booklet has everything you need to get started—including Sunday morning worship and classes, weekday Bible studies, and music opportunities for all ages. Pick up a booklet from the literature racks or visit FirstPresGreenville.org/events to explore all that’s happening this fall.

Stewardship Ministry, Bobby Hoffman 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.

Women’s Ministry, Tiffany Boggs RADIANCE KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 15—FREE TICKETS

Join us for the Radiance Kickoff with guest speaker, author, and podcaster Cleere Reaves! Cleere is the founder of Cleerely Stated, a faith-based brand created to encourage others with the hope and truth of Jesus. Known for her relatable and Scripture-rooted writing, Cleere has a heart for helping people see themselves, their circumstances, and the world around them through the eyes of Christ. Join us on **Tuesday, September 15**, at 6:30pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Tickets are required and available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Look for the Radiance Kickoff icon.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer MUSIC OFFERINGS FOR STUDENTS

Children and students in K4 through 12th grade are invited to grow in faith through music each Wednesday evening as part of our Grow@First Fall Discipleship Program. Students will prepare music for worship services and the upcoming Christmas@First concerts while learning more about God and growing together through music. Come sing, learn, and grow with us! Questions? Contact Susan Messer at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org.

EVENTS

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN IN CONCERT

Join Steven Curtis Chapman for an unforgettable night filled with beloved Christmas classics, favorite songs from his celebrated Christmas collection, and timeless hits from his remarkable career—all brought to life with the beauty of strings and choir. More than a concert, *The Music of Christmas Tour* is an invitation to slow down, celebrate the season, and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Come sing along, make memories with family and friends, and celebrate the birth of our Savior with Steven Curtis Chapman and the music of Christmas on **Thursday, December 3**, in the Worship & Arts Center. Purchase tickets online at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser FPC ARTS BOOK CLUB—PILGRIM’S PROGRESS

Journey with us through *Pilgrim’s Progress* this fall! Beginning **Tuesday, September 15**, the FPC Arts Book Club will meet weekly at 3:30pm in B202 to read and discuss John Bunyan’s beloved Christian classic. Whether you’ve read *Pilgrim’s Progress* before or are opening its pages for the first time, you’ll enjoy walking alongside Christian as he encounters the trials, temptations, joys, and challenges of a life journeying toward the Heavenly City. There are many editions of *Pilgrim’s Progress*, so please feel free to read whichever version you prefer. Just bring your book and come ready to read and journey with us! To reserve your seat and receive the book club’s reading plan, email cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

Missions Ministry, Eric Swofford CATCH UP WITH OUR NEIGHBORS!

Join the Missions Committee on **Monday, September 14**, 5:30–7:00pm in Room D305, to hear updates from Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Furman, a local ministry supported by First Pres. For more details, contact Autumn Clark at 864.565.0947.

MISSIONS SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 20

Missional living is about carrying the gospel into the places where we live, work, and serve. To encourage our covenant partners to get involved in serving our local community, we will feature nine ministry partners during our morning services (8:30, 10:45, and 11:00am) on **September 20**. Each organization offers meaningful opportunities to serve and make a difference right here in Greenville. Featured ministry partners include Front Porch Housing, Bel-Aire Community Partners, Piedmont Women’s Center, Lifeline Children’s Services, Homes of Hope, Neighborhood Focus, Jumpstart Prison Ministry, Cross Culture Network, and Christian Learning Centers of Greenville County. Learn more about these ministries and discover how you can live missionally by serving our community.

Special Needs Ministry, Brenda Harper FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE 2026—MADE TO SHINE: BRIGHTER TOGETHER

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 1**, in the Worship & Arts Center for an unforgettable evening celebrating the unique gifts and God-given worth of our friends with special needs. Enjoy a tropical-themed fashion show, a pre-show reception, shopping, and fellowship as we celebrate that each of us is fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God. Tickets are on sale now at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Church league basketball season for K5–12th grade is approaching! Registration is open through **Saturday, September 12**. Late registration is open September 13–30. Learn more details and sign up at FirstPresSports.com. Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic at caleb@firstpresports.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones BUDDY MINISTRY: HELP MAKE SUNDAY WORSHIP POSSIBLE

Do you have a heart for children and youth with special abilities? Several families in our church are raising children with special needs and would love to participate fully in worship on Sunday mornings. We’re looking for a few more caring volunteers to serve as buddies, providing support and companionship so these children and youth can experience the joy of worship alongside their families. Training is provided! If you’re interested in serving in this meaningful ministry, contact Dr. Brenda Harper at bharper@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

SERMON SERIES:
“Not Just Sundays”
Revelation 2:18–29
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons preaching

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am | Sanctuary
10:45am | Worship & Arts Center
11:00am | Sanctuary

SUNDAY EDUCATION

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

All services
YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC
“Like” & “Subscribe” for easy access
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY

September 16, 2026
PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY
“Deep Dive into Romans”
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons teaching
12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall
6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

LIVE STREAMING

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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

LUNCH & DINNER MENU

Meatloaf, Baked Salmon, Mixed Vegetables, Corn Pudding, Roasted Brussels Sprouts, Mashed Potatoes, Salads, Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Chef’s Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

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

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

- 12: Basketball Registration Deadline**
- 13: GriefShare Support Group**
- 14: Catch Up Hour with Our Neighbors: FCA Furman**
- 15: FPC Arts Book Club**
- 15: Radiance Kickoff**
- 16: Above All Kickoff**
- 20: Missions Sunday**
- 25: Opening Reception for “Are We There Yet?” Exhibit**
- 27: First Christmas@First Choir Rehearsal**

OCTOBER

- 1: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made**

This newsletter offers a snapshot of upcoming announcements, events, and opportunities at First Presbyterian Church. For complete details and more information, visit firstpresgreenville.org/about/connect.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ September 6, 2026

Christopher Benjamin “Ben” Pittman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pittman (Julia)
Eleanor June Pizzo and Stevie Ann Pizzo, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Pizzo (Katie)
Quinn Frances Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Pittman (Amy)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Fers (Roe) on the birth of a son, Milton “Mills” Thomas Fers, on September 4; and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Willcox (Amy).
Mr. and Mrs. Parker McTeer (Anna Lee) on the birth of a daughter, Anna Claire McTeer, and a son, Thomas Senn McTeer, on September 3.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Dr. Leon Stoller in the death of his wife, Jill Stoller, who died on August 14.

IN MEMORIAM

Jill Anne Stoller ♦ August 27, 1942 – August 14, 2026

MEMORIALS & HONORS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

In memory of Knox Wherry Jr. by Martha Bainbridge; Jo and Harry Ussery

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Rebecca Carter by Benjamin and Amy Clauss

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Knox Wherry Jr. by Jo and Harry Ussery

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

Nancy Adams, Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, Sandra Banks, Betty Bennett, Harry Bolick, Dan Boling, Matt Covington, Brantley Daniel, Debbie Davidson, Peggy Denny, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Charlie Hutton, Joe James, Al Johnson, Anne Lide, Jenny McCorkle, Rachel Mullinax, Tom Pettigrew, Ed Reed, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Jim Rush, Bob Shell, Barrett Taft, Samantha Templeton, Lewis Tollison, Steve Waddell, Beryl Wickliffe

PRAYER RESOURCES ♦ For Pastoral emergencies, call 864.235.0496

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: Held 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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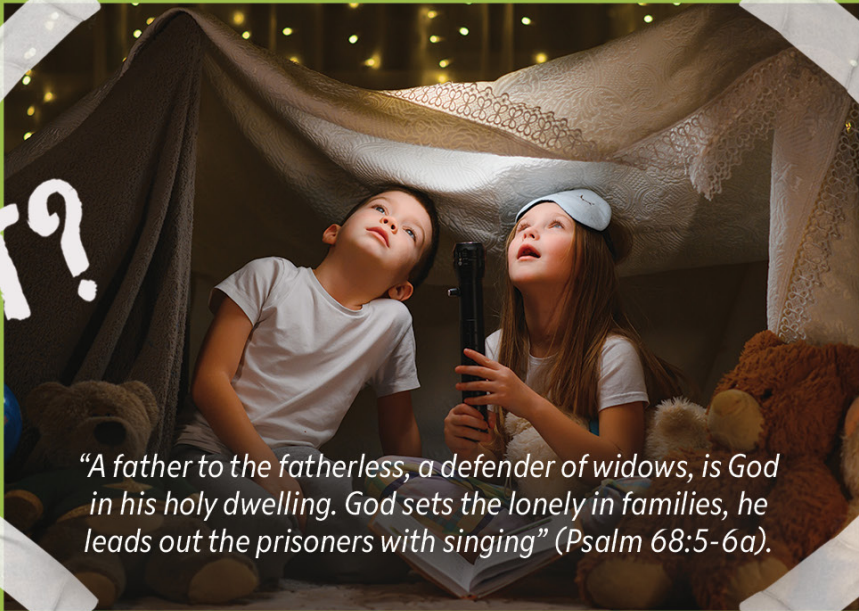
SEPTEMBER 10–16, 2026

Galleries of First Pres present
experiences through the
fostering and adoption journey



ARE WE
THERE YET?

Opening Reception
Friday, September 25 | 4:00-7:00pm



“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing” (Psalm 68:5-6a).

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