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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUBMIT YOUR CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY BY OCTOBER 11

Our Strategic Plan's Mission, Vision, and Values prioritize discipleship as a major focus in the life of the congregation. To assess our effectiveness and guide our planning, we are asking each covenant partner to complete a Congregational Survey. It will take less than 15 minutes. To access the survey, please copy this link to your website browser: https://bit.ly/fpc_survey2026. Please complete the survey by **this Sunday, October 11**.

FRESH START COFFEEWORKS IS NOW OPEN AT THE INTERSECTION CAFÉ

We are excited to welcome Fresh Start CoffeeWorks to the Intersection Café! A workforce development program of Miracle Hill Ministries, Fresh Start equips women facing life challenges with job training, hands-on work experience, and opportunities to build confidence, stability, and a brighter future. Stop by for a fresh cup of coffee, enjoy something delicious, and help us give the Fresh Start team a warm First Pres welcome!

Hours of Operation:

Monday–Friday | 7:00am–3:00pm

Saturday | 8:00am–3:00pm

YEAR-END GIVING

As you prayerfully consider your 2026 year-end giving, we are grateful for your faithful generosity and support of the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. There are several ways to make a year-end gift, including cash or check, online giving, appreciated stock, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA, and gifts through a foundation or Donor Advised Fund (DAF). If you plan to make a gift of appreciated stock, please contact Kristy Service or Bobby Hoffman for stock transfer instructions and to let us know how you would like your gift designated. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for generously using the blessings God has entrusted to you to support the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

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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 22, or 29; December 6**.

DISCIPLESHIP

GOSPEL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

On **Wednesday, October 28**, Will Graham, grandson of Billy Graham, will be speaking at Unity Park here in Greenville at noon. This visit, part of a 13-state tour, will include live music from Josh Havens and a message of hope from Will Graham (<https://billygraham.org/events/declaration-of-dependence>). Counselors trained in sharing the gospel are needed for this event. Training will be provided for our congregation in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, October 8**, at 7:00pm. As FPC is a host church for the Christian Life and Witness course, our men's ministry will assist in organizing this event. We look forward to seeing you for the training class!

Congregational Care, Don Feuerbach

FOURTH QUARTER: A LECTURE SERIES FOR SENIOR ADULTS WITH YVONNE ULMER

Fourth Quarter is a lecture series from our Congregational Care ministry designed to encourage, inspire, and equip senior adults to embrace this season of life with purpose and faith. Next week, Life Coach and Covenant Partner Yvonne Ulmer will speak on the topics of Identity, Transitions, and Well-being. Come enjoy a delicious lunch, meaningful conversation, and an encouraging message as we continue this new series together!

Thursday, October 15

Lunch: Noon, Fellowship Hall | \$10

Presentation: 12:30–1:30pm

Registration is open at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT FIRST PRES

November 29—"Christmas for a Cause"

Kick off the Christmas season with "Christmas for a Cause" on **Sunday, November 29**, at First Presbyterian Church! Enjoy an afternoon and evening filled with festive shopping, great music, and an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community. The celebration begins at 3:00pm with a Christmas Market in the Sturgis Gathering Area, featuring tasty treats and unique gifts from local vendors. Admission to the market is free, so bring your family and friends and get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Then at 5:00pm, head to the Worship & Arts Center for a concert featuring Graydon Tomlinson and some of the Upstate's finest musicians. The concert will include original Christmas songs along with favorite music of the season. Best of all, the evening supports Isaiah 117 House, an organization that serves children, families, and workers in the foster care system. The Christmas Market is free and open to the public. Concert tickets are \$15. Tickets go on sale **this Sunday, October 11**, and may be purchased online or through the First Presbyterian Box Office. Celebrate the season, support a meaningful cause, and help bring hope to children and families this Christmas.

December 3—"The Music of Christmas" Tour

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. 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" Tour on **Thursday, December 3**, in the Worship & Arts Center. Purchase tickets online at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

December 12 & 13—Christmas@First Concerts: "Behold Our God"

Christmas@First is a joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, bringing together the beauty of Christmas music and the hope of the gospel in a truly unforgettable holiday experience. Experience the Christmas story through an inspiring mix of sacred and secular favorites, presented by a 100-voice choir, full orchestra, world-class vocalists, handbells, organ, and children's voices. The program will include beloved works such as "Behold Our God," "Still, Still, Still," John Rutter's "Star Carol," Variations on "Jingle Bells," selections from *The Grinch*, "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," and more. The audience will have opportunities to join in singing favorite Christmas carols. Concerts will be:

Saturday, December 12 — 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Sunday, December 13 — 3:00pm

Tickets go on sale online **Sunday, October 25**: \$15 for adults and \$10 for children age 12 and under. Student, family, and group tickets are also available. You may also purchase tickets at the Box Office Monday–Friday. For more information, contact Susan Messer at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

FOLK CONCERT WITH ELIZA LYNN

Join us for an unforgettable evening of folk, blues, and gospel music with Greenville singer-songwriter Eliza Lynn and instrumentalist Mike Alexander.

Friday, October 23 | 6:30pm

Tickets: \$15 | FirstPresGreenville.org/events

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PICK UP YOUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES THIS SUNDAY

Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through a simple gift!

- Starting **this Sunday, October 11**, pick up a shoebox with an instruction/label pamphlet from the nursery check-in or the Worship & Arts Center, or use a regular shoebox.
- Fill your shoebox with requested items
- Return: November 16–23 to FPC Dropoff area

More information at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 11, 2026

SERMON SERIES:

"Not Just Sundays"

Revelation 3:14–22

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

October 14, 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

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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

LUNCH & DINNER MENU

Lowcountry Shrimp and Grits, Baked Glazed Ham, Charleston Red Rice, Lima Beans, Fried Okra, Squash Casserole, Chef's Choice 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

OCTOBER

11: Congregational Survey Due

11: Pickup OCC Shoeboxes

23: Eliza Lynn Concert

28: Will Graham at Unity Park

NOVEMBER

8: Congregational Meeting

16–23: OCC Shoebox Dropoff

19: Fourth Quarter Lecture/Lunch

29: Christmas for a Cause Concert

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

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*
Mr. and Mrs. Brooks O’Brian (Cate) on the birth of a son, Beau Hendrix O’Brian, on August 2.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Early (Caroline) on the birth of a son, Timothy James Early, on October 3; and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Willcox.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chandler (Charlotte) in the death of her father, Joseph Clyde Strange, on September 27; and to **Elizabeth and Will Chandler** in the death of their grandfather.

MEMORIALS & HONORS
CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Dettie Piper by Joanne M. Cauthen
CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY FUND
In memory of Polly Martin by the Agape-Fellowship Life Group
MUSIC MINISTRY FUND
In memory of Polly Martin by Dr. and Mrs. James C. Brice

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, Charles West

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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October 15

Gospel Outreach Opportunity

For more information about
FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

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Christmas
— For A Cause —

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

CHRISTMAS MARKET @ 3:00PM
CONCERT @ 5:00PM
FIRST PRES WORSHIP & ARTS CENTER

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF
Isaiah117
changing the way foster care begins



Featuring GRAYDON TOMLINSON & SPECIAL GUESTS

Tickets on sale
October 11!



TICKETS \$15 | FIRSTPRESGREENVILLE.ORG/EVENTS
All proceeds support the mission of Isaiah 117 House.