

CONNECT@FIRST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITMENTS FOR 2027

The Moment of Commitment last Sunday was postponed to this **Sunday, November 1**. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your commitment, complete the commitment card you should have received in the mail, and bring it to worship this Sunday as we participate in a Moment of Commitment together.

2027 EGYPT TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Journey with us to the land of pyramids, temples, and tombs **March 30–April 7, 2027**. Discover some of the world's most remarkable archaeological treasures with hosts Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons and Lindsay Graham. Trip highlights include the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Great Sphinx, the Grand Egyptian Museum (home to the treasures of King Tutankhamun), the Valley of the Kings, and the magnificent temples of Luxor. An informational meeting will be held for anyone interested in this trip.

Informational Meeting | Sunday, November 15, 4:30pm in the Abbott Gathering area

CATCH-UP HOUR WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

Join the Missions team on **Monday, November 2**, to hear an exciting update from Bel-Aire Community Partners in Room D305, 5:30–7:00pm. For more information, contact Hailey Myers at 864.565.0971.

HOLIDAY SEASON IN THE BOOKSTORE

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for a friend, family member, or new believer? Visit Books & Gifts @ First, where you'll find more than great reading materials. Explore a wide selection of devotionals, greeting cards, faith-based artwork, ornaments, home goods, and even edible treats—all thoughtfully chosen to help you share the love of Christ through your giving. Complimentary gift wrapping is available. For holiday hours, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/bookstore.

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): **January 3, 10, 17, 31; February 7, 14; March 7**.

EVENTS

Contemporary Worship, Graydon Tomlinson

CHRISTMAS FOR A CAUSE AND CHRISTMAS MARKET

Get your tickets now for *Christmas for a Cause*, featuring Graydon Tomlinson and some of the Upstate's finest musicians, on **Sunday, November 29**. The pre-concert Christmas Market, which offers tasty treats and unique gifts from local vendors, will begin at 3:00pm in the Sturgis Gathering area, followed by the concert at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Tickets (\$15) are on sale at FirstPresGreenville.org/events. All proceeds support the mission of Isaiah 117 House, an organization that serves children, families, and workers in the foster care system.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

ART & FAITH LUNCHEON

Join the Fine Arts Ministry for our next Art & Faith Luncheon on **Friday, November 6**, at 12:00pm in the Intersection Café. Our guest speaker will be Sarah Lourenco, private art dealer and founder of The Time-Art, a fine art consulting company. These monthly gatherings offer an opportunity for artists and art enthusiasts to connect, share ideas, and pray together as we explore ways to use our God-given creativity to serve Him and our community. Whether you're an artist or simply appreciate the arts, there's a place for you at the table.

First Pres Academy, Rob Brown

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Discover what makes First Presbyterian Academy a special place for students to grow in faith, character, and academic excellence! Families are invited to attend an upcoming Open House on **Tuesday, November 3 (K3–K5) or Tuesday, November 10 (1st–12th grades)**. Meet Head of School Dr. Rob Brown, connect with faculty and staff, tour the campus, and learn about FPA's Christ-centered approach to education. For more information and to register, visit FirstPresAcademy.com.

Military Ministry, Melissa Ragsdale

VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Military Ministry invites all FPC members who have served in the armed forces or have an immediate family member currently serving to a special Veterans Appreciation Luncheon on **Tuesday, November 10**, from 12:00–1:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We would be honored to have you and your spouse join us for a meal as we express our gratitude for your service. Space is limited, so please register by Sunday, November 1, online at FirstPresGreenville.org/events or by contacting Melissa Ragsdale at mragsdale@firstpresgreenville.org.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Register your K5–5th Grade kids for a fun evening at the Graham Gym on **Friday, November 6**. While parents get a night out, kids will enjoy sports, games, pizza, and a devotional. Drop off and pick up your child anytime between 5:00pm and 9:00pm. Register online at <https://csarec.com/parents-night-out>.

Women's Ministry, Tiffany Boggs

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This Christmas join us on **Tuesday, December 1**, at noon in Fellowship Hall for the Women's Christmas luncheon. Enjoy a devotion by Tiffany Boggs, Christmas music with Graydon Tomlinson, and a special time of fellowship. Your ticket (\$20) includes a delicious lunch from Jasmine's Kitchen and a copy of *Emmanuel* by Ruth Chou Simons, a 25-day Advent devotional journey. Childcare is available for children 5 and under; reservations are required at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

Worship & Music, Susan Messer

CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERTS

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. Tickets are on sale now online and at the FPC Box Office: \$15 for adults and \$10 for children age 12 and under. The Box Office is open Sundays (9:30–10:30am), and Monday–Friday (office hours) at the Reception desk in the A Building. Concerts will be held in the Sanctuary on:

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

Sunday, December 13 | 3:00pm

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

PACK A SHOEBOX OR VOLUNTEER!

Share the love of Jesus with a child across the world through a simple gift! Pick up an Operation Christmas Child shoebox and instruction pamphlet at the nursery checkin or Worship & Arts Center, or use your own shoebox. FPC Arts has partnered with local artists to create a coloring book all about the love of Jesus that is available for you to include in the shoeboxes! Fill your shoebox with the requested items and return it to the First Pres collection site **November 16–23**. Volunteers are needed to help receive shoeboxes during collection week. To sign up for a shift, contact Teresa Hannon at 864.907.4794 or twhannon@aol.com. For additional information, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

Event Productions, Matt Mullet

PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

Join the production services team and help create exciting and worshipful experiences through sound, lighting, video, and stagecraft. Training will be provided. If interested, please email productions@firstpresgreenville.org.

Missions, Eric Swofford

HOLLIS ANGEL TREES ARE COMING SOON

Hollis Angel Trees will be up throughout the church on **Sunday, November 8!** 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. You can also purchase gifts online and ship the gifts to the church by **Tuesday, November 24**. Contact Christy Glenn (864.908.5699) with questions about the Angel Tree process. Contact Cara Morris (cnmorris915@gmail.com) to volunteer.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 1, 2026

Commitment Sunday

Sermon Series: "Missed Call...God"

1 Samuel 3:1–10

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

November 4, 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

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

YouTube.com/

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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Fried Chicken, Baked Pork Chops, Mixed Vegetables, Turnip Greens, Broccoli Casserole, Rice Pilaf, 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

NOVEMBER

2: Catch-Up Hour with Bel-Aire

3: Academy Open House

6: Art & Faith Luncheon

6: Parents' Night Out

8: Hollis Angel Trees Up

10: Academy Open House

15: ONE Prayer Worship Service

15: Informational Meeting—

2027 Egypt Trip

16-23: OCC Shoebox Collection

19: Fourth Quarter Lecture/Lunch

24: Deadline: Hollis Angel Gifts

26: Thanksgiving

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. Robert August (Mary Evelyn) on the birth of a daughter, Eleanor Evelyn August, on October 19, and to grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Bob August (Doane).*

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rabb (Amy) on the birth of a daughter, Whitney Jones Rabb, on October 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Koskie (Mary Hunter Garrett) who were married on Saturday, October 24, in Harper Chapel.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY FUND
In memory of Polly Martin by Willis and Joanne Meadows

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND
In memory of Polly Martin by Carlton and Belinda Manley

PRAYER LIST ♦ **Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital

Nancy Adams, Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, Sandra Banks, Betty Bennett, Harry Bolick, Dan Boling, **George Boroughs**, Matt Covington, Brantley Daniel, Debbie Davidson, Peggy Denny, **Carey Hedgpeth**, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Charlie Hutton, Joe James, Al Johnson, Anne Lide, Jenny McCorkle, **Caroline Morris**, Rachel Mullinax, Tom Pettigrew, Ed Reed, Carolyn Rice, Patti Riddle, Thom Robelot, Carolyn Robinson, Louise Robinson, Jim Rush, 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.

ONE PRAYER WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for an evening of unifying worship and prayer led by local church pastors on **Sunday, November 15**, 5:00–7:00pm, in the Worship & Arts Center. This regional event brings together believers from all backgrounds, traditions, and congregations to seek God’s heart for our churches, our leaders, and our cities. Rooted in John 17, this night is more than a service—it’s a visible demonstration of the unity Jesus prayed for. Find more information at <https://www.oneprayersc.com/prayer-gatherings>.

ONE PRAYER



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podcast | Fridays at First
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TELEVISION

First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:00am

ONLINE GIVING



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For more information about FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

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Missed Call...

GOD

NEW SERIES

Please join us on Sundays
at 8:30am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary
or 10:45am in the Worship & Arts Center (Ignite),
or online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Watch.

1 SAMUEL

DIVIDED LOYALTIES

In exploring the book of 1 Samuel, we discover that God speaks into ordinary lives, adding fresh color and texture to the daily decisions of Hannah, Eli, Saul, and those around them. We learn from their experience of struggling to handle major life decisions and respond to uncertainty.