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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025-26 GRADUATES LIST AVAILABLE

Congratulations to all of our FPC members and family members who are graduates of High Schools, Colleges, Graduate Schools, and Seminaries. For a complete list of names, please visit the Events page on our website, and click on the Graduates icon. Printed lists are available in the literature racks.

JUNE 21st FATHER'S DAY CHOIR

Calling all men! With Father's Day approaching, First Pres Men's Discipleship will be hosting a very special men's choir at both our **8:30am and 11:00am services on June 21**. Sign up and invite your son, father, brother, or friends! To participate, simply email Charlie Buchanan at cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org.

FISCAL YEAR-END GIVING

June marks the final month of our fiscal year and the beginning of summer. We are grateful that the 2025–2026 fiscal year has been strong to date, and we thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of the Ministry Budget.

As we approach year-end, our prayer is to finish the fiscal year well. If you are traveling or away during the summer, you can still give in several convenient ways:

- Online giving
- Mail-in gifts
- IRA distributions (RMD or Qualified Charitable Distributions)
- Donor Advised Funds or Trust distributions
- Gifts of appreciated stock

If you have questions about any of these giving options, please contact Kristy Service at 864.565.0929 or Bobby Hoffman at 864.565.0962.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

BIBLE STUDIES AND MEALS CANCELED DURING VBS WEEK JUNE 8–11

Please note that due to Vacation Bible School June 8–11, Wednesday Lunch and Bible Study, Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study, and the Christian Men's Fellowship are canceled. All regular activities resume the following week.

Women's Ministry, Tiffany Boggs

RADIANCE SMALL GROUP REGISTRATION

Are you a woman in your 20s to early 40s looking for a small group? Join Radiance! Groups meet in mentor leaders' homes for dinner and Bible study on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:00pm. Together, we "do life" as we grow in faith, enjoy retreats and fun activities, and serve our Greenville community. Registration is open now through August 8 for the Fall and Spring 2027 semesters. Participants are placed in groups with others in a similar life stage. Click the Radiance icon at FirstPresGreenville.org to sign up. Questions? Contact Diana Orders at dianaschmittorders@gmail.com.

EVENTS

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

CULTIVATE 2026: ROOTED RETREAT

This in-person retreat at First Pres on **June 19–21** will gather faithful creatives and leaders for a weekend of keynote speakers, workshops on writing and publishing, worship, guided prayer, and meaningful community. Space is limited, with fewer than 35 seats remaining. Registration is \$250 and includes special offerings such as a free Friday community dinner, professional author/artist head shots, and unique breakout experiences. For more details and to register, click the QR code.



OPENING NIGHT: IN THE LAND OF WOODEN SHOES, A HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

Join us for an Opening Night Reception on **Friday, June 12, at 6:00pm in Building A and Lenz Gallery**. This powerful exhibition, a collaboration between the Anne Frank Center and South Carolina artist Mary Burkett, tells the stories of children affected by the Holocaust through

moving visual portraits and storytelling. More than an art exhibit, it is an immersive experience of remembrance—honoring young lives, fostering empathy, and inviting reflection. The exhibition runs through November and is open to individuals, families, schools, and community groups, with guided tours and special programming available. For more information or group bookings, contact Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

First Pres Sports, Caleb McKisic

YOUTH SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Join us this summer for our Youth Basketball League in the Graham Gym! Open to K5–12th grade, the season runs **June 8–July 25**. Spots are limited, so register today (scan the QR code). Contact Caleb McKisic at info@CSARec.com or visit FirstPresSports.com for more details.

Intro League (K5–1st Grade)

Co-ed league designed to teach basketball fundamentals in a fun, encouraging environment. Meets Saturdays only. Cost: \$65



Youth League (2nd–9th Grade)

Players will compete in age- and gender-based divisions, with weekday skills clinics and Saturday games. Cost: \$95

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

PROCLAIM LIBERTY CONCERT TICKETS

Experience an inspiring evening of patriotic celebration at *Proclaim Liberty*—a concert honoring our nation's 250th birthday. Featuring a full choir and orchestra, this special event is designed for the whole family. Tickets are on sale now—Adults: \$15, Children: \$10. Visit the Events page at FirstPresGreenville.org to purchase. Join us as we celebrate 250 years of freedom and proclaim liberty together on **Wednesday, July 1, from 6:00–7:30pm in the Sanctuary**.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

CARING FOR FAMILIES WHO FOSTER AND ADOPT

Are you currently fostering or in the process of adopting? We would love to match you with folks who will support your family with prayer, meals, respite care, and more. Email tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

HELP SHAPE THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAITH

Are you looking for a meaningful way to invest in others? Do you have a heart for helping children grow in their faith and come to know Jesus? We invite you to join our Children's Ministry team for the 2026–27 ministry year.

We are currently building our volunteer team and have a variety of opportunities available, including:

- Leading Children's Worship
- Caring for infants and toddlers
- Teaching or assisting in Sunday classes
- Serving as a buddy for a child with special needs
- Greeting families and helping children get to their classrooms

Most volunteers serve just one Sunday each month.

To learn more, contact Tina Jones, Children's Ministry Director, at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org or review the available volunteer roles at FirstPresGreenville.org/ChildrenServe. Your investment today can have an eternal impact on the life of a child.

First Presbyterian Academy, Rob Brown

OPEN YOUR HOME. CHANGE THEIR WORLD.

First Presbyterian Academy is excited to partner with iGoGo International to welcome exceptional international students from Brazil and Spain for the upcoming school year. We are seeking Christian families willing to host and mentor these students by welcoming them into daily family life, offering spiritual encouragement, and sharing the love of Christ in a meaningful way. If you are interested in learning more about this unique ministry opportunity and how it works, click the QR code or contact Jynne Stowe at 864.678.5107 or jstowe@firstpresacademy.com.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

June 7, 2026—Communion

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Luke 24:28–35

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](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu



PATRIOTIC WORSHIP SERVICES JUNE 28

Join us on **Sunday, June 28**, for two patriotic worship services at **9:00am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary**.

Save the date, bring friends and family, and wear your red, white, and blue. Throughout worship, we will weave patriotic elements into our services as we give thanks for the freedom and blessings we enjoy as a nation.

NOTE: We will not have services at 8:30am or 10:45am.

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 10, 2026

The Pastor's Bible Study and Lunch is canceled June 10 due to Vacation Bible School.

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE

8–11: VBS and Day Missions

9: Youth Summer Basketball League Begins

12: *In the Land of Wooden Shoes* Exhibit Opening/Reception

16–17: *Now and Not Yet* Women's Bible Study Begins

17: Summer Ice Cream Social

19–21: Cultivate 2026: *ROOTED* Retreat

28: Patriotic Sunday Services

JULY

1: *Proclaim Liberty* Concert

3: Church Campus Closed for July 4 Holiday

15: Summer Ice Cream Social

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

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ May 17, 2026

Lucas James Altman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Altman (Natalie)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Taylor (Julia) on the birth of a daughter, Mary Banks Taylor, on May 26.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gunter (Heather) in the death of her mother, Mrs. Linda Schaeffer Stephens, on May 28; and to William and Caroline Gunter in the death of their grandmother.

The family of Mr. Eddie Gambrell who died on May 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Carver (Peggy) in the death of her mother, Elizabeth Boyd Pinson, on May 17.

IN MEMORIAM

Eddie Don Gambrell ♦ November 24, 1951 – May 29, 2026

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Betty Farr by Whitney and Joe Ramseur, Jr.

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Betty Farr by Carmen C. Springs; Jamie and Forrest Adair; Diane (Pickens) and Dan O'Connell, Jr.

In memory of Elizabeth Robison by Tina and John Jones

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

In memory of Whit Jordan by Craig and Peggy Carver

SANCTUARY FLOWER FUND

In memory of Elizabeth Robison by Ewan and Becky Sweeney Sr.

PRAYER LIST ♦ Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

Nancy Adams, Bill Anthony, Sandra Banks, Betty Bennett, Harry Bolick, Dan Boling, Dick Brennecke, **Matt Covington**, Brantley Daniel, Peggy Denny, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Charlie Hutton, Joe James, Anne Lide, Jenny McCorkle, Lisa Merck, Rachel Mullinax, Chloris Norman, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bob Shell, Lewis Tollison, Charlotte Watson, Beryl Wickliffe, Jetty 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: 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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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:00am

ONLINE GIVING



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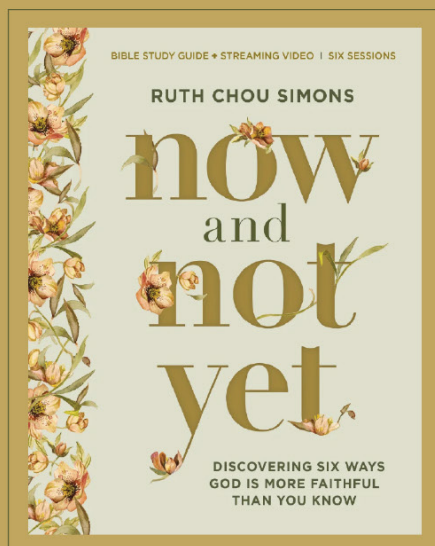
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FPC WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:

TUESDAYS, JUNE 16–JULY 28
9:30-11:00am OR 6:00-7:30pm

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 17–JULY 29
9:30-11:00am *childcare available

Too often, we feel disappointed with our “right now”—our life circumstances, our relationships, our lack of progress towards our dreams and goals, our daily grind. Author Ruth Chou Simons reminds us of God's powerful provision and faithful promises for those “who have ears to hear.” We hope you will join us this summer! *Don't forget to register online.*

Registration is open. Click the link at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

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