

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

PATRIOTIC SERVICES JUNE 28

Over the next few weeks in towns and cities across the nation, people of all ages will unite to enjoy our 250th birthday. Celebrating an event as consequential as our semiquincentennial anniversary will become a moment that remains in our collective memory for generations to come. To mark the significance of this occasion, we at First Pres will be holding two special Patriotic Services on Sunday, June 28, in the Sanctuary. The first service will be at **9:00am** and the second at **11:00am**. *There will be no 8:30am or 10:45 services that morning.* As we gather, we will be giving thanks to God for His faithful and providential care over us as a nation. Each service will include patriotic themed hymns, a military color guard, the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the national anthem. We invite you and your family to join us for what we hope will be an exceptional experience that reminds us of the importance of our National Motto, "In God We Trust."

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.

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.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

ICE CREAM SOCIAL THIS WEEK

Adults are invited on Wednesday, June 17, at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall for a delightful summer afternoon of delicious ice cream, warm fellowship, and encouraging discipleship. Bring a friend and enjoy meaningful conversation and community together. No registration is required—just come and enjoy! \$3 at the door. The next two Ice Cream Socials are July 15 and August 12.

EVENTS

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

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.

CULTIVATE 2026: ROOTED RETREAT

Cultivate 2026: *ROOTED* is coming to First Pres **June 19–21**. This in-person retreat will gather faithful creatives and leaders for a weekend of keynote speakers, workshops on writing and publishing, worship, guided prayer, and meaningful community in the heart of downtown Greenville. **Space is limited, with fewer than 10 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, scan the QR code.



JUST ANNOUNCED: HIDDEN PICTURES EXHIBIT

Join us for the opening reception of the *Highlights Hidden Pictures* Exhibit on **June 26** from 6:00–8:00pm in the Galleries at First Presbyterian. This unique collection features the work of local artist Tim Davis, who created more than 600 Hidden Pictures during a 20-year partnership with *Highlights* magazine. The exhibit showcases 28 illustrations containing more than 350 objects hidden in plain sight, inviting visitors to look beyond the obvious and discover unexpected details. Inspired by the way Scripture often reveals truth to those who seek it, these illustrations encourage careful observation and fresh perspective. Visitors will find a list of hidden objects for each illustration—take your time, look closely, and see how many you can discover. The exhibit will be on display throughout July and August. For more information, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

THE NEXT BUDDY BREAK IS JULY 24

Do you know of a family raising a child with special needs? Once a quarter we hold a Buddy Break to give these parents a respite. Our next Buddy Break is Friday, July 24, 5:30–8:00pm. Please share this information and consider serving as a "Buddy." Training is provided. If you have questions or would like to serve, please email our Special Needs Coordinator, Dr. Brenda Harper, at buddybreak@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 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 by scanning the QR code. Your investment today can have an eternal impact on the life of a child.



First Presbyterian Academy, Rob Brown

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMING TO THE ACADEMY

First Presbyterian Academy is excited to partner with iGoGo International to welcome exceptional international students from Brazil and Spain for the upcoming school year (five young women and two young men). We are seeking seven 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. Learn more about the students and this unique ministry opportunity by scanning the QR code.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

June 14, 2026

Sermon Series:

"Life Empowered and Enabled"

1 John 3:1–3

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

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 17, 2026

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Don Feuerbach teaching

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

11:45am • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Baked Italian Pasta

Champagne Chicken

Roasted Cauliflower

Fried Zucchini

Steamed Broccoli

Chef's Choice Salads

Garlic Bread

Fresh Fruit

Ice Cream Social Desserts

MEAL PRICE: \$10

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE

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

26: *Hidden Pictures* Exhibit Opening/Reception

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

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Scales (Lee Anne) on the birth of a daughter, Addie Lee Scales, on May 15.*

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Betty Farr by Jimmy F. Withington

In memory of Whit Jordan by Eleanor and Irv Welling

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

In memory of Whit Jordan by Bill and Becky Keightley; Pierce and Helen Campbell

PRAYER LIST

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

Nancy Adams, Bill Anthony, Sandra Banks, Betty Bennett, Harry Bolick, Dan Boling, Dick Brennecke, **Jim Childers**, Matt Covington, Brantley Daniel, Peggy Denny, **John Harvell**, 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, **Jocelyn Williams**

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 RESOURCES *continued*

Prayer Requests: For general prayer requests, call 864.565.0970.

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. Click the QR code to watch a video with Prayer Team member Dr. John McGraw and prayer recipient Michelle Ward to learn more about the Healing & Prayer service.



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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



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CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FAITH AND FREEDOM

**PROCLAIM
LIBERTY**

- Concert -

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 | 6:00PM | FPC SANCTUARY

TICKETS AT FIRSTPRESGREENVILLE.ORG/EVENTS | ADULTS: \$15/CHILDREN: \$10

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