

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIDAYS AT FIRST SUMMER PODCAST SERIES: ON A MISSION!

This summer, join co-host Michelle Ward and FPC's Director of Global and Local Engagement, Eric Swofford, for a special three-part *Fridays at First* podcast series, *On a Mission: Discovering God's Purpose—Across the Street and Around the World*. Through personal stories, practical conversations, and inspiring ministry insights, this series explores what it means to live "on mission" wherever God has placed us. Whether serving in Greenville, supporting local outreach efforts, or answering a call to global missions, each of us has a role in God's kingdom work. Tune in this summer wherever you listen to the *Fridays at First* podcast.

JULY 10—Episode 1: Called Where You Are

Discover how God uses ordinary believers to fulfill His purposes in everyday life.

JOB OPENINGS

We are seeking two people to join our student ministry team for the purpose of cultivating a strong community of disciples and disciple-makers, planning events, and teaching lessons, while caring for our students, parents, and volunteers. This position reports to the Director of Student Discipleship. If you feel God is calling you to this position, please email your resume to hrdepartment@firstpresgreenville.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Adults are invited to our next gathering on **Wednesday, July 15, 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 last Ice Cream Social of the summer will be August 12.

EVENTS

Music Ministry, Susan Messer

SAVE THE DATE FOR BROADWAY AT FIRST!

Join us on **Wednesday, September 2**, at 5:15pm as we kick off our Wednesday night fall Grow@First season with a memorable evening of music, fellowship, and great food at *Broadway at First* in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy dinner while being entertained by a live Broadway-style performance featuring the talented professional singers of the First Presbyterian Choir. These accomplished vocalists—who have performed on stages in Charlotte, New York, and beyond—will bring some of Broadway's most beloved songs to life in an unforgettable cabaret-style setting. Space is limited to 224 guests, so be sure to RSVP early at FirstPresGreenville.org/events! Dinner prices (payable at the door): Adults: \$10; Children (ages 4–12): \$5; Children (3 and under): Free; Family maximum: \$40.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

HIGHLIGHTS HIDDEN PICTURES EXHIBIT

Come see the new *Highlights Hidden Pictures* exhibit 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. Inspired by the way Scripture often reveals truth to those who seek it, these illustrations encourage careful observation and fresh perspective. 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY

Join us for a fun night of fellowship on **Friday, July 10**, for a Friendship Friday. With our guests, adults with

special needs, we will meet at Shelter #6 at Cleveland Park, 5:00–7:00pm, to enjoy a BBQ dinner and yard games. To serve as a chaperone, contact Tina at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org by July 3.

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.



Missions, Eric Swofford

HOLLIS ACADEMY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

Help support the students and teachers at Hollis Academy as they prepare for a new school year! Beginning **Sunday, July 12**, you may pick up a paper apple from displays located in the Loggia, Abbott Gathering, and the Worship & Arts reception area. Each apple lists needed snacks for children or gift card options for teachers.

You can also click the QR code for a wish list of items. All donations are due back to the church by Wednesday, July 29. Thank you for helping us bless Hollis Academy with a strong start to the school year!



HOLLIS ROOM PARENTS

As we begin our 17th year of partnering with Hollis Academy, we're looking for caring volunteers to serve as Room Parents in every classroom. This meaningful ministry supports teachers, encourages students, and helps build strong connections with families throughout the school year. Simple acts of kindness—reading with students, tutoring, listening, offering encouragement, or sharing a hug—can make a lasting difference in a child's life. We currently have 13 Room Parent openings across several grade levels. If you'd like to be part of this rewarding ministry or learn more, please contact Edith Parks at hollisroomparents@gmail.com.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP

Applications are now being accepted for our mission trip to the Dominican Republic, **February 10–17, 2027**. Team members will serve alongside our mission partners, Misiones Maranatha/El Buen Samaritano and Eastern Dominican Christian Mission, providing care for families through food distribution, medical, dental, and vision clinics, and building relationships with the community in Brisas del Mar. No medical training is required to participate. To learn more or express your interest, email missions@firstpresgreenville.org by August 15.

Music Ministry, Susan Messer

CHRISTMAS IN THE SUMMER

While summer is just getting started, our Worship & Music Ministry is already preparing for *Christmas@First*, happening December 12–13, and we'd love for you to be part of it! Join us for a special Christmas in the Summer Preview Night on **Wednesday, August 5**, 6:15–7:30pm in the Choir Room. You'll get a first look at this year's *Christmas@First* theme and music, meet the team, and learn how you can participate in one of First Presbyterian's most anticipated worship events of the year. Whether you're a longtime choir member or simply enjoy singing, everyone is welcome. Rehearsals begin in September, and additional details will be shared at the preview. Come discover how you can help bring the joy of Christmas to our church and community this December!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 5, 2026

SERMON SERIES:

"Christ in the Psalms"

Psalm 86

Rev. Don Feuerbach preaching

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:45am | Worship & Arts Center

11:00am | Sanctuary

PLEASE NOTE:

- There will be no 8:30am service
- Children's Ministry will open at 10:30am (Nursery and Kids Church)
- Student Life Groups will not meet
- Adult Life Groups should check with their group leaders

SUNDAY EDUCATION

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

There will be no Pastor's Bible Study or meals in July. Watch for the Fall Grow@First schedule in August.

July 15, 2026

SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR ADULTS

Wednesday, July 15

1:00pm

Fellowship Hall

\$3 at the door

LOOKING AHEAD

JULY

- 1: Proclaim Liberty Concert
- 3: Church Campus Closed for July 4 Holiday
- 5: No 8:30am Worship
- 10: Friendship Friday Picnic
Church Campus Closed
- 12–29: Hollis Back-to-School Drive
- 15: Summer Ice Cream Social
- 17: Church Office Closed
- 19: Student DR Mission Trip
- 24: Church Office Closed
- 31: Church Office Closed

AUGUST

- 5: Christmas@First Choir Preview
- 7: Buddy Break
- 12: Summer Ice Cream Social
- 9: Backpack Blessing
- 16: Promotion Sunday

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

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ June 28, 2026

Callan James Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Butler (Abby)
Samuel Edwin McCutchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCutchen (Katie)

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. Larry Crain in the death of his mother, Ms. Geraldine Crain, on June 9.
Mrs. Ingrid Weaver in the death of her husband, Mr. Carl Weaver, on June 19.

IN MEMORIAM

Carl Weaver ♦ June 19, 2026

MEMORIALS & HONORS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

In memory of **Whit Jordan** by Steve and Louly Kapp; Kathryn McKey

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, Harry Hightower, Don Hobbs, Charlie Hutton, Joe James, Anne Lide, Jenny McCorkle, Rachel Mullinax, Tom Pettigrew, Ed Reed, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bob Shell, Donna Steeves, Lewis Tollison, Charlotte Watson, Beryl 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.

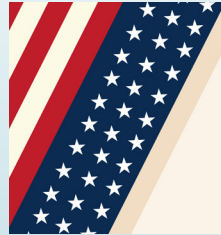
Prayer Appointments: To schedule a confidential appointment with our Healing Prayer Team Members, call 864.565.0960.

Prayer 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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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
AMERICA
Independence Day 2026



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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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For more information about
FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

JULY 2–8, 2026

Rev. Feuerbach



Rev. Buchanan

CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

New Sermon Series

Begins Sunday, July 5

Rev. Dr. Hutton



Rev. Dr. Ripley

The Psalms have shaped the prayers, worship, and faith of God’s people for thousands of years. Join us over the next six weeks as we explore passages from the Psalms and examine how they point us to Christ—whether through His words, His work, or His character. Along the way, we will learn how the Psalms shape us into faithful, prayerful, intentional disciples who trust God deeply, worship Him wholeheartedly, and help others follow Jesus.

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