

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.

STUDENT MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Our Youth Dominican Republic Mission Team will be commissioned during the 10:45am Ignite and 11:00am worship services this **Sunday, July 12**. Please join us as we pray for the 82 students and leaders who will travel to La Romana, Dominican Republic, on July 19 for our eleventh annual youth mission trip there. As you pray for the team, please ask the Lord to:

- Draw each student and leader into a deeper relationship with Him through this cross-cultural experience.
- Work powerfully in and through the team as they serve alongside our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic.
- Grant the team safe travel and good health throughout the trip.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Adults are invited to our next gathering on **Wednesday, July 15**, 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.

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 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 performance featuring the talented professional singers of the First Presbyterian Choir. These accomplished vocalists 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** and can be enjoyed by guests of all ages. For more information, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

GIVE THE GIFT OF WORSHIP

Corporate worship is vital to every believer's spiritual growth. Would you consider serving in our Nursery or Preschool one Sunday a month—or even one Sunday each quarter? By taking a turn caring for our youngest children, you'll make it possible for another parent or volunteer to participate in worship. 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!

RING WITH THE HANDBELL CHOIR!

Have you ever played handbells—or always wanted to learn? The First Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir invites you to join us! Whether you're an experienced ringer or new to handbells, we'd love to welcome you. Rehearsals begin **Wednesday, September 9**, 7:30pm in the Choir Room. If you're interested in becoming part of the Handbell Choir, please contact Susan Messer at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 12, 2026

SERMON SERIES:

"Christ in the Psalms"

Psalms 92

Rev. Don Feuerbach 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

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WEDNESDAY

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

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LOOKING AHEAD

JULY

10: Church Office 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

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*
Mr. and Mrs. Colin Gelbaugh (Anna) on the birth of a son, Callum James Gelbaugh, on March 24.
Mr. and Mrs. Brett Basnight (Alli) on the birth of a daughter, Blythe Rhodes Basnight, on April 15.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*
Mr. and Mrs. William Wofford Sr. (Leslie) in the death of her father, Mr. Paul Norman, on June 24; and to Henry Wofford in the death of his grandfather.
Dr. Terry Bruner and Dr. Christine Bruner in the death of her father, Dr. Thomas Luther Roberts III, on July 4, and to Kate, Anna, and Caroline Bruner in the death of their grandfather.

IN MEMORIAM
Carl Weaver ♦ June 19, 2026

MEMORIALS & HONORS
CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Richard Sippl by Pamela A. Picciano
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION
In memory of Whit Jordan by Steve and Louly Kapp; Kathryn McKey
TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND
In memory of Robert Carter by Minor and Hal Shaw

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, **Al Johnson**, Anne Lide, Jenny McCorkle, Rachel Mullinax, Tom Pettigrew, Ed Reed, Carolyn Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bob Shell, Donna Steeves, Lewis Tollison, **Steve Waddell**, 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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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:00am

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WHAT'S INSIDE
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