

Final Tally for our VBS collection for Healthy Learners = \$1052.01!  
Way to go, FPC and friends!!!

Nursery for ages 0 through K2 is open during worship and SS! (Room 119)  
Nursery is available for children K3 – K5 as marked in the bulletin. (Room 120)

### Celebration Sunday

Sunday, July 18th

10:00 - Church Family Breakfast in Alexander Hall  
10:30 - Sunday School Open House for Children and Parents  
11:00 – Blessing of the Backpacks

**6:00 – 8:00 – Family Pool Party at Gatewood**

### Summer Intern Fun

Friday, July 23rd  
Lego Fun and Story Time  
5:00 – 7:00 p. m.  
Completed K4-5th grade

Nursery available for younger siblings with RSVP before Thursday at noon. Free!

### Nursery through Youth

Make sure you are registered on Realm before school starts!  
[www.onrealm.org](http://www.onrealm.org)  
Contact Elise if you have any trouble at all.

### Starting 7/25 - New Adult Sunday School studies

**Sojourners** (Henry Reynolds room): Short Stories by Jesus:  
The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levine  
**FISH** (Room 205 near AH): Breathing Room:  
The space between our current pace and our limits by Andy Stanley

### ARE YOU AN USHER?

We are in the process of revising/updating our Usher list for Sunday mornings.  
If you are interested in being an usher, please let us know.  
If you have been an usher in the past, please let us know if you would like  
**to continue to do so or not. Please contact the front office  
at [office@firstgreenwood.com](mailto:office@firstgreenwood.com) or 229-5814.**

### Sunday, July 18

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Church Family Breakfast (AH)  
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School Open House for Children & Parents  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. - Church Family Pool Party (Gatewood)

### Monday, July 19

SPIRE DEADLINE  
8:00 a.m. - Children to Zoo  
4:00 p.m. - PGS Auditions  
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)  
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (AH)

### Tuesday, July 20

9:15 a.m. - Staff

### Wednesday, July 21

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (AH)  
8:00 a.m. - Youth to Greenville  
12:00 noon - FOC (AH)  
4:00 p.m. - Kenya Faith Missions (BR)  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, July 22

Friday, July 23  
5:00 p.m. - Lego Night & Story Time (Basement)

### Saturday, July 24

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thornwell Dunlap, Sr. and Mr. Thornwell Dunlap, Jr. by George & Sissy Brockenbrough and Martha Dunlap.

**Congratulations to Frank & Penny Cannon** on the birth of their grandson, Alexander Cannon Rogers, born June 25, 2021. Parents are Blake & Pat Rogers of Bennettsville, SC.

**Today we welcome Ethan Flowe as part-time Music Assistant.** Ethan will be assisting with accompaniment duties, and offering occasional voluntaries (preludes, postludes, offertory music). Many have watched Ethan grow up at First Presbyterian, and now we enjoy the gifts he has developed!

### NEW MEMBERS CLASS

We will be hosting a New Members Class beginning Sunday, July 25th, at 10:00 am, in the Barksdale Room (Room #122). This class will continue for the two following Sundays, August 1st and 8th, at 10:00 am, in the Barksdale Room. If you would like to attend these classes and join First Presbyterian Church, please contact the front office and let us know. You can reach Lea at 864-229-5814 or [office@firstgreenwood.com](mailto:office@firstgreenwood.com).

### WHERE TO PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS?

Just a reminder that we have a basket placed at the back of the sanctuary for you to place your offering when entering the sanctuary.



*Unvaccinated and/or people with underlying conditions are encouraged to wear masks.*

**Celebration Sunday**  
**July 18, 2021**  
**9:00 am and 11:00 am**

### Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

If you are visiting with us, please know that we consider you to be our honored guest. Any of our staff members will be happy to assist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a church dedicated to making a positive difference in our community and world by fulfilling our call to Worship, Serve, Educate, Evangelize, and Fellowship. We offer a wide range of programs and ministries for all ages. Several times a year a New Members Class is offered for those considering membership at First Pres. You may talk with one of the staff members about this after the service. Please plan to worship with us again - you are always welcome.

*Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite  
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins  
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner  
Associate Pastor -- The Rev. Gordon Tubbs  
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie  
Noah's Ark Director -- Kim Masters*

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**PRELUDE** "Elegy" Paul Fey

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)*

**\*INTROIT** "O Sing a New Song to the Lord" GONFALON ROYAL  
(Hymn No 304)  
*(Please stand as the cross passes your pew)*  
Charles Scott, Crucifer

**ADORATION**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.  
Lord, hear my voice.  
People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!  
Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
People: But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.  
Leader: I wait for the Lord, and in your word I put my hope.  
People: My soul waits for the Lord more than those  
who watch for the morning.  
Leader: Let us worship God!

**\*OPENING HYMN \*\* #14** "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

**CONFESSION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of forgiveness,  
grant us your favor as we make our confession.  
You call us to excellence;  
we fall short of your confidence in us.  
You grant to us grace;  
we abuse your gift.  
You expect our decisions to match your desires,  
our love to be genuine in obeying your will.  
Yet we trust our appetites rather than rely on your goodness.  
We look to our comfort rather than to our neighbor's need.  
In Christ, have mercy on us and forgive our sin.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends in Christ...we are forgiven!  
People: Thanks be to God!

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

#39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS  
Stanza 3

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (11:00)** Elise Collins, Dawsey Collins,  
and Julia Goff

*K3-K5 children may go to extended session in Room 120*

**GIVING OF TITHES and OFFERINGS**

**Call to Offering** Rev. Tubbs  
**Offertory (9:00)** "Glory to God" (Hymn No 582) GLORY TO GOD  
*Steve Skinner, Ethan Flowe*  
  
(11:00) "Lord Most Holy" Foster/Borop  
*Chancel Choir*

**\*Doxology #606** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**PROCLAMATION**

**SCRIPTURE** James 1:12-18 Rev. Hite  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** "Test Anxiety"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN #846** "Fight the Good Fight" DUKE STREET

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

**POSTLUDE** "Toccata – Sortie" Auguste Larriu

**AIDS FOR WORSHIP** - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices are available in the narthex.

\*Congregation stands

\*\*Late comers may be seated