

CHILDREN's Opportunities
Sundays

Infants-K2
Nursery room 119 (8:45-12:15)
with Dawsey, Bess, Payton, & Ella

10:00
K3 – 5TH
Sundays@10 from 10 – 10:45
(Root Cellar) **with Mrs. Elise**

11:00
K3-K5 are welcome in worship or may participate in extended session in room 120 if they like.

1st – 5th grade in worship until the sermon during which they may choose to adjourn to Children's Chapel and return following the sermon.
with Merrie & Olivia Wright

Wednesdays!
5:30 – 7:00 WNF & SHinE
with Mrs. Amy, Ms. Michelle, Mrs. Tamara, Mrs. Sharon, Mrs. Dale, Mrs. Lisa, Mr. David, Mrs. Susie, Mrs. Ellen
Volunteers this week: Campbell & Anderson

Youth
Sunday, February 23rd – **Sunday School and Confirmation Class** from 10:00-10:45 in the youth room.

Sunday, February 23rd – **SNY** at the Mulkey's (229 Brookfield Dr) from 4:00 - 6:00

Wednesday, February 26th – **WEY at Mig's** from 5:30 – 7:00

Wednesday, February 26th – **High School Night** at Sonic from 7:00 – 8:00.

Saturday, March 1st – **Ski Trip** to Cataloochee ski area from 10:00 – 10:00.

Mark your calendars early!
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Mardi Gras Style
Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 in Alexander Hall
and
Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 5th at 6:00 in Alexander Hall

Camp Fellowship Worship & Picnic will be May 18th!
Festivities already being planned – got ideas?
Contact Elise or anyone on CE.

Mardi Gras Bake Sale for PGS
Treat yourself before Lent begins! Palmetto Girls Sing is hosting a Bake Sale on Sunday, March 2, before and after worship services. Additionally, there will be a beautiful, handmade quilt as a silent auction item. If you won't be able to attend next Sunday, we will also sell baked goods on Monday, March 3 from 4:30-7:30. Thank you for your support of PGS!

Sunday, February 23
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class (YR)
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
4:00 p.m. - Youth (Mulkey's)
4:00 p.m. - Festiva (Sanc)
5:30 p.m. - Session (HR)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Choir Rm)
Monday, February 24
10:00 a.m. - Pres. Women (HR)
4:30 p.m. - Committed Prayers (Chapel)
4:30 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
5:00 p.m. - Endowment (Conf Rm)
5:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts Planning (BR)
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
Tuesday, February 25
9:15 a.m. - Staff Mtg
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)
Wednesday, February 26
7:00 a.m. - Mens Bible Study (Conf Rm)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner (AH)
6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
6:00 p.m. - Youth MS GOTE (Migs)
7:00 p.m. - Youth HS GOTE (Sonic)
6:00 p.m. - Adults (HR/FISH/Conf Rm)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 27
10:00 a.m. - Emerald Bells
Friday, February 28
Saturday, March 1
10:00 a.m. - Youth Ski Trip

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by Mr. Frank Lawrence to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr & Mrs. Jame sd. Kirby, Mr. & Mrs. Plug Lawrence, Jean Lawrence, and Peggy Lawrence.

Wednesday Night Fellowship
February 26th:
5:30 dinner (Spaghetti, pear salad, tossed salad, garlic bread)
6:00 programming for all ages (nursery available)
(\$5/children, \$10/youth & adults)
Check your Spire for details.

YOUTH PINESTRAW FUNDRAISER
The Youth are selling pine straw for \$6.50 per bale. They will deliver it on Saturday morning, March 8th. See a youth on Sunday mornings or contact Jade Green at youth@firstgreenwood.com to order.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS
The Nominating Committee is accepting Officer Nominations from the congregation. Please complete the Nominating Form that can be found on the desk in the front lobby. Deadline to submit a nomination March 10th.

On Sunday, April 13, 2025, the Youth will hold its bi-annual **AUCTION AND DINNER FUNDRAISER** in Alexander Hall from 6 - 8 pm. The purpose of this event is to raise funds for our mission trip to West Virginia in July, as well as for many other youth trips and activities.

Your financial donations are tax deductible and you can support our Youth in many ways:

- 1.) **Become a Table Sponsor of the dinner!** For just \$125, get your Name or Company Logo placed on a Table of 10 guests and the opportunity to set out your business cards, pamphlets, and merchandise on the table!
- 2.) **Donate to the Live Auction!** This would include our larger valued items, such as vacation homes.
- 3.) **Donate to the Silent Auction!** This would include gift baskets, gift cards, themed dinners, miscellaneous services, new or like new items, collectibles, etc. for purchase at silent auction through bids.
- 4.) Not tax deductible but equally important is to **attend the Dinner and buy something at the auction.** Please email Jade Green at youth@firstgreenwood.com to support our youth!

Youth Sunday
February 23, 2025
11:00 am



THIS AFTERNOON
at 4:00 pm
Keyboards with Steve Skinner, Tim Walters, & Stanley Colbert

Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Music Associate/Guitarist -- Stephan Botchie
Noah's Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham

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GATHERING MUSIC “Ever Joyful” Ralph Manuel
Stanley Colbert, Steve Skinner, Tim Walters
(a foretaste of this afternoon’s FESTIVA)

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS Maryclaire Griffith,
Kate Justesen, and Jenna Lucas
Leader: In the beginning was the Word, *John 1:1, 14*
People: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
And the Word became flesh and lived among us.
(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.)

MINUTE FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS Louise Sligh

PRELUDE “Here I Am to Worship” Chris Tomlin
Charlie Fennell

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Keaton Willard
Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –
People: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.
Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good –
People: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.
Leader: Let us worship God today –
People: Because we are God’s people.
Leader: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN** #702** “Christ Be Beside Me” BUNESSAN

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God,
we come to you embarrassed of our actions and attitudes.
We constantly break your trust and the trust of others,
hurting ourselves in the process.
We pray for forgiveness and thank you
for giving us undeserved grace through your son Jesus.
Help us and give us wisdom to follow the right path
and live a life serving you.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

RESPONSE #452 “Open the Eyes of My Heart”
Stephan Botchie, leader

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Battle Belongs”
Charlie Fennell, guitar

***Doxology (On Screens)**

***Dedication of the Offering**

As we have received, so now we give.
As Jesus has shown us, so now we do unto others,
as God has so graciously done for us.
Thanks be to God!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel

Ava Hamm

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-17, 30-32

Shirley Gardner and Jackson Hamm

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Musical Meditation

SERMON

“15,000 Steps with Jesus”

Rev. Hite

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Written by our Youth)*

Youth

Leader: Dear God, watch over our church family and help our community as it continues to recover from the hurricane this past fall.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us to spread your word around the world to share your love with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Provide healing and strength for loved ones battling cancer and other diseases. Help those who are suffering find comfort in God and from their church family.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Protect students and teachers allowing them to focus and learn as they finish out the school year.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Support us in developing friendships that allow us to be spiritual influences in others’ lives and watch over our families as we continue to grow in faith together.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

***CLOSING HYMN #252**

“Day of Arising”

RAABE

***BENEDICTION** *(please remain for the Sung Benediction)*

Rev. Hite and Youth

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

***SUNG BENEDICTION (On Screens)** “See with the Eyes of God” GREENWOOD

(At the conclusion of the service, please share the peace with one another. Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)

***POSTLUDE**

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are in the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated