



The Spire

First Presbyterian Church

March 2025

Greenwood, SC

A Message From Our Pastor...

These are exciting times at FPC Greenwood. We finished 2024 with an almost 20 percent financial surplus. We had 15 people join our church in January. And on March 9th, we will kick off our capital/faith campaign to assess whether we will build a family life center. As we celebrate these milestones, we recognize that we have a lot of work to do. We want to see better attendance at Sunday School. We want to get more involvement in the ministries and missions of our church. And we have many projects underway in our present buildings. In fact, there is always more work to do. The Building and Grounds Committee, along with Vince, has a long list of repairs that need to be addressed. At the top of that list is renovating the kitchen, painting exterior surfaces, including the steeple, and beautifying the church's landscape.



What is important to remember is that the work to be done on our programs and church building is happening alongside the possibility of a family life center. The new building does not push the other projects further down the list. The committees working on these projects are separate, along with the funding to complete them. Every project takes time. We are on the schedule for painters, plumbers, and landscapers and are waiting our turn.

Though we have a lot of exciting projects happening at our church, I always want to keep the mission of Christ before us. Our highest priority is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. All these other projects are simply means to that great mission. A building or program should never be the end in itself. So, let's keep our eyes set on Jesus. Get involved where needed. And work together to keep FPC thriving and vital to our community.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Kyle'.

Pastor Kyle

SPECIAL SERVICES

2025 Lenten Services and Lunch Schedule

During Lent, area churches invite the community to worship and have lunch together every Wednesday. Lunch is served twice with a worship service in between seatings. Meals will be served at 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Lenten Pilgrimage worship will be from 12:35 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The schedule for the 2025 Lenten Pilgrimage series is shown below.

Date	Host
March 5	First Baptist Church
March 12	Immanuel Lutheran Church
March 19	Greenwood First ARP Church
March 26	South Main Street Baptist Church
April 2	Main Street United Methodist Church
April 9	First Presbyterian Church
April 16	Morris Chapel Baptist Church

\$2 donation to cover the cost of the meal.

A love offering will be accepted at each service to benefit
Greater Greenwood United Ministries.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

MARCH 5TH at 6:00 PM
ALEXANDER HALL

No Dinner will be served this night.

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, March 4th
at 6:00 pm
in Alexander Hall

Cost is \$5/kids,
\$10/youth & adults



Activities
& Games

Please RSVP by Monday
the 3rd at noon

Pancake Party

www.vanessamyers.org





Silent Auction Dinner

**Sunday, April 13th from 6pm -8pm
in Alexander Hall**

Join us for fine dining in support of our youth mission trip to W. Va. in 2025, and other youth trips and activities.

Tickets are \$30 per person and includes dinner plus live and silent auction bidding.

Select fish or pork tenderloin for dinner options when registering on Realm.

Tickets are \$30 per person. RSVP by Wednesday, April 2nd.

**First Presbyterian Church of Greenwood
Attn: Youth Auction
PO Box 426
Greenwood, SC 29648**

Dear Friend:

On Sunday, April 13, 2025, the Youth will hold its bi-annual auction 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.

If you or your business would like to be a Table Sponsor or donate auction items, please return the bottom portion of this page to the church office with your check or items no later than **April 3, 2025**. Please be sure to specify "Youth Auction" on your check/item.

All Sponsors are recognized on the tables, and in a Power Point slide show at dinner!

Purchase your ticket for the dinner on April 13th for your chance to bid on many wonderful items!

Thank you for your support!

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**Individual / Corporate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship or Donation description: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors, please email your **LOGO in pdf or jpeg** to [youth@firstgreenwood.org](mailto:youth@firstgreenwood.org) by **4/3/25**.

**\*\*Please return this stub with your payment or items\*\***



# children's ministry

from The Root Cellar

## Sundays@10

Children K3 (potty-trained) - 5th grade  
Meet in the Gathering Room in the *Root Cellar*  
10:00 – 10:45 A. M.

|          |                                              |          |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| March 2  | 21 - Psalms - songs to God                   | Elise    |
| March 9  | Steward Ship 1: 2 Corinthians 9:7; Exodus 35 | Amanda   |
| March 16 | Seward Ship 2: Matthew 25:14-30              | Cindy    |
| March 23 | Steward Ship 2: Hebrews 13:16; John 6: 1-14  | Michelle |
| March 30 | Lent - symbol of butterfly                   | Elise    |

# CHILDREN'S CHAPEL



Sunday's  
during 11:00  
sermon



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| March 2  | The man who didn't have any friends (none) (264)                            | Beth Pruitt, Quay Justesen & Maddie Ray Shirley |
| March 9  | Joseph gets a new name.<br>Giving and helping are a lifestyle.              | Cindy Leary & Linsey Anderson                   |
| March 16 | A widow surrenders all.<br>Giving and serving can also be called sacrifice. | Luke Penney                                     |
| March 23 | Dorcas Gives All for God; Committing to Service                             | Sarah Pinson                                    |
| March 30 | Running Away (272)                                                          | Merrie Wright                                   |



Wednesdays  
5:15 - 7:00  
For children K3  
(potty-trained) - 5th

**Wednesday evenings are for church family!  
God equips us for life when we grow deep roots as children!**

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| March 5  | Tuesday - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at 6:00<br>Wednesday - ASH WEDNESDAY service at 6:00 |              |
| March 12 | 22 - Money Changers - Jesus gets mad                                                         | Wright/Jenks |
| March 19 | Intersession - No SHinE                                                                      |              |
| March 26 | Intersession - No SHinE                                                                      |              |

## SHinE Choir

Because of Ash Wednesday and Spring Break, we will only have one SHinE choir rehearsal in March. YIKES!



Please attend SHinE on Wednesday, March 12!

Our final singing Sunday of the year is Palm Sunday, April 13.

\*\*\*Please meet in the Children's Choir Room to robe and rehearse at 10:30  
PLEASE contact Amy Fennell if your child is unable to participate.



### Sharon Mulkey

Sharon responded to our plea for help with our littlest SHinE children. She helps or steps in for Tamara each week as they share music, a Bible story, and lots of play time with our K3-K5 children. These children adore them! And we are all very thankful for God providing wonderful people to serve our precious children.



# YOUTH





# Galentine's Retreat



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## **March Youth Events**

**3/1 – Ski Trip @ 10:00 am – 10:00 pm**

**3/2 – Sunday School & Confirmation Class @ 10:00 – 10:45**

**3/2 – SNY @ ECOR @ 4 – 6**

**3/4 – Shrove Tuesday @ 6**

**3/5 – Ash Wednesday Service @ 6**

**3/6 – Confirmands turn in a draft of their Faith Statement to Ms. Jade**

**3/8 – Pine Straw delivery**

**3/9 – Sunday School & Confirmation Class @ 10:00 – 10:45**

**3/9 – SNY @ FPC @ 4-6**

**3/16 – Sunday School & Confirmation Class @ 10:00 – 10:45**

**3/23 – Sunday School & Confirmation Class @ 10:00 – 10:45**

**3/30 – Sunday School & Confirmation Class @ 10:00 – 10:45**

**3/30 – Confirmands present their Faith Statements to the Session @ 5:00**

**3/30 – RSVP deadline for the middle school mission trip**



*We will not meet in March due to Intersession.*

**Youth Mission Trip**  
*Summer 2025*

**East Bank, WV**  
**July 6th - 12th**

*RSVP by Thursday, May 1st by paying a \$50 nonrefundable deposit on Realm or to Nan*

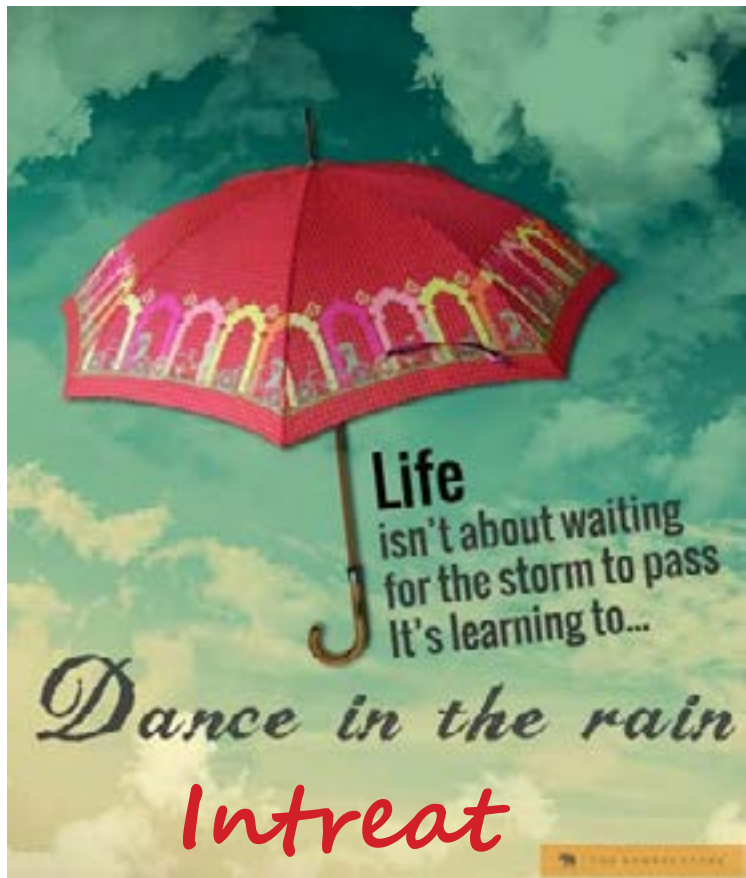


*If your college student would like to apply to be a summer intern at FPC, please get an application from Elise.*

*Due by March 15.*

**YOUNG ADULTS**

Young Adult Class meets in room 206 with Bob & Sadie Erwin or Robbie & Lisa Sanders



## Join us for our 2025 Women's INTREAT!

We all want to learn to Dance in the Rain,  
but it takes practice!  
Come refresh your retreat experience  
or  
come enjoy some much-needed  
fellowship and faith anew.

Sunday, March 16th  
Following the 11:00 service  
Alexander Hall  
\$10 for lunch

Bring friends and plan to laugh and grow.

Register here:

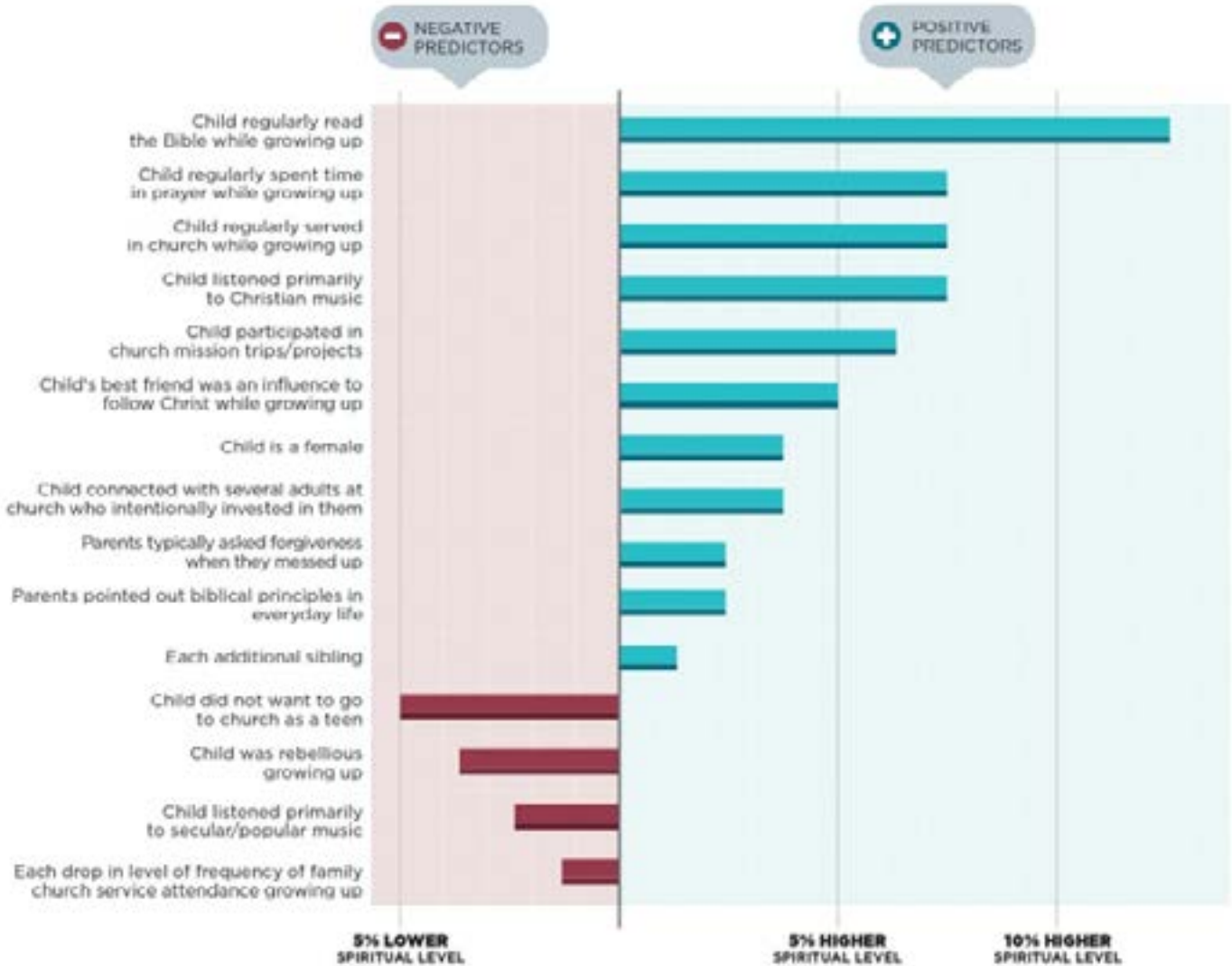


# LET'S BRAINSTORM TOGETHER

Check out the chart below.

As FPC partners with parents to build a foundation of faith in our children and young people, how can we best focus our efforts as a church?

## Best predictors of spiritual health among young adults



FROM NOTHING LESS BY JANA MACRUDER



NOTE: LifeWay Research asked Protestant churchgoing parents to describe the upbringing and current spiritual health of their young adult children. These 15 factors were the most predictive of spiritual health in young adulthood. These factors have a cumulative effect.

We want to hear from you! Please pray first and then share your thoughts, questions, insights, and ideas with any of the following:

Elise Collins  
Kristi Tucker  
Linsey Anderson

David Epps  
Jessica Willard  
Michelle Barksdale

Tamara McLeod  
Luke Penney  
Amanda Dunlap

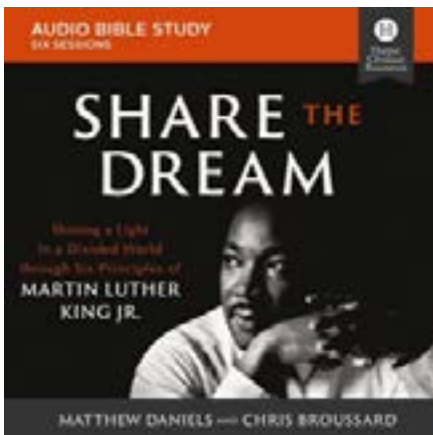
Lisa Goff  
Merrie Wright  
Cindy Leary



**Sundays@10  
for Adults!**

10:00

## Sojourners - Henry Reynolds (Room 110)



### It's Time to Share the Dream. . .

Dr. King and the men and women around him were able to change history through the power of a dream that was not rooted in mere human principles. That dream was rooted in the love of God for all his children made in his image.

*Share the Dream*® is a six-session video Bible study (streaming code included) based on the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each session revolves around one of the biblical principles that shaped Dr. King's life and motivated him to speak on behalf of African Americans in the Civil Rights Movement.

## FISH (Fellowship in Serving Him) – room 205

### Does your faith make room for questions?

Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? Often we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God.

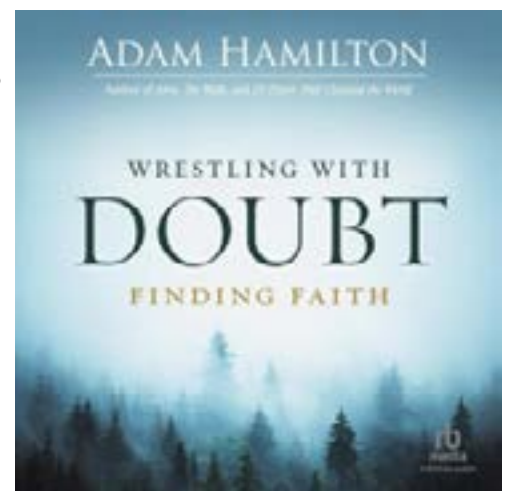
In *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, join best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them. You will delve into questions like:

“Does God exist? How can I know?”

“Is the Bible true?”

“Why do prayers go unanswered?”

Hamilton approaches these sources of doubt with honesty and insight, drawing on the rich wisdom of the Bible, Christian tradition, and his experience walking with thousands of people on their spiritual journey. Whether you're a longtime Christian or someone brand new to faith, this book will lead you to a trust in God that is unafraid of hard questions. Wrestle with doubt and find faith—belief and trust, not certainty; mystery rather than simple answers.





# VBS for everyone!

- Opening session with live music and worship songs
  - Rotations: Bible, dinner, craft, recreation
    - Nightly Special Ending Surprise
- Service Project: Coin Collection for the Din family/ministry in Pakistan
  - We need youth helpers and adult leaders
  - We need decorators (decorating June 2-5)
  - Need service hours - come & get them with us!



## Wednesday Night Fellowship

5:15 – Gather - Children on the playground;  
adults and youth in AH

5:30 – Dinner for adults and youth (\$10)  
RSVP by Monday or request to be added to the weekly list.

5:40 – Dinner for children (pay \$5 weekly or by semester/year)

5:55 – Prayer for everyone

6:00 programming Women in the Conference Room (206), Men in the FISH class (205), and Pastor's Bible study in the Henry Reynolds room (110); Children (The Root Cellar); Youth (the Loft)

Menus:

March 4: SHROVE TUESDAY AT 6:00: Pancakes, sausage, breakfast casserole, fruit

March 5th: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 6:00. No dinner this night

March 12th: Meatball stronganoff  
over noodles, carrots, biscuits

March 19th: Country Fried steak,  
mashed potatoes & gravy, black-  
eyed peas

March 26th: Fried chicken, rice &  
gravy, green beans

“No matter how simple  
the meal might be,   
the most important thing is  
everyone sharing time  
with one another,  
creating memories.”





A vibrant Mardi Gras parade float featuring a central green and purple mask, purple balloons, yellow and purple streamers, and colorful fireworks. The float is decorated with various Mardi Gras symbols like feathers, beads, and confetti.

Please join us for a

# MARDI GRAS BAKE SALE

March 2

Before and After Worship Services

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Cookies • Cakes • Pies

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
PALMETTO GIRLS SING

# MISSIONS/OUTREACH

## MONTHLY MISSION SPOTLIGHT Greenwood Pathway House



## 2024 MINISTRY REPORT

### MINISTRY ACTIVITY

- \* 394 different people served (96 children, 250 adults, 35 seniors, 13 Veterans)
- \* 54,268 meals served
- \* 18,144 client days
- \* 2,473 client assistance records

### CLIENT SUCCESS

- \* 99 people got a home
- \* 110 people got a job
- \* 208 life skills classes completed
- \* 111 people received trauma therapy
- \* 56 people received work skills training
- \* 32 people entered trauma healing programs
- \* 26 parenting classes completed
- \* 23 anger management classes completed
- \* 16 children enrolled in early childhood education
- \* 145 people achieved medical goals
- \* 76 people achieved education goals

### ETERNAL IMPACT

- \* 28 people decided to follow Jesus
- \* 28 people were baptized
- \* 265 hours of Bible study
- \* 38 children in the Good News Club

### PATHWAY RECREATION AREA

We celebrated the Grand Opening of Pathway Recreation Area on September 4th. The recreation area provides a ball field, soccer field, two playgrounds, a scooter track, and a swing set. Now our clients can experience fun, fitness, and fellowship in an environment that produces healthier and more well-rounded families.

### STRONG FAMILIES PROGRAM

We launched our Strong Families Program in November to prevent childhood trauma and mitigate the effects of existing trauma in families experiencing homelessness. This program serves all of the parents on our campus and is designed to break the intragenerational cycle of trauma by creating stronger families.

### ECONOMIC IMPACT

- \* \$5,189,711 of economic contribution
- \* \$1,601,824 of medical cost savings

### MINISTRY ACCOLADES

- \* **True Inspiration Award** - Chick-fil-A
- \* **Platinum Seal of Transparency** - Candid

# MISSIONS/OUTREACH cont.

## BISHOP MANASSEH MANKULEIYO

**NOVEMBER 27, 2024 – JANUARY 30, 2025**

First Presbyterian Church has been supporting Bishop Manasseh Mankuleiyo's Kenyan Mission since 2007. In 2017, Kenya Faith Missions (KFM), a nonprofit tax-exempt organization, was established by several members of the congregation to further support the ministry of bringing the gospel message to the Maasai and other tribes in rural Kenya.

When Manasseh recently arrived back from Kenya, he wrote: "I deeply want to thank FPC for helping us reach the forgotten Maasailand with the Gospel. Here's the good news: The Maasai people are entering the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Thank you, First Presbyterian Church Greenwood SC."

The following are some highlights of the 2024-2025 Kenya Mission:

1. One thousand Maasai language Bibles (\$14 each) were purchased in early January with a \$14,000 grant from our First Presbyterian Church Endowment. Manasseh distributed 900 Maasai Bibles over the next 3 weeks before he returned to Greenwood at the end of the month. He has 100 bibles that will be distributed at the Ecumenical Conference next December.
2. Manasseh led the Annual Ecumenical Conference the first week in December. Twenty-five churches were represented, including the Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, and the African Inland Church. It was attended by over 2000 people. Activities include preaching, teaching, Bible studies, training and ordination of new pastors.
3. Bishop Manasseh ordained forty new pastors during this trip, and half of these pastors are establishing new churches this year.
4. Manasseh was broadcast on the radio and five times on a Christian television station.
5. He traveled to western Kenya where he led open air evangelistic meetings and preached at a several churches.
6. The evangelistic meetings were held to share the Gospel Message. When he spoke at a large African Inland Church, over 200 people accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

# MISSIONS/OUTREACH cont.

## UPDATE ON PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Last spring, a group of members decided to revive this ministry of creating prayer shawls and lap robes. To date, over 40 items have been produced by this group, in conjunction with the generous efforts of crafters in the Grand Harbor community (Knit Wits!). So far 15 items have been gifted to our members.



If you know someone who would appreciate an item of homemade comfort, please contact Susie Aufderheide, 412-973-3456, or the church office. We welcome new members - all who enjoy knitting and crocheting! We generally meet the first Friday of each month, but attendance is optional if you prefer to work on your own.

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## NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED FEBRUARY 2, 2025



Received into FPC membership on February 2, 2025. Please be sure to give them a warm welcome!  
 L to R: Jade Green (Our Director of Youth & Young Adults), Rachel Schiera, Tony Schiera, Karen Couser, Jacki Berkshire, John King, Lucia Bishop, Thurmond Bishop, Jane Todd, Melanie Poff, John Poff

Palmetto Girls Sing!  
presents a  
**10th Anniversary Festival**

Join us May 30th – June 1st

Featuring Special Guest Composer

**Tom Shelton**



Scan the QR Code or visit our website to register for this musical opportunity! PGS Alumnae, join us! The deadline to register is April 7th.

[www.palmettogirlssinggreenwood.com/](http://www.palmettogirlssinggreenwood.com/)



# STEWARDSHIP

## 4 Principles of Stewardship

By: Terrance Glover

“What does stewardship look like in our lives today?” This question must be asked to evaluate where our mindset is. Yes, stewardship can be applied in to how we use money for the glory of God, but looking further, stewardship is being responsible for the things that God has given us. To help build a framework, we will begin unpacking this idea of stewardship through four important biblical principles.

### 1. The principle of ownership.

Psalms 24:1 proclaims that “the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (NIV). One thing that we must recognize in understanding stewardship is the fact that God owns everything in our lives. We must change our mindset towards ownership to obey God’s will involving our possessions. Deuteronomy 8:18 that demands us to “remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.” Since God owns it all, how much authority do you give God over your possessions?

### 2. The principle of responsibility.

In the beginning of Genesis, God created everything and puts Adam to work in the garden to take care of it. Relating this to our lives, Adam’s purpose is our current duty to fulfill. Since God owns everything, we are obligated to carry out the will of the father. Owners have rights and stewards have responsibilities. We must understand that when God blesses us with abundance, the abundance creates more of a responsibility to handle what God has given us. What has God given you that you are responsible for?

### 3. The principle of accountability.

In Matthew 12:36, Jesus says “but I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgement for every empty word they have spoken.” God has entrusted humanity to have authority over creation and we are not allowed to rule over it however we see fit. We are called to exercise dominion under the management of the Creator. We have been tasked with overseeing His creation in accordance with the principles He has established. In the end, we will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to us. How can you stay accountable and steward well what He has provided?

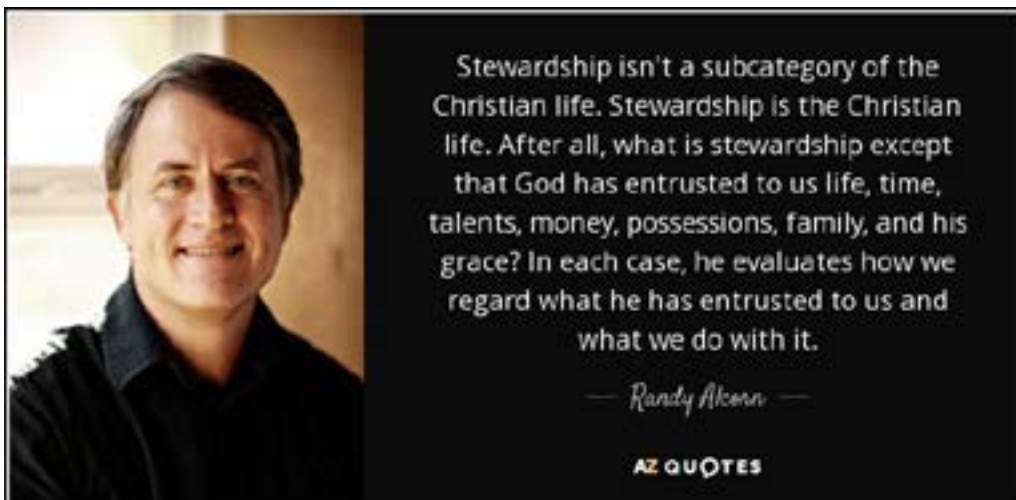
## STEWARDSHIP cont.

### 4. The principle of reward.

In Colossians 3:23-24, Paul writes, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Accountability of our ability to follow God’s commandments can generate reward. Moreover, we must switch our focus from the temporary to the eternal. The treasures that are stored up within us will also be rewarded through true sanctification that is in heaven after we depart from this earth. How comfortable are you with your life if God were to give an account for you right now?

As Christians, we need to fully understand this broader view of stewardship that goes beyond just handling one’s finances; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world. There are principles in which we must reflect ourselves on our role as stewards. We need to understand that the Lord doesn’t only want us to handle our money and possessions well, but to handle all aspects of our lives. To be faithful stewards, we are called to glorify him, serve the common good, and further His Kingdom. As you begin understanding the concept of stewardship, what is your response? Let’s challenge ourselves to...

1. Believe God OWNS it all
2. Understand the RESPONSIBILITIES He has given us.
3. Remain ACCOUNTABLE for how we steward what He provides.
4. Remember our REWARD & treasure is found in having an eternal perspective.





# Presbyterian Women News

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Lent is traditionally a season of reflection, repentance, and sacrifice, but it is also an opportunity to cultivate gratitude. As we journey through these 40 days, we can focus not only on what we give up but also on the blessings we often overlook. Gratitude shifts our perspective, helping us recognize God's presence in our daily lives, even in moments of struggle or sacrifice. By thanking God for His mercy and the gift of salvation, we deepen our spiritual walk and prepare our hearts for Easter with renewed faith and appreciation.

Practicing gratitude during Lent can take many forms, from keeping a daily journal of blessings to expressing thanks in prayer and acts of kindness. When we intentionally acknowledge God's goodness, we align our hearts with His grace and experience the season with a sense of joy rather than obligation. Gratitude transforms our sacrifices into acts of love, reminding us that Lent is not just about deprivation but about drawing closer to Christ.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voting by the congregation for new PW Coordinating Team members and circle leaders will take place toward the end of March prior to and following both services. The date will be announced in weekly updates and our church bulletin. Voting is not only for circle members but it is for all women of the church.

Women's Sunday - Mark your calendar for the PW Women's Sunday Service - Sunday, April 27. Teresa Reed will lead our sermon at both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services. The induction of new officers and the announcement of our Honorary Life Member will be announced at the 11:00 a.m. service.

*Lisa Yarbrough* - Moderator, Presbyterian Women  
864.313.5511 ~ yarbroughsc@gmail.com

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| <p style="text-align: center;">PW COORDINATING TEAM MEETING<br/>Monday, March 24, 2025 ~ 10:00 am ~ Henry Reynolds Room</p> |
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**Circle 1** will meet on Tuesday, March 4th, at 10:30 am, at Wesley Commons.  
Contact Jean Mabe 941-7817.

**Circle 3** will meet Monday, March 10th, at 10:30 am, in the Henry Reynolds Room (110).  
Contact Rebecca Wise 554-6993 or Gigi Smith 554-8177

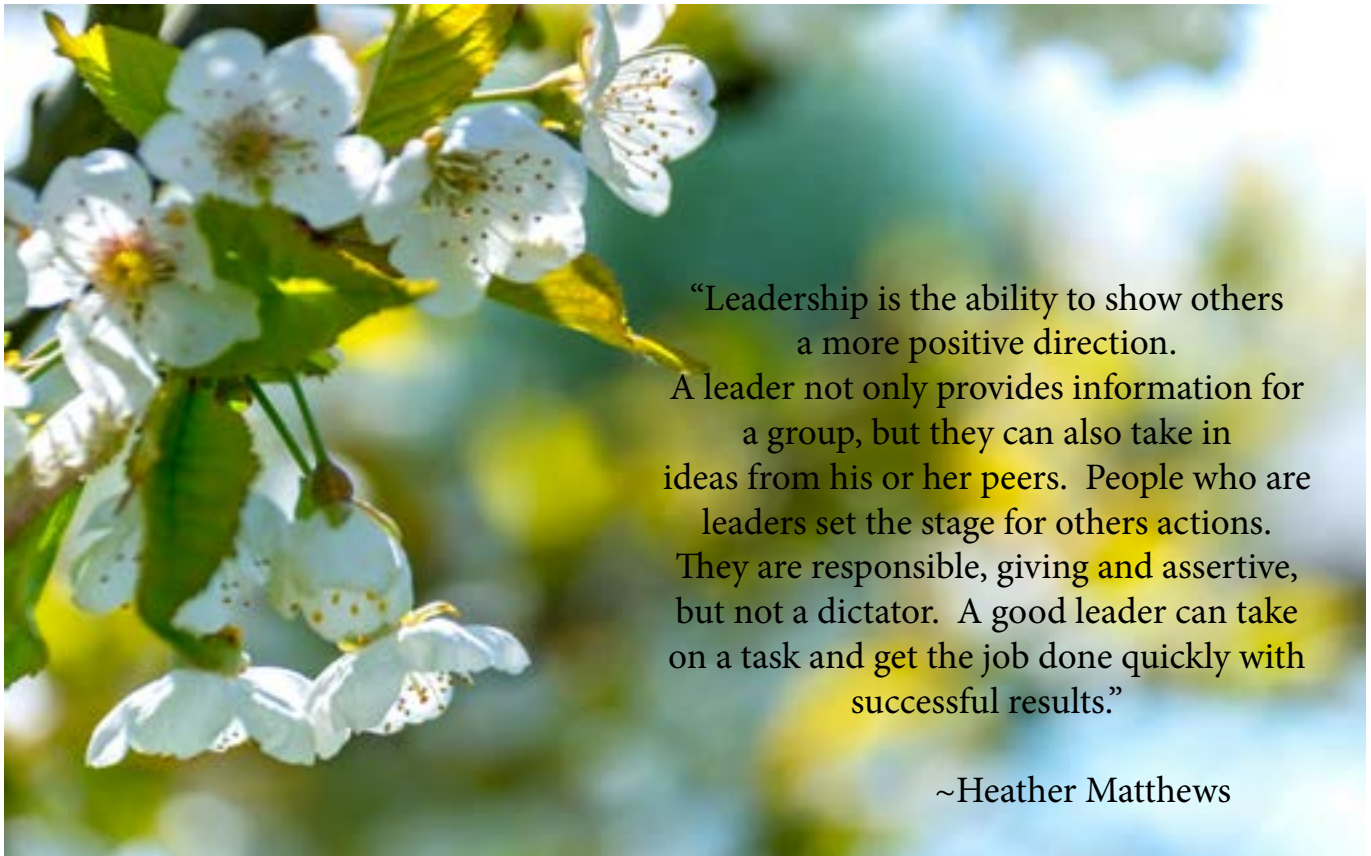
**Circle 4** will meet Monday, March 3rd, at 11:00 am, at Montague's.  
Contact Marilyn Towne 229-6990

**Circles 5** will meet Tuesday, March 11th, at 12:30 pm, in Alexander Hall.  
and includes lunch & childcare.  
Contact Meg Stevens 993-7536 & Tara Gibson, 773-991-3374

**Circle 6** will meet Monday, March 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Barksdale Room (122).  
Contact Jessica Willard (jesswillard81@gmail.com, 993-5980) or  
Nickie Murphy (famurphy01@aol.com, 205-317-5347)

**Circle 7** will meet Tuesday, March 4th, at 10:30 am at the home of Tamara McLeod.  
Contact Becky Bryson 223-2998 & Jill Koczwara (570) 344-3192

**Circle 8** will meet on Tuesday, March 4th, at 11:30 am, in the Barksdale Room (122).  
Contact Betty Williams 993-0466.



“Leadership is the ability to show others  
a more positive direction.  
A leader not only provides information for  
a group, but they can also take in  
ideas from his or her peers. People who are  
leaders set the stage for others actions.  
They are responsible, giving and assertive,  
but not a dictator. A good leader can take  
on a task and get the job done quickly with  
successful results.”

~Heather Matthews

# Noah's Ark News

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is complete, and we are full! We are excited to finish off this school year strong though with a few busy months left. Noah's Ark Sunday went great!

We were thankful to welcome our Noah's Ark families into the church to worship the Lord and see the cuteness of the children. We have lots going on leading up to our two weeks of Spring Break at the end of March. We will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with Spirit Week and continued our tradition of our Favorite Book Character Parade. We have set a CFA Spirit Night to benefit our preschool on Tuesday, March 11th from 5-8 at both locations and are excited to host our annual Donuts for Dad's for our father figures. We look forward for Pastor Kyle's message for a special Chapel.



Hooray to being 100 days smarter! We celebrated 100 days of school with lots of fun activities. Our older groups have been counting to 100 by tens and our younger groups have been counting out groups of 10 to equal 100. The children enjoyed special snacks to celebrate too! To wrap up a Farm unit, we had a special visitor, Maisie, the baby goat. (Yes, she's sporting a diaper, onesie, and hair bow! Ha!) In Chapel, our three- and four-year-olds have been discovering God's love for us. They listen to the story of Joseph and his color coat and collected over 50 cans this month for the local food bank. Everyone, apart from our tiniest babies, has been able to enjoy a weekly Spanish lesson with our new Spanish teacher, Mrs. Rihanna. They are learning to name colors and parts of the body in Spanish.



# Palmetto Girls Sing!

## Palmetto Girls Sing 10th Anniversary Festival

### Help Needed

Palmetto Girls Sing is hosting a 10th Anniversary celebration May 30-June 1. We are inviting all of our alumni back for a special weekend of singing, growing and reconnecting. We have a guest clinician and composer coming from Westminster Choir College to lead our rehearsals, and a newly commissioned piece for our anniversary is almost ready!



We need your help! Our fall fundraising efforts fell short of our goal, and we still need to raise a few thousand dollars in order to keep costs reasonable for our festival participants. How can you help? There are several ways!

- You can volunteer to help with meals during our festival.
- You can support our Mardi Gras Bake Sale on March 2 and 3.
- You can purchase a ticket for our Spring Concert on April 27.
- You can become a patron of our choir. Any amount helps!



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Would you like to donate to Palmetto Girls Sing? Any amount is so helpful! You may donate to a scholarship for a particular girl, or make a donation to benefit all of the girls.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my gift to help provide a scholarship. \_\_\_\_\_



## 2024-2025 SEASON

Sunday, October 6,  
4:00 PM

### **The Carolina Baroque Trumpet Ensemble**

The Carolina Baroque Trumpet Ensemble is composed of trumpet performers and scholars from across the Carolinas who specialize in performance on historic natural trumpets, known today as “Baroque Trumpets” because of the instrument’s celebrated usage during the Baroque period (c. 1600-1750). Joined by leading Baroque trumpeter and international performing and recording artist Kathryn Aducci, the CBTE will present a concert of fanfares and processions from the 17th and 18th Centuries on replica period instruments.

Sunday, December 15  
7:00 PM

### **Christmas @ First Pres**

Presented by the music ministries of First Presbyterian Church, Sing Noel is performed by choirs, handbells, and congregation. Anthems and carols engage the audience with melodies of the season. Join us for music that will bring joy to all this holiday!

Sunday, February 23  
4:00 PM

### **A Pageant of Keyboards**

Be our guest for a collaboration of local keyboardists! Stanley Colbert, Steven Skinner, and Tim Walters utilize five keyboards to create a rhapsodic collage.

Sunday, March 16  
4:00 PM

### **Modern Choral Classics**

In its annual concert honoring the diverse heritage of recent composers, the Greenwood Festival Chorale presents modern choral standards. Director Mr. Steven Skinner leads the chorale in its musical offerings to the community throughout the year. For auditions, contact [steve@first-greenwood.com](mailto:steve@first-greenwood.com) or see the Greenwood Festival Chorale website at [www.gwdfestivalchorale.com](http://www.gwdfestivalchorale.com).

#### **MY GIFT TO SUPPORT THE 2024-2025 FESTIVA ARTS SERIES**

**FRIEND:** \$50-\$99 \$ \_\_\_\_\_; **SPONSOR:** \$100-\$599 \$ \_\_\_\_\_; **PATRON:** \$500-\$999 \$ \_\_\_\_\_; **ANGEL:** \$1,000 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and mail it to:

**First Presbyterian Church**

**P.O. Box 426, Greenwood, SC 29648**

or leave it in the church office. Your check payable to  
FPC is tax deductible.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Please keep in mind that these events/happenings/places are not set in stone. Keep watch in the bulletin, next month's *Spire*, and the Pastor's Update for more current information.**

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, March 1   | Youth Ski Trip                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Sunday, March 2     | Communion during both services<br>PGS Bake Sale                                                                                                                                             |
| Tuesday, March 4    | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (6:00 pm, Alexander Hall)                                                                                                                                     |
| Wednesday, March 5  | Ash Wednesday<br>Lenten Lunch & Service (12:00 noon, First Baptist Church)<br>Ash Wednesday Service (6:00 pm, Alexander Hall)                                                               |
| Saturday, March 8   | Change Clocks<br>Pinestraw Delivery                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sunday, March 9     | First Sunday of Lent                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wednesday, March 12 | Lenten Lunch & Service (12:00 noon, Immanuel Lutheran Church)                                                                                                                               |
| Sunday, March 16    | Second Sunday of Lent<br>Women's Intreat & Lunch (12:15 pm, Alexander Hall)<br>Festiva (4:00 pm, Sandtuary)<br>Diaconate (5:30 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)                                     |
| Wednesday, March 19 | Lenten Lunch & Service (12:00 noon, Greenwood ARP Church)                                                                                                                                   |
| Sunday, March 23    | Third Sunday of Lent                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wednesday, March 26 | Lenten Lunch & Service (12:00 noon, South Main Baptist Church)                                                                                                                              |
| Sunday, March 30    | Fourth Sunday of Lent<br>Session Meeting (5:30 pm, Chapel. Confirmands give their faith statements)                                                                                         |
| Wednesday, April 2  | Lenten Lunch & Service (12:00 noon, Main Street United Methodist Church)                                                                                                                    |
| Sunday, April 6     | Fifth Sunday of Lent<br>Communion during both services<br>Confirmation Sunday<br>Confirmation reception (12:00 noon, front lobby)<br>Captial Campaign Celebration Luncheon (Alexander Hall) |
| Wednesday, April 9  | Lenten Lunch & Service (12:00 noon, Alexander Hall)                                                                                                                                         |

# GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

## RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS:

(Home unless noted)

Jane Anderson -- SRH

Kay Dukes -- SRH

Karen Jennings -- SRH

*Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of Steve Lee upon his passing on February 2, 2025; and to the family of Martha Dunlap upon her passing on February 23, 2025. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.*



*Congratulations to David & Elizabeth Noffsinger on the birth of their grandson, Hudson Eugene Arce, born January 23, 2025. Parents are Emily & Paolo Arce of Spartanburg; and, to Steve and Carol Skinner on*

*the birth of their granddaughter, Elizabeth Jean Skinner, born February 4, 2025. Parents are Andrew and Hannah Skinner of Bristol, CT.*

*Thank you everyone for your kindness during this time of recovery. We appreciate all the visits, prayers, food, cards, phone calls, flowers, and the members of our church family who helped begin the cleanup of our yard after Hurricane Helene.*

*With love and gratitude,  
The Goodwins*

## Other Items of Interest

We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** during both services on **March 2, 2025**.

**Deadline for the April issue of *The Spire* is Wednesday, March 12, 2025.**

## TEAM MEETINGS

The **Admin Committee** will meet Monday, March 17th, at 5:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Buildings & Grounds Committee** will meet Monday, March 10th, at 5:15 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Christian Education Team** will meet Sunday, March 30th, at 6:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Committed Prayers Team** will meet Monday, March 31st, at 4:30 pm, in the Chapel.

The **Diaconate** will meet Sunday, March 16th, at 5:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds room (Room 110).

The **Men of the Church** will meet Tuesday, March 4th, at 5:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Missions/Outreach Committee** will meet Sunday, March 9th, at 4:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Nominating Committee** will meet Tuesday, March 18th at 5:30 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet Monday, March 24th, at 10:00 am, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Session** will meet Sunday, March 30th, at 5:30 pm, in the Chapel. Confirmands will give their faith statements.

**Stephen Ministry** will meet Wednesday, March 12th, at 4:30 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Worship Committee** will meet Tuesday, March 11th at 5:30 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Youth Team** will meet Sunday, March 9th, at 12:15 pm, at Panera.

**Please note that the place, time, and date of these meetings are subject to change.**

# GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION cont.

## OFFICER NOMINATING FORM

There are several ways to make your nomination(s) and the reason(s) for your nomination(s). Please have your nominations turned in by March 10th.

- 1.) Return completed form to the church office.
- 2.) Drop in the offering plate on Sunday morning.
- 3.) Email information to office@firstgreenwood.com.
- 4.) Give form to a member of the staff.
- 5.) Give form to Lousie Sligh, Chair of Nominating Committee

## OFFICER NOMINATIONS

ELDER (3-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH ELDER (1-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

DEACON (3-year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH DEACON (1-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

TRUSTEE (5-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

Please give the reasons why you think this person(s) would make a contributing, active officer of the church.

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\_\_\_\_\_

### Offices to be filled:

- Elders (Committees, 3-Year Term)**  
 Administration  
 Buildings & Grounds  
 Christian Education  
 Financial Oversight  
 Missions & Outreach  
 Nominating  
 Personnel  
 Worship  
 Youth  
 Youth Elder (1-Year Term)

- Deacons (Committees, 3-Year Term)**  
 Chancel  
 Congregational Care  
 Fellowship  
 Men of the Church  
 Music  
 Noah's Ark  
 Stewardship  
 Ushers  
 Youth Deacon (1-Year Term)

**Trustee (5-Year Term)**



*Easter Lilies*

*Easter Lily sales will begin Sunday, March 30th and go through Monday, April 14th. Cost is \$22 each. Order forms are in the lobby and payment must accompany the order form. Please place your completed order form and payment in the offering plate or turn in to the front office. You may also contact the front office to place your order and pay through Realm.*



| <b>March 2025</b> |        |         |           |          |        |          |
|-------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Sunday            | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|                   |        |         |           |          |        | 1        |
| 2                 | 3      | 4       | 5         | 6        | 7      | 8        |
| 9                 | 10     | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15       |
| 16                | 17     | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22       |
| 23                | 24     | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28     | 29       |
| 30                | 31     |         |           |          |        |          |



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