

Summer Intern Fun

Be sure to check the June Spire for all the Summer Intern Fun dates for the summer!!!
Please note that when we say what age levels events are for,
we mean those who have completed those grades.
Younger children are welcome if accompanied by a parent or babysitter.
Events that have a cost can be paid on Realm or to Nan at the church.
Payment is your RSVP.

Riverbanks Banks Zoo on Monday at 9:30 am.

Humane Society for K5-5th grade completers.

Saturday, July 26th from 1-3.

Drop off and pick up at the Humane Society, 2820 Airport Rd

Youth

Sunday, July 20th – **Lunch at Panera** from 11:30 – 12:30

Senior Retreat for the class of 2026

on Friday, August 15th - Sunday, August 17th in Hendersonville, NC!
RSVP by August 3rd by paying \$60 on Realm or to Nan. The cabin has
a large living room and outdoor area for socializing, a pool table, and a gym space.
Bring spending money as we are only 10 minutes away from Kanuga and
we will go out to eat for some of the meals.

Volunteers Needed for Youth Activities

If you are interested and able to host, chaperone,
lead a devotion, or drive for a youth activity this fall
email Jade Green at youth@firstgreenwood.com
or scan the QR code to sign up.



The Rev. Dr. Danny Murphy, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk
of Trinity Presbytery, will be delivering the message NEXT SUNDAY.

Following the worship service, Dr Murphy will meet with the Session at 11:30 am.

DOOR CODE HAS CHANGED

Please call the front office for the new door code
if you have not already been contacted.

Sunday, July 20

9:00 a.m. - Town Hall Mtg (Sanc)
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
(Sojourners)
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:30 a.m. - Youth Lunch (Panera)

Monday, July 21

9:30 a.m. - Riverbanks Zoo
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

Tuesday, July 22

9:15 a.m. - Staff Mtg.

Wednesday, July 23

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study
(HR)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study
(HR)

12:00 noon - FOC (Conf Rm)

5:30 p.m. - WNF (Migs)

Thursday, July 24

6:30 p.m. - Ladies Night Out
(Montague’s)

Friday, July 25

9:00 a.m. - NA Teachers (HR)
4:30 p.m. - PGS Bootcamp (Sanc/
Lobby/Choir Rm)

Saturday, July 26

1:00 p.m. - Humane Society

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary
are given by Becky Bryson to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Erwin Abell, her par-
ents, Annie Hurdle & Lester Reynolds, and her
aunt and uncle, Alice & Elmer Reynolds.

Congratulations to Amelia Scott and Brice Mill-
er on the birth of their son, Reece Layne Miller,
born July 16, 2025. Grandparents are Jon and
Andrea Scott and great-grandparents are Larry
and Missy Richardson.

***Our Christian prayers and sympathies are ex-
tended to*** Kela Dunlap and her family on the
passing of her sister, Abby Davis, of Laurens,
SC on July 6, 2025; to Robbin Goforth and her
family on the passing of her mother, Phyllis Cal-
amas of Newberry, SC on July 14, 2025; and to
Luther Clark and his family on the passing of his
brother, Howard Clark of New Cumberland, PA
on July 15, 2025. We share with them the joy of
the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

July 20, 2025
10:00 am

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Visitors, we consider you to be our honored
guest. Our staff members are happy to as-
sist 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, Edu-
cate, Evangelize, and Fellowship. -We offer
a wide range of programs and ministries for
all ages. Several times a year a New Mem-
bers 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.

Acting Interim Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie

Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain

Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins

Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner

Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green

Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters

Music Associate/Guitarist -- Stephan Botchie

Noah’s Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham

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Office hours: M-Th: 8:00 - 4:00 and Fri: 8:00 - 12:00

We are officially ready to start praying for our new pastor!

Right now, somewhere, God is calling someone

to serve at First Pres Greenwood.

Let’s all join in this prayer over the next months

of visioning, searching, and calling:

*Lord God, we thank you for our church family and for the wonderful legacy of
pastors with whom you have blessed us over the years. Now, we seek your will in
calling our new pastor. We pray for that person, for their family, for their current
ministry. We pray for our interim, our staff, our nominating committee, and those who
will be called to serve on the PNC. We pray that your call will be clear and that you
will shape both our pastor and our church family for this new season. Fill us with love
and joy along the journey knowing we can trust you and that you want to delight both
this new pastor as well as our church family. Lord, hear my specific concerns: ...
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.*

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Christie
Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
Ps. 95:6-7
People: We are the people of God’s pasture
and the sheep of God’s hand.
(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.)

YOUTH MISSION TRIP REPORT Youth Mission Team

PRELUDE “Spirit of God” arr. Lloyd Larson
Becky Gardner; oboe; Eric Gardner, clarinet

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP Becky Gardner
Leader: God is good and loving to the faithful.
People: We give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.
God is good! We come to worship with our faithful praise!

*OPENING HYMN** (On Screens) “Trust and Obey” TRUST AND OBEY

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION Jade Green

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT CONFESSION

Jade Green

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

RESPONSE HYMN (On Screens) “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”
Hymn #628 JE LOURAI L’ÉTERNEL

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering Elise Collins

Offertory “I Am Not My Own” Craig Courtney
Based on the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 1
Eric Gardner, clarinet

*Doxology (On Screens) TALLIS’ CANON

*Prayer of Dedication Elise Collins

*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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 15 Rev. Christie
Luke 10:38-42

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Being Good”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN (On Screens) “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

The tree of life my soul hath seen, / Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be / Compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: / By faith I know, but ne’er can tell
The glory which I now can see / In Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, / And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all: but now I see / ’Tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I’m weary with my former toil, / Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be / Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, / It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be / With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Richard Hutchins, 1761

*BENEDICTION (please remain for the Congregational Benediction)

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

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (Back of Hymnal)
“We Are Yours” GLICK

(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