

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!  
So, whether they are bumping, shuffling, whispering, or giggling,  
they are welcome in worship!  
And we also adore service dog rattles and sighs.

**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.

**Family Snow Cones**

at Fire & Ice  
from 6-7:30 pm on Wednesday, July 9  
For whole family!

**We are looking for a dynamic person to fill the part-time position of  
Children’s Music Director for the ’25-’26 season.**

- This position would direct the SHinE choirs (grades 1-2; 3-5).
- Singing (how to find head voice and pitch)
  - Music reading (at the most basic level)
  - Rehearsing Anthems for worship (2-3 times per semester)
  - Excursions to off-site performance venues
  - Social activities

Coordinates with Director of Christian Education and Director of Music Ministries  
\$8,000 salary for 10 months

**Youth**

Pray for our Mission Trip to East Bank, WV. We will be gone from July 6-12.  
We will post messages on the First Presbyterian Church Greenwood, SC Facebook  
page. (If you aren’t a member of that group, search it and request to join.)  
You can post messages there for us as well. We look forward to hearing  
from you during our trip! Our group is:  
Hayden Bell, Kirk Boland, Hannah Carter, Elise Collins, Lily Collins,  
Adam Fennell, Charlie Fennell, Laura Margaret Fennell,  
Davis Sherrer, and Breydan Smith

**Ladies Night Out**

Join us on Thursday, July 10th at 6:30 at Break on the Lake  
RSVP to the front office by noon on Wednesday

**Sunday, July 6**

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
(Sojourners)  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

**Monday, July 7**

4:00 p.m. - Kenya Faith Missions  
(BR)  
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)

**Tuesday, July 8**

9:15 a.m. - Staff Mtg.  
5:45 p.m. - Worship Comm. (BR)

**Wednesday, July 9**

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study  
(HR)  
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study  
(HR)  
5:30 p.m. - WNF (Migs)  
6:00 p.m. - Family Snow Cones  
(Fire & Ice)  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, July 10**

6:30 p.m. - Ladies Night Out  
(Break on the Lake)

**Friday, July 11**

**Saturday, July 12**

***THE CHANCEL FLOWERS*** are given to the  
glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy  
Booth and in celebration of her 73rd birthday by  
her family.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship  
is meeting  
at Mig’s at 5:30 for WNF!**

We have started with the grounds update.  
This means the entire west lawn, in front of  
chapel and Old Byrd will be inaccessible due  
to demo and reseeding.

We have also started with the kitchen  
renovation. We hope to have this completed  
by the end of July.

**Worship at 10:00 for June and July  
Sojourners will meet at 9:00.  
Nursery from 9:45-11:00.**

**Church Bus Drivers**

Occasionally we need people to drive the church bus for events.  
Would you be willing to drive the bus to an event or two?  
Please let us know so we can add you to our insurance and list.

We are officially ready to start praying for our new pastor!  
Right now, somewhere, God is calling a man or woman  
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.*

***July 6, 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.

*Parish Associate -- 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*

**First Presbyterian Church**

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GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader:Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
People:the whole earth is full of God’s glory.

Rev. ChristieIsa. 6:3

(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.)

\*PRELUDE“Do Lord, Remember Me”arr. Susan T. (Nelson) Sylvester  
Becky Gardner; Michael Gardner; Shirley Gardner; Marion Smith; Handbells

ADORATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:When forces in the world threaten,  
when our bodies or spirits turn against us,  
there is One who seeks us,  
People:One who meets us,  
One who heals us,  
whose love washes over us  
and sets us free for joy.  
Leader:This One is the Lord our God.  
People:Come, let us worship.

Rev. Christie

\*OPENING HYMN\*\* #338“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSIONRev. Christie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [from Psalm 51]

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Forgive us, O God, in your steadfast love. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your own willing Spirit.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

RESPONSE HYMN #743“O God, You Are My God”STEP BY STEP

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to OfferingRev. Christie

Offertory“Like a River Glorious”by James Mountain  
arr. Bob Burroughs  
Becky Gardner; Michael Gardner; Shirley Gardner; Marion Smith; Handbells

\*Doxology (On Screens)OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of DedicationRev. Christie

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

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READINGLuke 10:1-11, 16-20Rev. Christie

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

SERMON“Holy Staging Ground”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE INVITATIONRev. Christie

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister:The Lord be with you.  
People:And also with you.  
Minister:Lift up your hearts.  
People:We lift them to the Lord.  
Minister:Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People:It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
Minister:It is truly right to glorify you...  
...we sing a hymn to your glory:  
All (G2G 559): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister:The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
People:Thanks be to God.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS (Gluten free)  
You may partake of the elements and dispose of the cups in the basket before returning to your seat. Or, you may take the bread and cup back to your seat and partake of the elements together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN #340“This Is My Song”FINLANDIA

\*BENEDICTION (please remain for the Congregational Benediction)

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION“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