



The Spire

First Presbyterian Church

September 2025

Greenwood, SC

A Message From Our Pastor...

Power tools

Last month in this space I introduced the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which many Protestant churches use to organize worship and mark their way through the church year. The lectionary is more than a calendar, though. It is a powerful tool that anyone can use to guide one's walk in the faith and to spend more time in God's Word beyond Sunday morning worship.

A Google search for *lectionary* will bring up many links to versions of the RCL and related resources. At or near the top of the results is Vanderbilt Divinity School's online **lectionary website**: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>. There you will find each week the lectionary readings—Old Testament and Psalm, New Testament and Gospel—for next Sunday's worship. You can see all the scheduled readings for the season of the year. Right now, we're in the Season after Pentecost. And you will also see daily readings. If you're looking for a new or different way to structure personal devotions or "quiet time," you need only look to the lectionary!

If you use a smartphone and prefer its convenience, you'll find these same selections on the PCUSA's **Daily Prayer app**: <https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/theology-worship/worship/get-daily-prayer-app>. There you'll see psalms, other Scripture readings (from the lectionary), and prayers for every day. This is a powerful tool, not only for personal use, but if you happen to visit a sick friend or family member, or any other time you need a quick Bible "fix."

The Vanderbilt lectionary website also offers prayers and so much more, including artworks and illustrations, slideshows, and hymn selections. What a power tool for every kind of learner!

As we're marking our way through Luke's gospel on Sunday mornings (and Wednesday evenings in the Pastor's Bible Study), we're seeing the sanctuary fill up, especially at 11:00 worship. In the Church Update you can see the weekly count of those who also worship with us online. Come and see for yourself the good things God is doing at First Pres!

Blessings,

Brad

SPECIAL SERVICES

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
10:40 A.M.
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ELECTING NEW OFFICERS**



KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS SERVICE

*Get your tartan ready.
Our Kirkin' Service is set
for October 12, 2025 at
11:00 am.
(No 9:00 service)*



CHILDREN'S SUNDAYS@10

in the Root Cellar

For children K3 (completely potty-trained) – 5th grade
From 10:00 – 10:45

SEPTEMBER 7
MICHELLE BARKSDALE

God is all-powerful, so we respect him. Its important for us to remember that God is amazing and powerful and that he reigns over us.

SEPTEMBER 14
KRISTI TUCKER

God shows grace, so we show grace. In a world full of judgment, what a breath of fresh air to receive and offer grace.

SEPTEMBER 21
PHYLLIS COLLINS

God is loyal, so we are loyal. God is steadfast and good and loving all the time. We want our life to be filled with people like this and we want to be those people.

SEPTEMBER 28
HOOD/CAROLINE SOUTER





Service Project. Come join us if you are in town as we share God's love by doing an activity together to serve others.

"Your dreams are the seeds of greatness.
Plant them and nurture them with passion"



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

targeting reading students

September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28th
			
The Unbelievable, Special Promise with Sarah Pinson and Charles Scott	A Sacrificial Promise with Merrie Wright and Olivia & Lucy	Dreamy Promises with Luke Penney and Jenna Lucas or Margaret Fleming	The Prisoner's Promise with Beth Justesen and Quay & Maddie Ray
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Monthly Prayer Focus: Psalm 121
Monthly Hymn Feature: Be Thou My Vision



SHine

Wednesdays 5:15 - 7:00 P.M.



September 3rd

God Shows Power and Sends Ten Plagues (Exodus 7:14-12:30)

Volunteers
Penney & Rendall



September 10th

God Makes Bitter Water Good (Exodus 15:22-27)

Volunteers
Anderson & Griffith



September 17th

God Sends Manna and Quail (Exodus 16:1-35)

Volunteers
Campbell & Eichelberger



September 24th

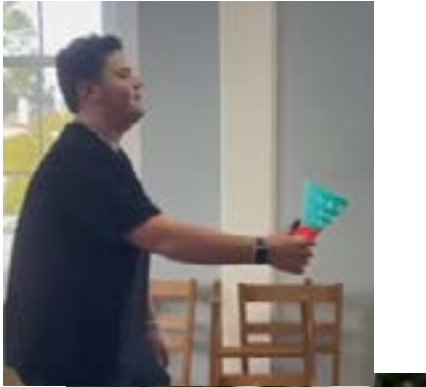
Moses Sees God's Holiness (Exodus 33-34)

Volunteers
LaForge & Willard

SHine Choir Singing Sundays: Oct. 19, Nov. 30, Mar. 29, Apr. 26 at 11:00, Dec. 14 at 4:00

Summer Intern Fun Wrap-Up







9/3 – **WEY** @ 5:30 – 7:00 with the Souters

9/7 – **Sunday School** @ 10:00 – 10:45

9/7 – **Pool Party** @ the Moseley's (across from the Church) @ 1:00 – 2:30

9/10 – **WEY** @ 5:30 – 7:00

9/14 – **Sunday School** @ 10:00 – 10:45

9/14 – **BIG FELLOWSHIP NIGHT!** @ the Railroad Historical Center. We are hosting Main Street UMC & Episcopal Church of the Resurrection!
@ 5:00 – 6:30

9/17 – **WEY** @ 5:30 -7:00

9/18 – **EGGS** at Chick-fil- A by the mall @ 7:00. The bus leaves for Westview @ 7:30.

9/21 – **Sunday School** @ 10:00 – 10:45

9/21 **Dodge Ball Night** @ Main Street United Methodist (Across the street from Church) @ 5:00 – 6:30

9/24 – **WEY GOTE** @ Mig's with the Pinsons @ 5:30-7:00

9/24 – **High School Night** @ Sonic @ 7:00 – 8:00

9/28 – **Sunday School** @ 10:00 – 10:45

**We have two big youth fellowship
nights this month!**



Sunday, September 14th

**We are hosting Main Street United Methodist and
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection at the
Railroad Historical Center @ 5:00 - 6:30**



Sunday, September 21st

Dodgeball Night

**at Main Street United Methodist Church
@5:00 - 6:30**



Secret Angel Ministry is better than EVER!

Secret Angels at FPC exist to encourage and support young adult members in the 4 transitional years past high school. We do this in a variety of ways using guidelines set up by the Secret Angel Committee. The guidelines below have been revised to reflect fairness and balance. We hope you will participate by volunteering to be a Secret Angel.

If you are a young adult, we hope you will complete the Secret Angel information form which can be found in the church office. The form will also be mailed to eligible young adults and a digital form emailed where emails are available. You may quickly access and complete the form via the QR code provided below.

The goal of FPC's Secret Angels is to let these young members know they are being prayed for and thought about. Monthly cards are encouraged. We do not want to send the message that money and gifts are needed to feel supported and loved. We also want each person to feel it is equal and fair. Any monetary gift, such as cards, should be limited to twice a year and \$15 each.

Young adult members must have completed high school or received a GED and be within 4 years of receiving their high school diploma. Attending a college or university is not a requirement, as it was in past years.

Secret Angel volunteers should use the church's address as the return address when mailing a package or card so the volunteer can remain a secret. Church's Address: P.O. Box 426, Greenwood, SC 29648.

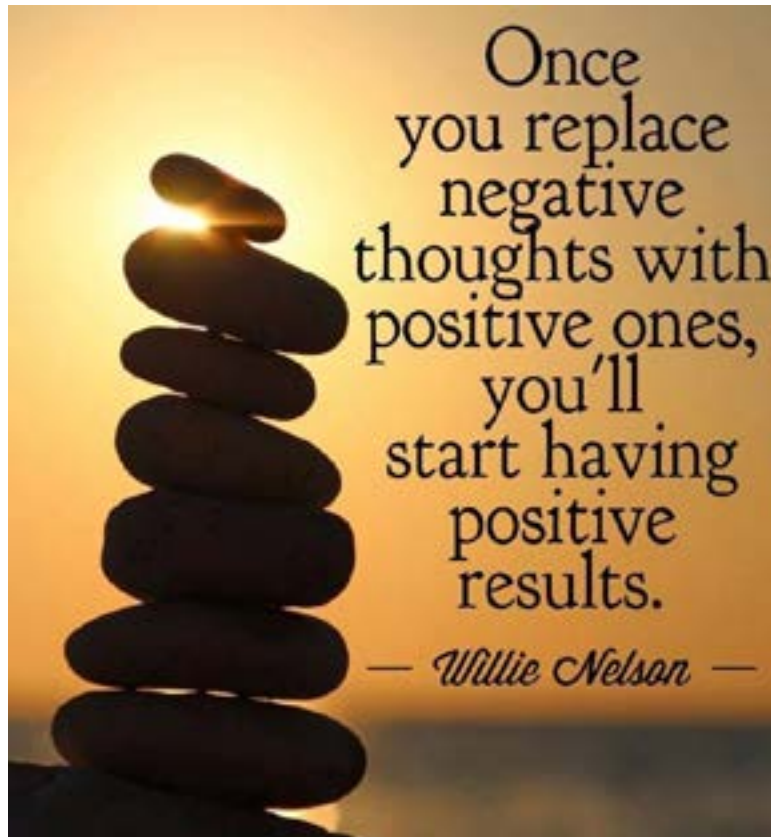
Volunteers-YOU-will make a difference with our prayers, communication, and our love. Small gestures can make a huge difference.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Secret Angel or have any questions, reach out to Lynn Mack, lynnmack12@gmail.com, cell: 864-980-6345.





We will meet on Thursday, September 18th



Volunteers Needed for Youth Activities

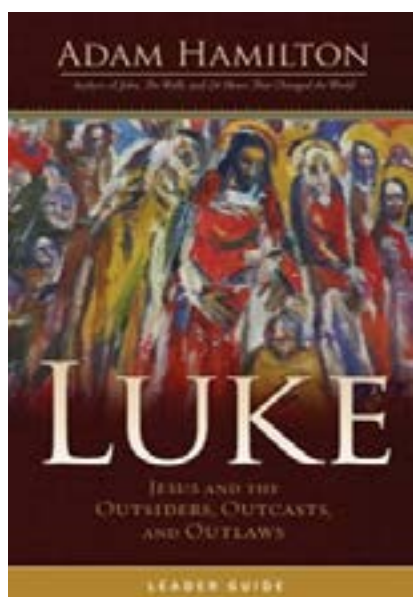
If you are interested and able to host, chaperone,
lead a devotion, or drive for a youth activity this fall,
email Jade Green at youth@firstgreenwood.com
or scan the QR code below to sign up.





**Sundays@10
for Adults!
10:00 am**

Sojourners - Henry Reynolds (Room 110)

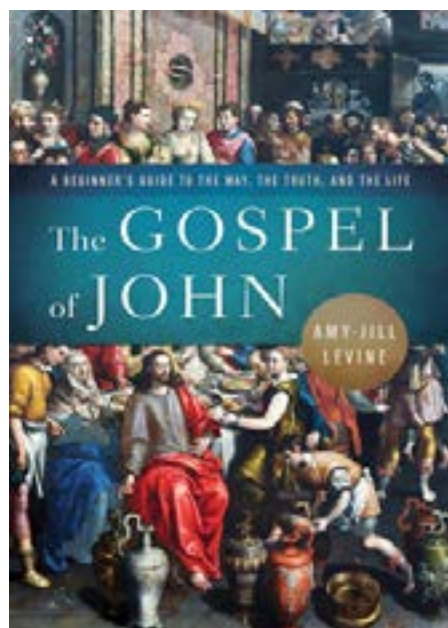


From Birth to Resurrection in the Gospel of Luke

Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God's kingdom to those who most needed to hear it.

In *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

FISH (Fellowship In Service to Him) – Room 205



Unlock the hidden depths of John's Gospel.

John's Gospel offers readers a new language—of being born anew, of living water, of wind and spirit, of the "I am"—that enhances how we understand the divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith.

With her characteristic wit and charm, Amy-Jill Levine introduces readers to the world of the Gospel of John by unpacking the stories in their original context, along with examining how the text is read today. This book considers the Gospel of John in its entirety, moving through the Gospel and exploring the prologue, the wedding at Cana, the Samaritan woman at the well and the woman caught in adultery, the healing of the man at the pool and the man born blind, foot washing, Mary Magdalene and Doubting Thomas, and the Lamb of God.

First Presbyterian Church
Greenwood, SC

2026 ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT



IS STILL WRITING YOUR STORY

God is still writing your story . . .

- nurturing Bible study
- engaging fellowship among women
- meals you don't have to cook or clean up
- free Time
- worship on Sunday

**January 23 - 25,
2026**

Kanuga Retreat Center, NC



**For More Information or
to register: 864-229-5814**





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.

5:45 – 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:

September 3rd: Meatball Stroganoff, pineapple casserole, glazed carrots

September 10th: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, fried okra

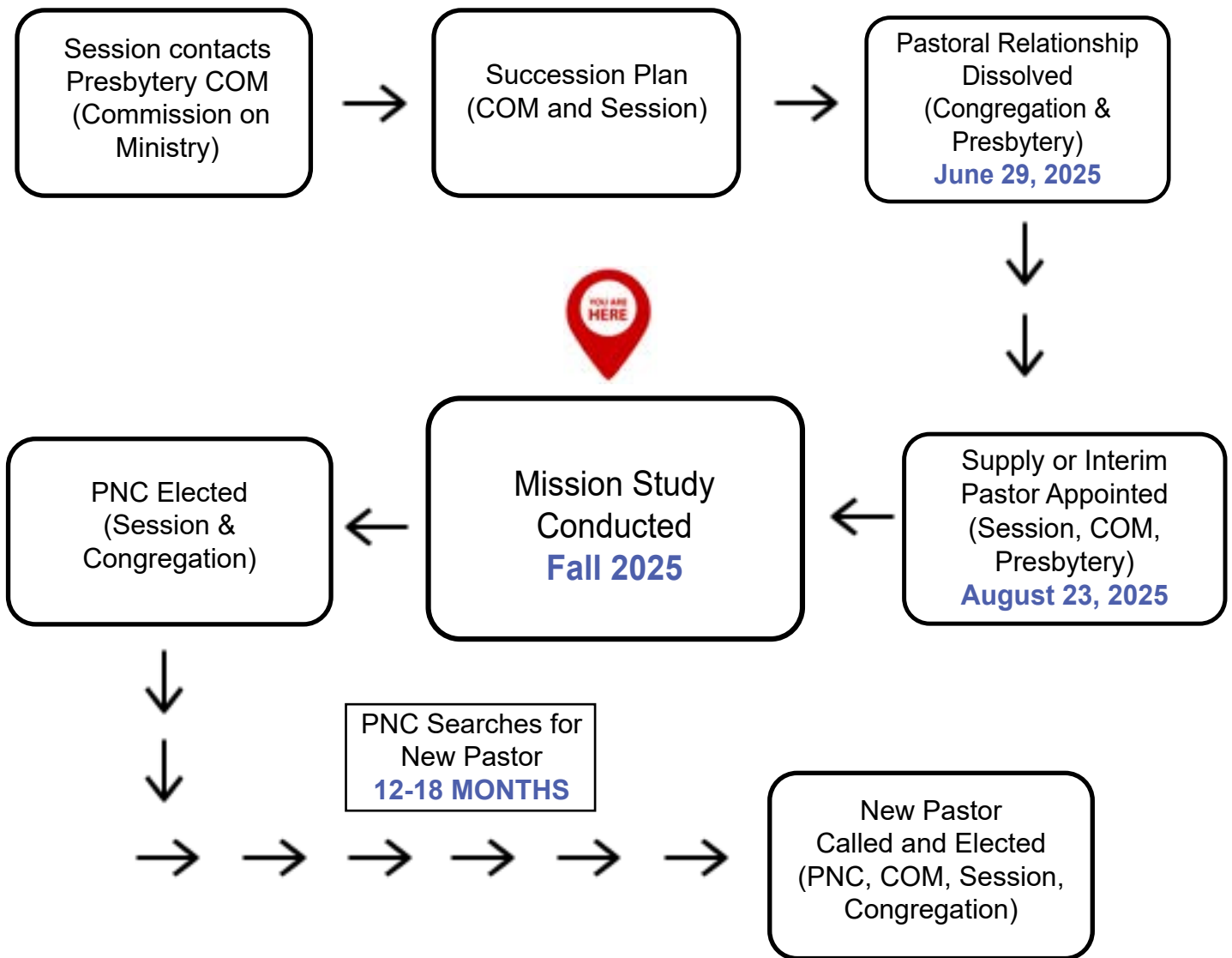
September 17th: Pork loin, sweet potatoes, cheesy cauliflower

September 24: Fish & chips, slaw, fruit



MOVING FORWARD

Flow Chart for New Pastor Search



Pastor Search Process Explanation

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The weeks and months ahead stand to be exciting as First Pres searches for its next called and installed pastor. Here's how the process will go.

On August 23, Presbytery approved Brad Christie.

COM and the Session will now collaborate on a mission study, possibly in early fall. This study will produce a clear picture of where the church is now and a vision for moving forward with new pastoral leadership. Once the mission study is completed, the Session, through a special nominating committee, will recommend a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) for approval by the congregation.

The PNC will publish a detailed description of the church and its vision. They will then receive and review applications from ministers seeking a call to such a church. Eventually, the PNC will interview a short list of top candidates and confer with COM about terms of call for the new pastor, who will then be presented to the congregation for approval.

The search for a new pastor entails many important steps, which cannot be rushed. The PNC will consult with COM throughout the process and report regularly to the congregation. The entire process typically takes at least a year to 18 months to complete.

Clearly, we need to keep this whole transitional season in fervent, concerted prayer! God is good. And God has good things in store for FPC. Thanks be to God!

FROM TRINITY PRESBYTERY....

When a pastoral position with a congregation ends, there are bonds of affection between the minister and members of the church that continue to be cherished. Relations of friendship continue, but the pastoral relationship does not. In order to avoid awkward situations and to encourage the new pastoral relationship that will be established, the Presbytery establishes the following guidelines.

When a pastor resigns from a pastorate, retires from service, or becomes pastor Emerita/us, Trinity Presbytery urges that minister to decline invitations such as weddings, baptisms, funerals, hospital visitation or counseling from his/her former congregation members. Active or inactive church members should not request that a former pastor perform pastoral duties. If, in spite of this policy, an invitation is extended or accepted, former pastors, associate pastors and other ministers "shall not provide their pastoral services to members of their former congregation without the invitation of the moderator of the session." G-2.0905. This policy of Trinity Presbytery is intended to help former ministers and the congregations who love them prepare to embrace the next chapter in their lives, and to clear the way for the next installed pastor to minister to the needs of the congregation entrusted to his/her care.

While avoiding participation in any funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc., of former parishioners is difficult, it should be remembered that if the first invitation is accepted, reasons to refuse other requests will be very difficult to substantiate. If the circumstances of the minister's departure make it advisable for the health of the congregation, the Session may elect to allow the departing pastor to perform any weddings that were approved prior to the Pastor's resignation/announcement of retirement. However, baptisms, funerals, weddings planned following the pastor's announcement of departure, and other pastoral duties should be refused by the departing pastor.

MISSIONS/OUTREACH

MONTHLY MISSION SPOTLIGHT Greenwood Food Bank

SAVE ^{THE} DATE

**Wednesday & Thursday
October 15th-16th, 2025**

**Ascend Gymnasium at the United Way of the Lakelands
929 Phoenix Street Greenwood, SC 29646**

17th Annual
Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Ticket will be on sale soon!.



MISSIONS/OUTREACH cont.



Friends of
HEALTHY LEARNERS
Adult Spelling Bee

HEALTHY LEARNERS SPELLING BEE!

Spelling Is a Team Sport
and WE ARE THE REIGNING CHAMPS!

It's time again for the annual Healthy Learners Adult Spelling Bee, which First Presbyterian always supports. Teams of four spellers compete in rounds like a traditional spelling bee, but this bee is much more fun. Dozens of teams from all over Greenwood will gather for fast-paced competition at Emerald High School, Thursday, September 25, at 6:00 pm. All proceeds support Healthy Learners programs right here in Greenwood.

You can support this great event in several ways:

- Join the First Pres spelling team—it really is fun!
- Attend the bee on September 25 and cheer on the First Pres team
- Contribute to “buy-backs” for misspelled words--\$20/buy-back—a great project for a Sunday School class, Circle, or other church group

Donations for buy-backs can be left in the church office. If you want to be part of the First Presbyterian spelling team, contact Brad Christie.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you know of someone who would benefit from a crocheted/knitted lap blanket or prayer shawl? These donations have been lovingly made by members (and non-members) of our church and have been prayed over and are for anyone who is experiencing a difficult time. Contact the front office if you would like to provide us with the name of someone who would like to receive one of these items.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

MISSIONS/OUTREACH cont.

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SUICIDE
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RUN&WALK



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Saturday, September 13

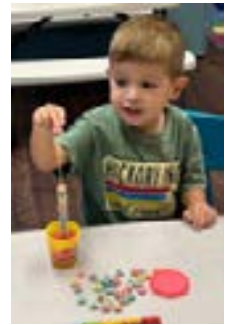
9:00 AM

Greenwood Uptown Market

In loving memory of Tad Justesen

Noah's Ark News

Welcome back to school! We are thrilled to start another amazing year at Noah's Ark Preschool. We are off to a great start. The children are learning their new classroom routines and making new friends. Teachers have created fun "beginning of the year" lesson plans to help introduce new concepts and skills as we embark on a new year at the Ark. Children are already learning letters, colors, and pledges. They have been working on their fine motor skills during morning work and are learning about the Bible story: Noah's Ark.



Noah's Ark is officially FULL. Praise the Lord for bringing us this sweet group of children! We are pleased to announce that Music, Art/Science, and PE will be offered this year as enrichment opportunities for our littles. Chapel will also begin in September for our three- and four-year-old children. We will be beginning our Noah's Ark T shirt sale at the end of the month and are excited to host our Grandparents, and other special friends, for Grandparent's Day on September 5th. If you'd like to become a sponsor for the 2025-2026 school year, please reach out to Lauren Trantham via email at noahsark@firstgreenwood.com. As always, we are grateful for your prayers for our program and your continued support of Noah's Ark Preschool!



Presbyterian Women News

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH



As September is approaching us quickly, our Circles start gathering again to begin a new year together. Let us be filled with gratitude and excitement for the journey ahead. Each of us brings unique gifts, stories, and hearts of faith that, when united, create a beautiful tapestry of encouragement, service, and love.

This is a fresh opportunity to grow spiritually, deepen our friendships, and make a meaningful impact within our church and community. Let us approach this season with open hearts, joyful spirits, and a renewed commitment to lift one another up as we walk together in God's light.

Circle dates and times are listed. If you are not a member of a Circle, please visit our circles to find one you will enjoy. Please reach out to me and I will be happy to introduce you to the Circle leader prior to you visiting.

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

PW COORDINATING TEAM MEETING
Monday, September 22, 2025 ~
10:00 am ~ Henry Reynolds Room

Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 10:30 am, at Wesley Commons.
Contact Jean Mabe 941-7817.

Circle 3 will meet Monday, September 8th, at 11:00 am, in the Henry Reynolds Room.
Contact Kappy May 864-554-7434 or Kathy Snyder 864-941-1838

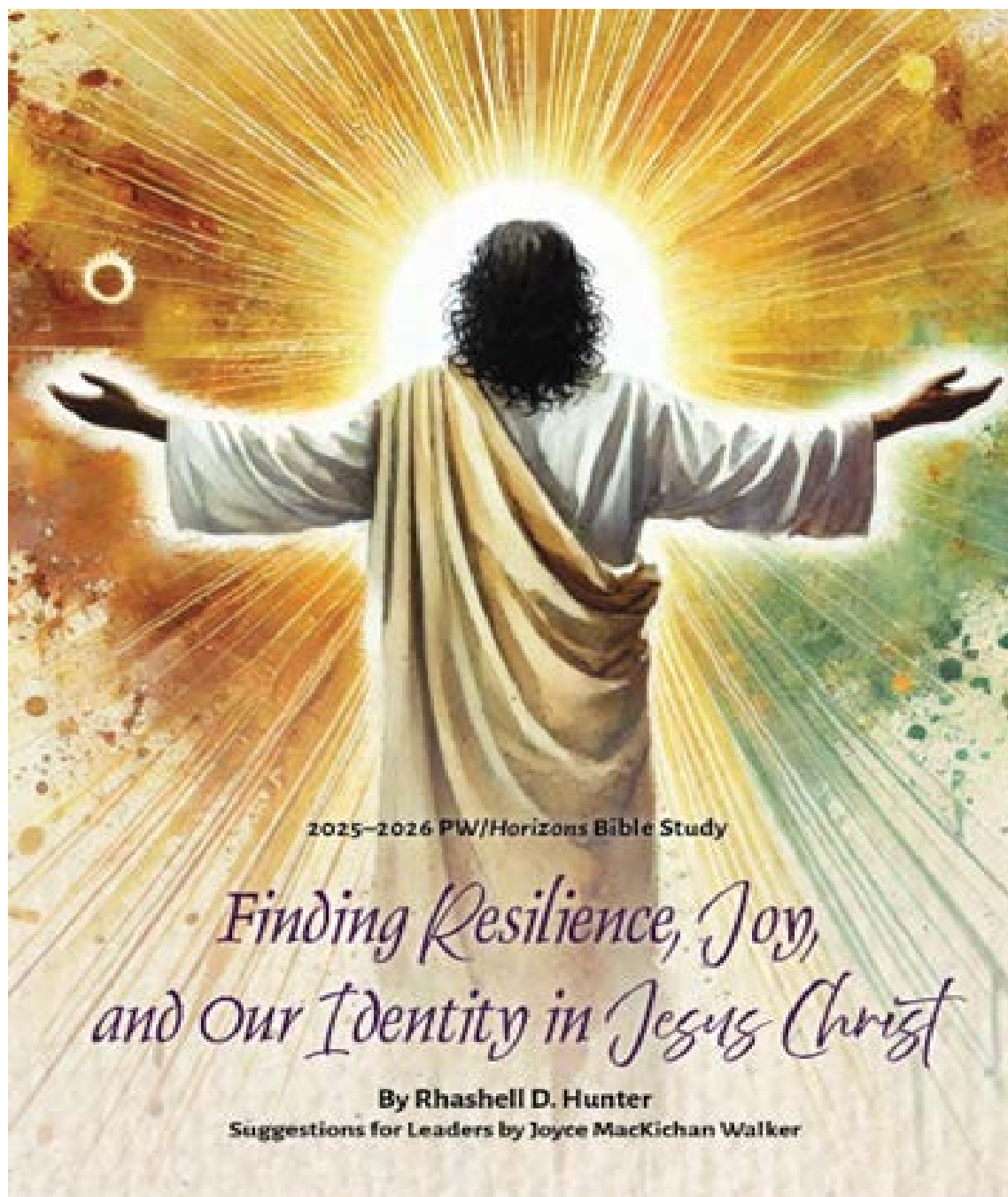
Circle 4 will meet Monday, September 8th, at 11:00 am, at Montague's.
Contact Carol Umphress 770-316-5010

Circles 5 will meet Tuesday, September 9th, at 12:30 pm, in Alexander Hall.
and includes lunch & childcare.
Contact Meg Stevens 993-7536, Tara Gibson, 773-991-3374,
or Michelle Barksdale 864-344-2450

Circle 6 will meet Monday, September 8th, at 6:30 pm in the Library.
Contact Jessica Willard (jesswillard81@gmail.com, 993-5980) or
Nickie Murphy (famurphy01@aol.com, 205-317-5347)

Circle 7 will meet Tuesday, September 9th, at 10:30 am at the home of Tamara McLeod.
Contact Becky Bryson 223-2998.

Circle 8 will meet on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 11:30 am, at the home of Betty Williams.
Contact Betty Williams 993-0466.



Each year, the women of our church do a Bible Study as part of a circle or on their own. This year the study is Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ by Rashelle D. Hunter.

We would love for you to visit a circle or two for good fellowship; or you are welcome to participate using our online video commentary, which is posted on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel each month.



2025-2026 SEASON

Sunday, September 14
4:00 PM

The Golden Age of the Trumpet: Music for Trumpet and Strings

Transport yourself to the Baroque era through the sound of period strings, harpsichord, and trumpets, all tuned to replicate music as it was heard in that time! Trumpeters Cody Beard, Robbie Collins and Noa Miller appear with the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra Chamber Ensemble in this lineup of Italian, French, Czech, and Bohemian composers from the late 1600s to the late 1700s.

Sunday, December 14
7:00 PM

Christmas @ First Pres

The Greenwood Festival Chorale collaborates with the choirs of First Presbyterian Church in "Angels We Have Heard on High." Join us with your family and friends for a moving performance of holiday music.

Sunday, February 23
4:00 PM

Pageantry of Keyboards

Stanley Colbert, Steven Skinner, and Tim Walters return to the keyboards at First Presbyterian Church for another rip-roaring keyboard extravaganza! Enjoy hearing your favorite sacred and popular melodies dazzle under the creativity of these artists!

Sunday, March 15
4:00 PM

Modern Choral Classics

In its annual spring concert honoring the diverse heritage of contemporary composers, the Greenwood Festival Chorale presents modern choral selections. Director Mr. Steven Skinner leads the chorale in its musical offerings to the community throughout the year. For auditions, contact steve@firstgreenwood.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.



Did you know that First Presbyterian Church has a music outreach program for girls in grades 4-12? Palmetto Girls Sing is beginning its 11th season, and we are so excited about the opportunities that are ahead of us. At this time, we have 52 girls singing in our choir which meets on Monday evenings at the church. The "Grace Notes Choir" is for girls in grades 4-6, and the "Lyrics Singers" are our 7th-12th grade girls.

Palmetto Girls Sing is a girls' choir that serves girls in grades 4-12 in Greenwood, SC and its surrounding areas. Palmetto Girls Sing seeks to enrich the lives of girls through diverse and high quality choral music. An emphasis is placed on the joy of singing and its importance in our world. Palmetto Girls Sing offers girls opportunities for personal, social, spiritual, and artistic growth as the girls learn vocal technique, vocal health, music reading, and performance skills. Palmetto Girls Sing presents its music, both sacred and secular, to the glory of

God. As an outreach of First Presbyterian Church, Palmetto Girls Sing is a non-profit organization.



On Monday, July 28, we held a Kick Off Meeting for parents and singers. Rehearsals are now in "full swing." We hope you will attend our concert on Monday, December 15!

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. _____



Our Book of Order gives the preacher the privilege of choosing the hymns (and nearly everything else). Many preachers delegate that high honor to the music director. So, if there is a suggestion from the preacher, I make sure that is included in our worship service.

When there are no suggestions, I will read the scriptures for the sermon and a hymn/song/Psalm may come to mind. I also consult indexes of scripture related hymns—one is in the back of our hymnal “Glory to God”, another is online at Hymnary.org, still other suggestions come from other musicians following the Revised Common Lectionary (if our preacher is using those texts).

Once I have a few candidates, I further “refine” my choices by asking a few questions:

- * Is the tune familiar?
- * If new to us, is it worth learning?
- * Does one song fit more closely to the theme than another?
- * Did we sing this one recently, and should it be repeated?
- * Has the Universal Church found this hymn to be meaningful for centuries, or just for a slice of time?
- * Is the text sentimental focusing on our feelings; or is it objective focusing on Bible truths, or is it balanced between the two?
- * Another consideration is the season: Thanksgiving, Pentecost, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

An example of a happy coincidence is when Trinity Sunday falls on Memorial Day and we get to sing “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” a hymn addressed to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (in some hymnals). These kind of delights can happen all the time, but it takes a little work!

Other parts of the service call for songs that appreciate our forgiveness of sin, our response to the offertory—often a “Doxology” (hymn to the Trinity).

I’ve written mostly about “hymns” but the same applies to any songs we sing, either hot off the press, or ancient.

I do keep in mind YOUR suggestions—Yes Becky Bryson, we’ll get to yours eventually!

I am thrilled when I hear the voice of our congregation in spoken praise, and I know our Heavenly Father is overjoyed when His children sing as well, which is why “singing” is mentioned over 400 times in the Bible!!

Joyfully,
Steve Skinner
Director of Music Ministries
steve@firstgreenwood.com

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.

Sunday, August 24	Dr. Cliff Cain preaching Session (5:30 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)
Monday, September 1	Church Offices Closed
Sunday, September 7	Communion during both services
Sunday, September 14	Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers (10:40 am, Sanctuary) Festiva (4:00 pm, Sanctuary)
Sunday, September 21	Dr. Jeff Newlin preaching Officer Training (3:00 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)
Thursday, September 25	Noah's Ark Fall Program (6:00 pm, Sanctuary) Healthy Learners Spelling Bee (6:00 pm, Emerald High School)
Sunday, September 28	Officer Training (3:00 pm, Henry Reynolds Room) Session (5:30 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)
Sunday, October 5	World Communion Sunday Communion during both services Officer Training (3:00 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)
Sunday, October 12	Kirkin' Service (11:00 service, no early service) Officer Training (3:00 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)
Sunday, October 19	Children's Sabbath Sunday Diaconate (5:30 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)
Sunday, October 26	Session (5:00 pm, Sanctuary) New Officers give their faith statements
Wednesday, October 29	Fall Festival
Sunday, November 2	Communion during both services Recognition of saints
Sunday, November 9	Stewardship Sunday Recognition of veterans
Sunday, November 16	Joint Officer Meeting (Time TBD, Alexander Hall)

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

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TEAM MEETINGS

The **Admin Committee** will meet Monday, September 15th, at 5:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Buildings & Grounds Committee** will meet Monday, September 8th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Christian Ed Team** will meet Sunday, September 14th, at 6:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Committed Prayers Team** will meet Monday, September 29th, at 4:30 pm in the Chapel.

The **Endowment** will meet Monday, September 8th, at 5:00 pm, in the Conference Room. (Room 206).

The **Missions/Outreach Committee** will meet Sunday, September 14th, at 4:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Session** will meet Sunday, September 28th at 5:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

Stephen Ministry will meet Wednesday, September 10th, at 4:30 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Worship Committee** will meet Tuesday, September 9th, at 5:45 p.m. on the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

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

Other Items of Interest

We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** during both services on **September 7, 2025.**

Deadline for the October issue of The Spire is Monday, September 15, 2025.

The church office will be **closed** Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

ATTENTION NEW OFFICERS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will hold a Congregational Meeting to elect new officers on Sunday, September 14th, at 10:40 am.

NEW OFFICER TRAINING

Training for new officers will begin on Sunday, September 21st and will continue on Sundays, September 28, October 5th, and 12th. All classes will be at 3:00 in the Henry Reynolds room (Room 110).



ARE YOU FRAZZLED?

Have you or someone you know been sick or hospitalized?

Are you or someone you know homebound?

Are you or someone you know completely frazzled?

Please let the church office know so that we can visit with you, offer home communion, pray with you, or set you up with a Stephen Minister.

We are here for you.

Feel free to contact the front office or one of our ministers.

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the highlights from the July 27th Session meeting:

1. The Rev. Dr. Danny Murphy, General Presbyter of Trinity Presbytery, led the Session through the Pastor Search Process Orientation. Detailed information was provided to the Session regarding our next steps and the overall timeline. The PNC will not be elected by the congregation until after the congregational mission study is completed.

2. A letter was received from Rock Presbyterian Church offering their prayers and support as we begin our search for a new senior pastor.

3. Approved Burnett/Gregory wedding.

4. Approved only one service on Kirkin' of the Tartan and the Hanging of the Greens Sundays.

5. Approved GHS Choral group to use the Sanctuary and waive the fee.

6. Approved Pulpit Supply List:

Brian Purcell

Dr. Jeff Newlin

Rev. Carter Rief

Dr. Dave Mayo

Dr. Jill Duffield

Dr. John Wall

Rev. Myron Wilkins

Dr. Alice Ridgill

Rev. Debby Plumstead Marshall

7. Approved Dr. Brad Christie as Interim Pastor

8. Approved Sarah Bowen as Children's Music Director



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