



# The Spire

## First Presbyterian Church

February 2026

Greenwood, SC

### A Message From Our Pastor...

#### Lift Off!

For the past couple of months, I've been describing the **mission study** process, which will culminate in a report that will ground the search for the church's Senior Pastor (see page 25). This month, as promised, the mission study launches with the first of several opportunities for everyone to get involved.

From February 1 through February 14, ALL members and friends of First Pres are encouraged to complete the **Crossing Thresholds Congregational Survey**. The survey asks questions across nearly a dozen categories about your experience of the church, your sense of the church's identity and how the church functions. You rate your responses on a 1-5 scale. It's that simple.

You may access the survey in several ways:

- Click on this link: <https://form.jotform.com/260193697954068>. You will need this password to access: Pinnacle-Greenwood26
- Click on the QR code
- Both the link and QR code are also available in Realm
- Come to the church and complete the survey on a church computer—we'll have it set up for you. All you have to do is answer the questions!
- Some paper copies will be available from the church office. But it's much easier and quicker to complete the survey online.



The survey questions will get you thinking about the church in broad terms. The Mission Study Team hopes that responding to the survey will make you eager to participate in the next step: attending a small-group **listening session**, where you get to talk in more detail about the church, your joys, concerns, and hopes for the church's future. Look for more information about listening sessions in First Things (weekly update) and worship bulletins this month.

Questions? Ask anyone on the Mission Study Team: Mark Abell, Clarissa Blackmore, Preston Culbertson, Janice Elliott, Brad Griggs, Ruth LaForge, Sam Leaman, Lou Noel, Anna Welborn

Brad

# SPECIAL SERVICES

## 2026 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 2026 Lenten Pilgrimage series is shown below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>
Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday	NO LUNCH, Pilgrimage begins Feb. 25
Feb. 25	Immanuel Lutheran Church
March 4	First Presbyterian Church
March 11	St. Mark UMC, Rivers St. Campus
March 18	First Baptist Church
March 25	Main Street United Methodist Church
April 1	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.



## SCOUTS SUNDAY RECOGNITION

On Sunday, February 15th, we'll recognize the wonderful Scouting groups that meet here at First Presbyterian on Monday evenings. Girl Scouts will be selling their delicious Girl Scout cookies in the lobby before and after both services.



*We have invited all PC(USA) area churches  
(Westminster, New Faith, Hodges, and Ware Shoals) to join us for  
our Shrove Tuesday All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper!*

*Be sure to bring your canned foods for  
the Salvation Army Food Pantry.*



**PALMETTO GIRLS SING**  
**COFFEEHOUSE**  
**CABARET**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
**ALEXANDER HALL**  
**7:00 PM**

**GOOD COFFEE, TASTY DESSERT, AND GREAT MUSIC!**

**ONLY 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE**  
**\$20 PER TICKET**  
**SEE AMY FENNELL OR NICKIE MURPHY OR VISIT**  
**[WWW.PALMETTOGIRLSSINGGREENWOOD.COM](http://WWW.PALMETTOGIRLSSINGGREENWOOD.COM)**





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

**Happy February**

**Sundays @ 10 in the Root Cellar**

<p><b>February 1</b> God is comforting... so we comfort others. Mrs. Elise</p>	<p><b>February 8</b> God is mysterious... so we have faith. Mrs. Kristi Tucker</p>
<p><b>February 15</b> God is everywhere... so we look for him around us. Mrs. Phyllis Collins</p>	<p><b>February 22</b> What is Lent? Hood &amp; Caroline Souter</p>




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In the Chapel  
during 11:00 service



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## Hymn of the Month



### Morning Has Broken

Use your phone's camera to scan this code.  
Touch the yellow box to connect to Cat Stevens' version.

Featured on the classic 'Teaser and the Firecat' album, Morning Has Broken was adapted from a traditional hymn with words by Eleanor Farjeon. Cat Stevens performed this version in the early 1970s with a sense of wonder, gratitude, and praise for the miracle of creation. Cat arranged the song, giving it his own inimitable sense of style and passion and invited Rick Wakeman of YES to record the now legendary piano part.

(from youtube)





# SHinE

Seeking Him in Everything



## SHinE: Wednesdays 5:15 – 7:00



**Feb 4**  
**God Takes**  
**Elijah to**  
**Heaven (2**  
**Kings 2:1-18)**  
**Parent**  
**volunteers:**  
**Anderson &**  
**Griffith**

**Feb 11**  
**God**  
**Surrounds**  
**Elisha With**  
**an Army (2**  
**Kings 6:8-23)**  
**Parent**  
**volunteers:**  
**Campbell &**  
**Eichelberger**

**Feb 18**  
**6:00 ASH**  
**WED**  
**service**

**Feb 25**  
**God Is**  
**Faithful to**  
**Nehemiah**  
**(Nehemiah 1-**  
**2)**  
**Parent**  
**volunteers:**  
**LaForge &**  
**Willard**

**SHinE Choir Singing Sundays: Mar. 29, Apr. 26 at 11:00**



## SHinE Service

For the months of January and February, we encourage families to collect canned protein products.

# Cradle Roll 2026

Welcome to our littlest Presbyterians born in 2025!



Katherine Annie Cathcart  
Born July 15th  
Daughter of Manning and Jennifer Cathcart

Reece Layne Miller  
Born July 16th  
Son of Amelia Scott and Brice Miller



Elizabeth Manning Cathcart  
Born August 12th  
Daughter of Jack and Kelsey Cathcart





# *The King's Kids*

## *A Royal Celebration*



Saturday, February 21st from 2:00 pm - 4:00 in Alexander Hall.

Come ready for games, crafts, a royal salon, a bouncy castle,  
light refreshments and fun, all in celebration  
that you are a part of God's family! Dress as your favorite royalty!

**Hosted by the youth for the children!**

RSVP by paying \$15 per ticket on Realm  
or to Nan by Monday, February 9th.



All proceeds will go towards youth mission trips and activities.



*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.*

# Pine Straw Fundraiser

The youth of First Presbyterian Church are selling bales of Pine Straw as a fundraiser for their mission trip to Lincoln, IL and other youth trips/activities.

Bales are \$6.50 each including home delivery!

Bales will be delivered on Saturday, March 7th, 2026.

No order is too large or too small!

Please consider ordering your spring pine straw from us.



Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church  
or pay through the Realm event.

Order forms are available below or in the front lobby.

Orders forms and payment must be received by Wednesday, February 18th

## Youth Pine Straw Fundraiser

The Youth of First Presbyterian Church are selling bales of Pine Straw as a fundraiser for their mission trip to Lincoln, IL and other Youth trips/activities. Bales are \$6.50 each including home delivery! Bales will be delivered on Saturday, March 7, 2026. No order is too large or too small! Please consider ordering your spring pine straw from us.

**Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church or paid through Realm.**

**PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 18TH.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bales \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ PAID or OWES (circle one)

Paid by cash/check/Realm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Where you would like your pine straw placed when delivered? \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Contact \_\_\_\_\_



# YOUTH





# FEBRUARY YOUTH EVENTS



2/1- **Sunday school** @10:00 – 10:45

2/1 – **SNY** at the Justesen-Pruitt's (607 Gatewood Dr) @5:00 – 6:30

2/4 – **WEY** @5:30 – 7:00

2/8 - **Sunday school** @10:00 – 10:45

2/11 – **WEY** @5:30 – 7:00

2/15 – **Pottery Painting** at La Mesa Boutique with Mrs. Lisa and Ms. Jade. RSVP by paying \$15 on Realm or to Nan by Wednesday, February 11th.

2/19 – **EGGS** at CFA by the mall @7:00. The bus leaves for Westview @7:30.

2/19 – Deadline to **RSVP for the mission trip** to Lincoln, IL

2/21 – **The King's Kids: A Royal Celebration** fundraiser @2:00 – 4:00

2/25 – **WEY GOTE** at Mig's @5:30 – 7:00. Pick up and drop off at FPC.

2/25 – **High school night** at Sonic @ 6:45 – 7:45



# Reminder

RSVP for Mission Trip 2026 by paying a \$50 deposit by Thursday, February 19th.

See you there

Got it



Scan the QR code to register



## POTTERY PAINTING

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

@5:00-6:00

AT LA MESA BOUTIQUE  
(336 MAIN STREET)

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

5<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> BY PAYING \$15  
ON REALM OR TO NAN



# LOCK-IN AT BIG AIR





# Hands On Mission Highlights

We want to thank everyone who participated during Wednesday Night Fellowship in putting together 72 toiletry kits for the Salvation Army. Great job!





## Wednesday Night Fellowship

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

5:25 – Dinner for children (pay \$5 weekly or by semester/year)

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

5:45 – Prayer for everyone

6:00 programming: Women in the Conference Room (206), Men in the FISH class (205), Children (The Root Cellar); Youth (the Loft) and Pastor's Bible study in the Henry Reynolds room (110) at 6:15.

Menus:

February 4th: Super Bowl Night! Chicken Tenders, Chicken Wings, Potato Bar, Carrots

February 11th: Valentines Dinner!  
Prime Rib, Baked Potato,  
Mixed Vegetable  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

February 18th: No dinner tonight.  
Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 in  
Alexander Hall. (But come Tuesday,  
February 17th for the All You Can Eat  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! \$5/person)

February 25th: Shrimp and Grits, Chicken also available on request, Broccoli Casserole, Hush Puppies







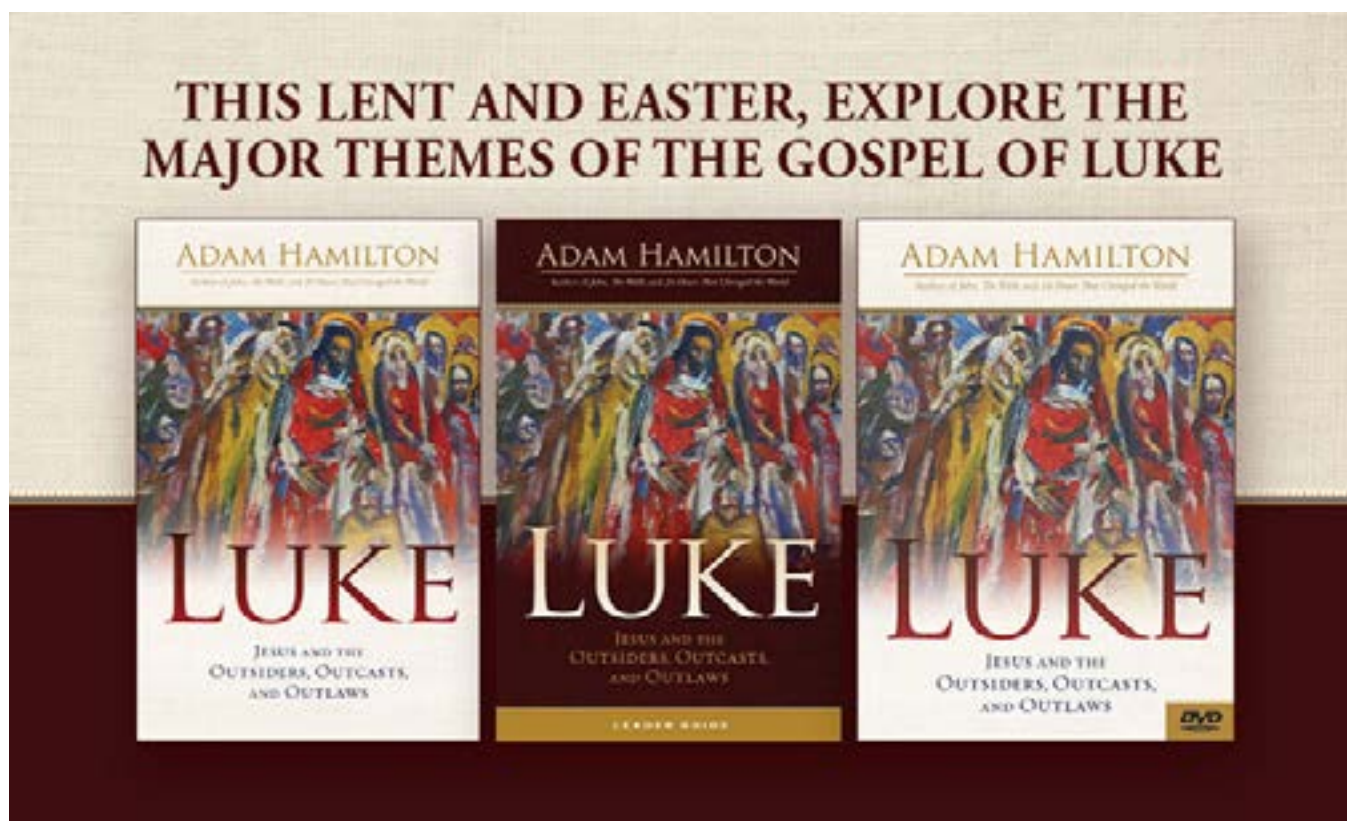
**Sundays@10  
for Adults!  
10:00 am**

### **Sojourners - Henry Reynolds (Room 110)**

Feb. 1	Kaleidoscope	Jeff newlin
Feb. 8	Vermilye's <i>It's A Wonderful Life</i> #4 and #5	Jukie Leary
Feb. 15	Max Lucado's <i>Romans</i> #1	Lelion Elledge
Feb. 22	Max Lucado's <i>Romans</i> #1	Bob Roddey



### **FISH (Fellowship In Service to Him) – Room 205**







# Presbyterian Women News

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH



### *February focus*

### *Love*



Love is the quiet reflection of God's heart shining through us ~  
Where love is lived, God is felt

### *Honorary Life Membership*

It is an exciting time of year - We now begin collecting nominations for our 2026 Honorary Life Member.

The Honorary Life Membership program was established early last century in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the women's organization and to the church in general. Nomination forms are located in the church office to be completed. Once completed, place your form in the white envelope, seal it, and place that in the manila envelope on the PW shelf by the church office printer.

A confidential committee will review the forms and select our 2026 next honorary. Our Honorary Life Member will be announced on Sunday, March 15 at the 11:00 service.

**Deadline for nominations: Wednesday, February 18**

~Love begins with God and is made visible through us~

*Lisa Yarbrough*  
Coordinating Team Moderator  
First Presbyterian Church of Greenwood

CT Meeting: February 23, 2026 at 11:00 am in Henry Reynolds Meeting Room
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**Circle 1** will meet on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 10:30 am, at Wesley Commons.  
Contact Jean Mabe 941-7817.

**Circle 3** will meet Monday, February 9th, at 10:30 am, in the Henry Reynolds Room.  
Contact Kappy May 864-554-7434 or Kathy Snyder 864-941-1838

**Circle 4** will meet Monday, February 2nd, at 11:00 am, at Montague's.  
Contact Carol Umphress 770-316-5010

**Circles 5 and 7** will meet Tuesday, February 10th, at 12:30 pm, in Alexander Hall.  
and includes lunch & childcare.  
Circle #5: Contact Meg Stevens 993-7536 or Michelle Barksdale 864-344-2450  
Circle #7: Contact Becky Bryson 223-2998.

**Circle 6** will meet Monday, February 2nd, at 7:00 pm in the Barksdale Room.  
Contact Jessica Willard ([jesswillard81@gmail.com](mailto:jesswillard81@gmail.com), 993-5980) or  
Nickie Murphy ([famurphy01@aol.com](mailto:famurphy01@aol.com), 205-317-5347)

**Circle 8** will meet on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 11:30 am, at the home of Betty Williams.  
Contact Betty Williams 993-0466.



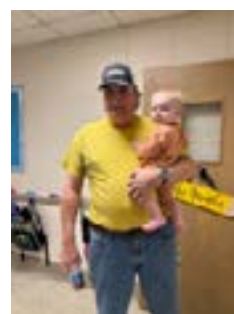
# Christmas Eve Highlights





# Noah's Ark News

Love is in the air at the Ark! The children have hibernated their bears and wrapped up their units on Winter weather. We are switching gears to the 100th day of school and Valentine's celebrations. The children will get a visit from the mailman and begin to focus on raising money for our annual Charity Walk in honor of a former Noah's Ark teacher battling Ovarian cancer. If you feel led to donate toward this worthy cause, please visit the Noah's Ark office for more information. In Chapel, children have discussed how we can measure God's love for us. Can we? How can we spread the love of Jesus to others?

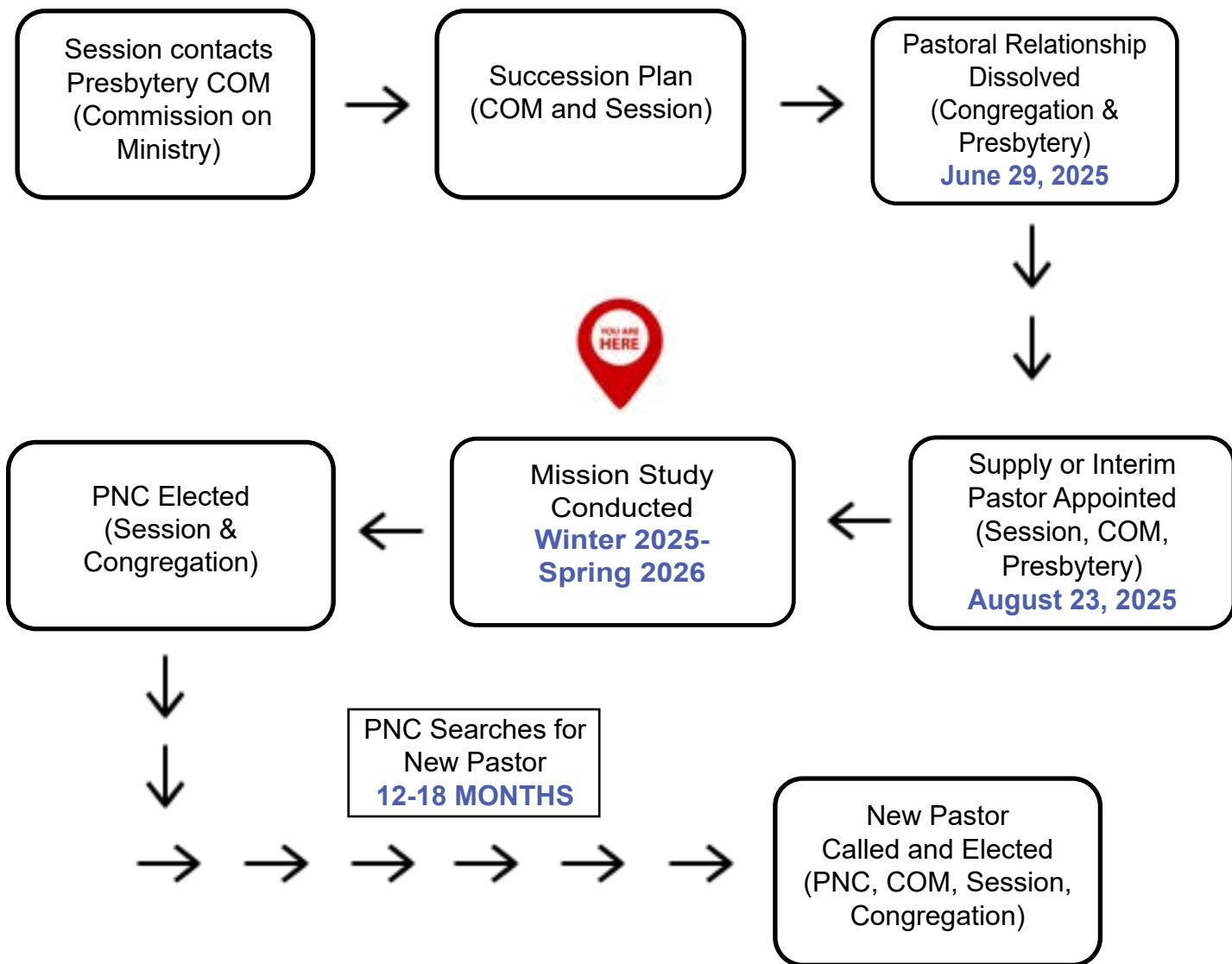


Registration is open to the public now! There are just a few spots left for the 2026-2027 school year. We are filling up quickly, which is a wonderful thing! Be sure to contact Lauren in the Noah's Ark office for more information about registering your little one.



# MOVING FORWARD

## Flow Chart for New Pastor Search



## Pastor Search Process Explanation

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 <sup>23</sup> 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!

## Moving Forward

We're about to advance the **You Are Here** marker on our transition timeline (see opposite page). At their November joint meeting with the diaconate, the session unanimously approved a proposed **Consultant-Led Mission Study Process** for our church. The consulting group working with us is Pinnacle Leadership Associates based in Chapin, SC. David Brown, not our member David Brown but Consulting Coordinator at Pinnacle, will be our lead consulting partner. David has consulted nationwide for some 30 churches of various denominations, including Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia. We are in faithful, capable hands with David.

The mission study will encompass three broad phases. In **Phase One**, David will meet with the Mission Study Team (see below) and church staff to set expectations and map out a timeline and plan for the rest of the study. Also during this phase, the whole congregation will participate in a series of assessments that will produce much of the data needed for the study. Eventually, analysis of this data will be most helpful to the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

**Phase Two** will feature a series of listening sessions that culminate in what Pinnacle calls a Vision 360 Workshop. The whole church will be invited to participate in this retreat weekend, where David and the study team will guide everyone through feedback sessions focusing on the church's past, present, and future. The work of this phase—the feedback and collective discernment that develops through this time—will be at the heart of the final mission study report. And, again, the heart of that report will shape much of the PNC's work.

**Phase Three** produces the final version of the mission study report. Once completed, the report will be presented to the full session for approval. The report then will be presented to the congregation and to Trinity Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

The plan is for the session's Administrative Committee to form the core of the Mission Study Team. But there is room on the team for anyone else who might want to be part of this crucial effort. If you're interested, please contact Brad ([brad@firstgreenwood.com](mailto:brad@firstgreenwood.com)) or Mark Abell, Administrative Committee chair ([mark.abell@lonza.com](mailto:mark.abell@lonza.com)).

Blessings,



Brad



# MISSIONS/OUTREACH

## MONTHLY MISSION SPOTLIGHT

### Salvation Army



DOING THE  
MOST GOOD™

The Salvation Army is an international movement and is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.

Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The Salvation Army often supports those in need. Their services are:

- Food Assistance
- Rent & Utilities Emergency Assistance
- Christmas Assistance
- Clothing Assistance
- Disaster Relief
- Worship

The Salvation Army in Greenwood is located at 222 Pressley Street. In addition to their social ministries, the Salvation Army is a Christian Evangelical Church that holds weekly worship services. Sunday School is at 10:00 and the worship service follows at 11:00.

Last November, the Salvation Army opened their new shopping model food pantry on their property. It is open Monday through most Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:30 for those needing food assistance, and food donations may be taken there during these hours. Foods most needed are canned proteins (beans, tuna, chicken, Vienna Sausage), soups and breakfast foods.

Volunteers can help at the Food Pantry and are vital to keeping the pantry operating smoothly and open to the public. Phone 864-229-3407 for more information.

The recently renovated Salvation Army Family Store is located at 1805 Bypass 72/221 NE. It is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 9:00 to 5:00 and Saturday from 9:00 to 3:00. Drop off hours are the same as store hours. Phone 864-223-8310 for more information.

Our congregation has long supported The Salvation Army through the Missions/Outreach church budget. In January, our Wednesday night participants helped assemble toiletry kits for the Salvation Army. Thank you to Phyllis Collins for organizing this event. Go to page 15 and look at some of the highlights.

# MISSIONS/OUTREACH cont.

## THORNWELL BLESSINGS

First Presbyterian Friends,

Thank you so much for your Christmas gift donations to the children at Thornwell. Your kind generosity helped make their Christmas joyful and bright. I hope you all have a blessed and safe new year!

Many blessings,  
Becca Dobbins  
Community Engagement Coordinator  
Thornwell Children's Home



## IMPACT REPORT OF SOW MINISTRIES IN PAKISTAN IN 2025

*Asher and Samar Din*

**24 Adult Literacy Center:** 480 adults completed reading & math instructions

**12 Sewing Centers:** 210 women graduated,  
175 started home-based tailoring businesses,  
35 are working in garment factories

**Pastoral Training:** 350 completed their training

**Roshni Brick kiln Schools:** 5 Brick kiln schools with 265 children

**Flood Relief:** 700 hot meals distributed  
250 families received emergency food bags  
200+ families received temporary tents  
300 dignity kits were distributed

**Medical Camp** in brick kilns and slum areas served 200 people

**Voice for the Voiceless interactive training:** 450 women attended this training  
to learn about female reproduction, baby development, nutrition, etc.

The Din's vision is to expand the above programs in 2026.  
To learn more, email them personally at [ashersamar01@gmail.com](mailto:ashersamar01@gmail.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 First Things email for more current information.**

Saturday, January 31	Youth Ski Trip
Sunday, February 1	Communion during both services
Friday, February 6	Circle #4 Souper Bowl Pre-Sale Pick-Up (9-3:00, Alexander Hall)
Friday-Sunday February 6-8	Ladies Retreat
Saturday, February 14	Trinity Presbytery Mtg. (9:30 am, Northminster PC, Columbia)
Sunday, February 15	Transfiguration Sunday Scouts Sunday Recognition Girl Scouts Cookie Sale (Front Lobby) Festiva (4:00 pm, Sanctuary)
Tuesday, February 17	Shrove Tuesday All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner (5:30 pm, Alexander Hall) with other area PC(USA) church families
Wednesday, February 18	Ash Wednesday Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (7:00 am, Alexander Hall) Service (6:00 pm, Alexander Hall) No Wednesday Night Dinner Pine Straw Order deadline
Saturday, February 21	The King's Kids Fantasy Ball (2:00 pm, Alexander Hall)
Sunday, February 22	First Sunday of Lent Session (5:30 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)
Wednesday, February 25	Lenten Service & Lunch (Immanuel Luthern Church)
Friday, February 27	Salt Shakers
Saturday, February 28	PGS Coffeehouse Cabaret (7:00 pm, Alexander Hall)
Sunday, March 1	Second Sunday of Lent Communion during both services
Monday, March 2	Presbyterian Women Loyalty Dinner Deadline
Wednesday, March 4	Lenten Service & Lunch (First Presbyterian Church)
Saturday, March 7	Pine Straw delivery Change clocks





"I'd be willing to sing, but I..."

1. **Don't read music.** Obstacle removed! Many think that "reading music" is about knowing what note (a, b, c, d, e, f, g) is indicated. WRONG!! Knowing the name of the note is the most useless part of musical literacy. What is handy is being able to observe if the next note goes up, stays level, or goes down. Handy lines ("staff") are there for you to easily determine the direction
2. **Don't know where my line is.** Obstacle removed! I will let you know if you are a soprano, alto, tenor, baritone, or bass. Armed with that info, you can now mark your line (in pencil, of course), so you can find it. Much assistance is cheerfully available!
3. **Don't have a good voice.** Obstacle removed! The quality of voice needed to make a significant contribution to a "choral" sound is surprisingly broad. The ability to pronounce a "k" or a "t", plus an average ability to match pitch (which can be taught) is all anyone needs to be a vital part of a choir.
4. **Can't attend rehearsals.** You got me there—this is about the only non-negotiable, and even then we expect absences for sickness and out-of-town engagements.

There you have it. Obstacles removed. The path of joy is set before you.

Give me a call and we'll set you up with music (and a pencil).

Steve (814) 464-6046





## 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  
4:00 PM (Corrected Time)

### **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 15  
(Corrected Date)  
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](mailto: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.

## Palmetto Girls Sing, Season 11

Palmetto Girls Sing, an outreach of First Presbyterian Church, is in its 11th season. With 50 girls enrolled in the program, we are excited about the opportunities that are ahead of us. The "Grace Notes Choir" is for girls in grades 4-6, and the "Lyrics Singers" are our 7th-12th grade girls. We meet each Monday night in the sanctuary and choir room at First Presbyterian Church.



### January Happenings

2026 got off to a great start for PGS! We started our rehearsals on January 5. We have been working hard to prepare for our Coffeehouse Cabaret including learning choreography to go with our new repertoire.

### Coffeehouse Cabaret!

Palmetto Girls Sing will host a fundraiser on Saturday, February 28 in Alexander Hall at 7:00 PM. The girls will present favorite selections from musicals and movies. You don't want to miss this! A variety of desserts and warm beverages will be served. Tickets go on sale on February 1, and seating is limited to 200.

How can you buy tickets? See Nickie Murphy or Amy Fennell in person or purchase online through our website, [www.palmettogirlssinggreenwood.com](http://www.palmettogirlssinggreenwood.com) or, scan the QR code:



### Coffeehouse Cabaret Sponsorships

We are looking for businesses to "sponsor a song" for our concert. Businesses will have their business name announced and recognized by the song they sponsor. Sponsorships are \$100. Contact Amy Fennell at [amyqfennell@gmail.com](mailto:amyqfennell@gmail.com) if you are interested.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Patron Name (as it should appear in our Winter Concert Program)

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

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you from Palmetto Girls Sing!



# GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

## RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS:

(Home unless noted)

Ann Heironimus -- SRH

Jane Anderson -- Wesley Commons Rehab.

Martha Erwin -- Wesley Commons Rehab.

Michelle Barksdale

*Dear Congregation Members of First  
Presbyterian Church,*

*Dennis and I have been overwhelmed by  
the love and support we have received after  
our devastating Christmas Eve fire. We are  
so thankful that we are safe and living in  
a rental house in Hunters Creek while our  
home is being repaired, rebuilt, and restored.*

*While this has been a difficult transition,  
we know that God is in the center of the  
chaos of our lives as well as in the good times.*

*Thank you so much for your love, sup-  
port, and prayers. We continue to need  
those prayers as we navigate this unchart-  
ed territory. We love you all and thank  
God every day for our friends and loved ones.*

*With our love,  
Peggy and Dennis Hammett*

## Other Items of Interest

We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** during both  
services on **February 1, 2026.**

**Deadline for the March issue of The Spire is  
Monday, February 16, 2026.**

## TEAM MEETINGS

The **Admin Committee** will meet Sunday, Feb-  
ruary 8th, at 4:00 pm, in the Conference Room  
(Room 206).

The **Buildings & Grounds Committee** will meet  
Monday, February 9th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Barks-  
dale Room (Room 122).

The **Christian Ed Committee** will meet Sunday,  
February 8th, at 6:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room  
(Room 122).

The **Committed Prayers Team** will meet Mon-  
day, February 23rd, at 4:30 pm, in the Chapel.

The **Congregational Care Team** will meet Mon-  
day, February 2nd, at 2:00 pm, in the Barksdale  
Room (Room 122).

The **Endowment** will meet Monday, February  
6th, at 5:30 pm, in the Conference Room (Room  
206).

The **Home Communion/Visitation Committee**  
will meet Thursday, February 12th, at 10:00 am,  
in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Missions & Outreach Committee** will meet  
Sunday, February 8th, at 4:30 pm, in the Henry  
Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team**  
will meet Monday, February 23rd, at 10:00 am, in  
the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Session** will meet Sunday, February 22nd,  
at 5:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room  
110).

**Stephen Ministry** will meet Wednesday, Feb-  
ruary 11th, at 4:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room  
(Room 122).

The **Worship Committee** will meet Tuesday, Feb-  
ruary 10th, 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.**

# GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION cont.

## An Invitation from Committed Prayers

The Committed Prayers group gathers in the chapel on the last Monday of every month from 4:30 to 5:30 to pray. We respond to prayer requests from the congregation by lifting up prayers to God for family members, friends, and others. Interested members of all ages are invited to join us and become a Committed Prayer. We pray confidentially together monthly and also at home.



Our next meeting will be in the chapel from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Monday February 23.  
Prayer is the world's most powerful wireless connection!  
God always hears our prayers.

**Volunteers  
needed**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  
for USHERING ON  
SUNDAY MORNINGS**

We are in need of ushers  
for both services!  
Please contact the front office  
if you're interested.

"As you go out into the world may  
you live simply, love generously,  
care deeply, speak kindly...and leave  
the rest to God."

Brian Purcell used this on  
January 18 as his Benediction.



## PLEASE WELCOME!

Juston Erskine has joined us as our  
new Building Superintendent.  
When you see him in the hallways  
be sure to introduce yourself and  
give him a warm welcome. We are  
so glad to have him here!



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