

Sundays@9:30

Join one of the following:

Sojourners - Room 110, led by Lelion Elledge, Jukie Leary, Philip Bell, Bob Roddey, and others in the Henry Reynolds room across from the library. Coffee available.

FISH (Fellowship In Service to Him) – Room 205, led by David Gardner, Christopher Collins, Hood Souter, and others. Coffee available.

Youth – 3rd floor LOFT – 6th – 12th graders with adult volunteers facilitating. Goodies available.

Children (Basement Root Cellar) – K4 – 5th graders welcome in the basement area for a digital study and play. Adult volunteers welcome! Goodies available.

Nursery (Room 120) – infant – K3 in near the playground door.

YOUTH

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 in the LOFT

with some of our favorite people – Dale Culbertson, the Sanders, the Penneys, and Mrs. Elise! We’re doing Hyfi digital curriculum. Goodies and coffee available!

Sunday Evening Youth at 5:30 in the LOFT

Bible Study with Mrs. Elise and Dawsey
Snacks/dinner and small groups
Fun activities as well!

Wednesday Evening Youth at 5:30 in AH/LOFT

5:30 dinner with Mallory
6:00 – fun activities and Bible Study

How do you communicate with friends who think differently?

We’ll talk less about what divides us and reach instead for common ground.

This will be a 6-session opportunity.

Time to be decided by those who can participate.

Contact Elise Collins

Women’s Retreat Coming Up! Register today!

Our annual women’s retreat is coming up in January.

Registrations are open in Realm.

Use this QR code or contact Elise or Nan to register.

January 22-24 in Kanuga, NC

We can’t wait to learn more about the Holy Spirit and to enjoy old and new friends!



Save the Dates:

All Saints Recognition - November 1, 2026

Veterans Recognition - November 8, 2026

Stewardship Sunday - November 15, 2026

Hanging of the Greens - November 29, 2026

Text to make your contribution!

Your can text FIRSTPRESGWD to 73256 and follow the prompts to make your contributions or other payments.

Sunday, October 25

9:30 a.m. - New Members Class (BR)

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

11:40 a.m. - Chancel Bells

5:30 p.m. - Youth

5:30 p.m. - Session (Conf. Rm)

Monday, October 26

10:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women (Conf Rm)

10:15 a.m. - Emerald Bells

4:30 p.m. - Committed Prayers (Chapel)

4:30 p.m. - PGS (Lobby/Sanc)

6:00 a.m. - Cotillion (AH)

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (???)

6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base.)

7:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR)

Tuesday, October 27

10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.

6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)

7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

7:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR)

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study (Conf Rm)

10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (Conf Rm)

5:30 p.m. - FALL FEST

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR)

Thursday, October 29

6:00 p.m. - CLC (BR)

7:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR)

Friday, October 30

9:15 a.m. - NA Halloween Parade

7:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR)

Saturday, October 31

Change Clocks

9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/ Base/YR)

5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/ Base/YR)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by Bill and Linda Stevens to the glory of God and in celebration of our two great-granddaughters, Eleanor McLean Steinbacher and new baby sister, Margaret (Maggie) Jean Steinbacher.

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of Jimmy Fowler upon his passing on October 15, 2026. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Fall Fest!

Wednesday, October 28

5:30 – 7:00

Dinner provided! In the back parking lot (weather permitting). **We need donations of candy and baked goods. We need people to host a trunk for treaters. We need volunteers for set-up, during, and clean-up.**

Contact Michelle Barksdale at
mobarksdale@icloud.com.

REMEMBRANCE BANNER

All Saints Recognition is next Sunday, November 1st.

Contact the front office or write the name on the notepad in the lobby of your loved one that you would like placed on the Remembrance Banner. All church members who passed away this past year will have their names read aloud during the service.

OCTOBER IS

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Please let your pastor know how much you love and appreciate him!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

If you have a special picture from Christmas or December to share in our Advent Devo, please send it to dce@firstgreenwood.com

Christmas Card sale to benefit the Annual Women’s Retreat

Stop by the Christmas card ordering station in the lobby any time during the month of October to place an order for one-of-a-kind Christmas cards.

Order now. Delivery December 1st. \$3.00 a card. Payment due at delivery.

Entire amount helps fund the Annual Women’s Retreat.

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

10:30 am



*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 Children’s Music -- Sarah Bowen
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Noah’s Ark Director -- Lauren Trantham*

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GATHERING MUSIC

Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott
Meditation on “Ein Feste Burg”

Max Reger
Phil Lehenbauer

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Ps. 95:1–2

People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.

(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.)

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY (Financial Oversight Update)

Fred Murphy

PRELUDE

“Fanfare on “Ein Feste Burg”

Phil Lehenbauer

ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christie

Leader: Love the Lord your God!

People: Yes, we will love the Lord
with all our heart, soul, and mind!

Leader: Love your neighbor!

People: Yes, we will love our neighbors
as we would love ourselves,
as we would love God.

Leader: Love your God, love your neighbor!

People: O come, let us worship together!

*OPENING HYMN** #275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN FESTE BURG

CONFESSIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elise Collins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [Liturgy of Geneva, Confession, by John Calvin]

O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence entreating that thy grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And as thou dost remove our guilt and pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow and shall work true repentance, and that, mortifying all sins within us, thy Spirit may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #457

“How Happy Are the Saints of God”
Psalm 1

WAREHAM

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Elise Collins

Offertory

“All Things Work Together for Good”
Romans 8:28

John Carter

*Doxology (On Screens)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Dedication of Offering

Elise Collins

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rebecca Wise

K3-K5 -- May to choose to exit to Room 120;
1st-5th grades -- No Children’s Chapel today

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-40

Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“What Shape Is Your Cross?”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [See Insert]

*CLOSING HYMN #250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

*BENEDICTION [Please remain for the Congregational Benediction]

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (On Screens)

“May the Peace of God”

Getty/Townend

*POSTLUDE

March on “Ein Feste Burg”

Phil Lehenbauer

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