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 and Dawsey
6:00 – fun activities and student-led devos

GRITS - High Schoolers on Thursday Morning at 7:45 am

Meet at CFA by the mall for devo, fellowship, and breakfast. Bring $$

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 to register.
January 22-24 The Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville NC.
We can't wait to learn more about the Holy Spirit
and to enjoy old and new friends!

Save the Dates:

Stewardship Sunday & Congregational Meeting - November 15, 2026
Hanging of the Greens - November 29, 2026

Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, November 15, at the conclusion of the service, we will hold a Congregational Meeting to receive a progress report from the Community Life Center Committee. Check the November Spire for more information.

Text to make your contribution!

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

Sunday, November 8
9:30 a.m. - New Members Class (BR)
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
11:30 a.m. - Missions/Outreach (BR)
11:40 a.m. - Chancel Bells
11:45 a.m. - New Members Luncheon (AH)
11:45 a.m. - Youth Comm. (Panera)
5:30 p.m. - Youth
6:00 p.m. - Christian Ed. Team (BR)

Monday, November 9
10:15 a.m. - Emerald Bells
10:30 a.m. - Circle #3 (Conf. Rm.)
4:30 p.m. - PGS (Lobby/Sanc)
5:15 p.m. - Bldgs & grnds (BR)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (AH)

Tuesday, November 10
10:00 a.m. - Staff mtg.
12:30 p.m. - Circle #5 (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

Wednesday, November 11
SPIRE DEADLINE
7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (Conf Rm)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (Conf Rm)
4:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry (BR)
5:30 p.m. - WNF (AH)
6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
6:00 p.m. - Youth (YR)
6:00 p.m. - Adults (HR/BR/Conf Rm)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 12
7:45 a.m. - GRITS (CFA)
9:30 a.m. - Worship Planning
10:00 a.m. - Staff Evals (BR)

Friday, November 13
10:00 a.m. - Staff Evals (BR)

Saturday, November 14
9:00 a.m. - PGS (AH)
9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Base/YR)
10:00 a.m. - Chorale (Sanc)
5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Base/YR)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by The Souter Family to the glory of God and in honor of Becky Bryson.

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to Lewis Masters and his family on the passing of his father, Terry Masters on October 27, 2026. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Wednesday Night Fellowship & Dinner

November 11th:EGGSTRAVAGANZA!
Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage links, grits, and fruit
SHinE menu: Breakfast Menu too!

THORNWELL BELLS

Thornwell Bells are now available on the Christmas tree in the lobby. Each tag has the QR Code or the URL that will take you right to the Thornwell Wish list on Amazon. You can choose to have your gift(s) delivered directly to Thornwell or to your home. If you choose to have them delivered to you, please bring your UNWRAPPED gift(s) to the church by December 3rd. If you picked a bell off the tree, feel free to write a note on the tag to leave with the gift. You can leave the bell attached or keep the bell as a reminder to pray for the child.

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
Submission deadline is November 11th.

Poinsettias

Poinsettia order forms are available in the front lobby.
Deadline to order is November 16th and cost is $23 each.
Please attach payment to order form.

Veterans Recognition Sunday
November 8, 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
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GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; *Isa. 6:3*
People: the whole earth is full of God's glory.

(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 (Stewardship) Wayne Carstens

PRELUDE "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed" arr. Andre Thomas
Chancel Choir

ADORATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *[Psalm 70:4]* Rev. Christie

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!
People: For God is our salvation.
Leader: Rejoice and be glad!
People: For God is great!

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

OPENING HYMN* #8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION Elise Collins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful Father,
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

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

***HYMN** (On Screens) "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" Traditional

1. Oil in my lamp keep me burning
2. Joy in my heart keep me praising
3. Peace…keep me loving
4. Love…keep me serving

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering Elise Collins

Offertory "Praise the Lord" Georg F. Handel

***Doxology** (On Screens) OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication** Elise Collins

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN Michelle Barksdale

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13 Rev. Brad Christie

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

SERMON "Wait! A Fish Tale"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

***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.

***CLOSING HYMN** (On Screens) "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"
HAF TRONES LAMPA FARDIG

RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS Rev. Christie
Jimmy & Tina Corley, Steve & Debbie Douglass, Wayne & Prudy Gersch,
Elaine Hunter, Jack & Freddie McAlhany, Pam McAlhany, Chuck Thomas

***BENEDICTION**

***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