

# CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

**Words of Welcome**.....Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

**Call to Worship** — *Psalm 33:20-21, 12*

*Leader:* We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.  
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

*All:* Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.

**Opening Praise**

“His Mercy Is More” ..... *Matt Boswell*

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Reading of the Word** — 1 Peter 5:1-10

**Sermon** .....Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Series: “WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?”

**Song of Response**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” ..... *Chris Tomlin*

**Sacrament of Baptism** ..... Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton

Frances Jones McCutchen (*January 30, 2024*)  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCutchen (Katie)

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**Baptism Song** — “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” ..... *Chris Tomlin*

**Independence Day Recognition** ..... Col. Robert Browning, *USMC (ret.)*

Advance the Colors.....Civil Air Patrol, Greenville Unit

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

National Anthem: “The Star-Spangled Banner”

Retire the Colors

**Announcements**..... Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

“America the Beautiful” ..... *Ray Charles*

**Closing Praise**

“Crowns Down” ..... *Gateway Worship*

**Benediction**



# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

## Announcements

**WELCOME, VISITORS!**—We are so glad you are worshipping with us. If you would like to learn more about FPC's ministries, get connected to a Bible Study or Life Group, or request prayer, please scan the QR code or text "Connect" to 864.920.5323, and complete the online card. Questions? Contact Charlotte Joye (864.565.0956, [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org)).



**NEW MEMBER WEEKEND**—Would you like to discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC? Our next New Member Weekend will be Friday–Saturday, July 11–12. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Charlotte Joye at [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org). Registration is open at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

**JUNE 30 MARKS THE END OF FPC'S FISCAL YEAR**—As we approach the close of our fiscal year, we are grateful for God's provision and your faithful giving throughout the year. Thanks to your generosity, we've had a strong year—but we need your help to finish well. Summer often brings travel and lower in-person attendance, so we encourage you to consider making your year-end gift now. Giving options include the offering during Sunday worship, online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/give](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/give), by mail, gifts of appreciated stock, and Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from IRAs. Thank you for your continued support of God's work through First Presbyterian. For questions or assistance, contact Kristy Service at [kservice@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kservice@firstpresgreenville.org).

**CLOSINGS TO NOTE**—The following events will not take place the week of July 4.

**Tuesday–Wednesday, July 1–2:** No Healing Prayer Service; No "Finding I AM" Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday, July 3:** No Men's breakfast/lunch studies

**Friday, July 4:** Church Office Closed; No Art & Faith Lunch; First Fridays Gallery Crawl moved to July 11

**Sunday, July 6:** No Sunday School for children

**REGISTER FOR RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE MINISTRY THIS FALL**—Re|engage, a 14-week marriage enrichment ministry designed to equip and disciple couples in their walk with Christ, teaches couples how to apply biblical principles to their marriage. This fall, Re|engage will be offered on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The joint kick-off will be

held Sunday, August 17, at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$55 per couple. Children's programming (birth–K5) is available on Wednesday evenings only. Register online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). Contact Charlotte Joye at [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org) for more details.

**HOLLIS ACADEMY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE**—Help support the students and teachers at Hollis Academy as they prepare for a new school year! Beginning July 6, you may pick up a paper apple from displays located in the Loggia, Abbott Gathering, Sturgis Gathering, and the Worship & Arts reception area. Each apple lists needed snacks for children or gift card options for teachers. You can also visit our website for an Amazon wish list of items. All donations should be returned to the church by Wednesday, July 23.

**LAFIN ILLUSIONISTS—JULY 18 TICKETS AVAILABLE**—Child Evangelism Fellowship has partnered Christian Illusionists, David and Laffins and FPC to bring you a fun night for the whole family on Friday, July 18, at 6:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Doors open at 4:00pm with food, inflatables, and kid-friendly activities. Witness the impossible at *A Night of Good News* as the Laffins create a dazzling spectacle that's perfect for families and audiences of all ages. Tickets are available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

**BUDDY BREAK IS JULY 25**—Do you know of a family raising a child with special needs? Once a quarter we hold Buddy Break to give these parents a respite. Our next Buddy Break is Friday, July 25, from 5:30–8:00pm. Contact Tina Jones with questions or to register at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**—It may only be the beginning of summer, but our Worship & Music Team is already preparing for this year's *Christmas@First* concerts, to be held December 13–14. Are you interested in participating this year? Mark your calendar for a special preview night on Wednesday, August 13, 6:15–7:30pm in the Choir Room. You'll get an introduction to this year's music and theme and learn how to get involved. Everyone is welcome—whether you're a seasoned choir member or simply love to sing. Rehearsals will begin in September, and more details will be shared at the preview. Come be part of this joyful Christmas event!

*This is an abbreviated list of announcements for the week. For more details about news and events at FPC, please visit the **Connect@First** newsletter page and the **Events** page of the website at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org).*



**SENSORY BAGS**—FPC is a sensory inclusive certified facility through KultureCity. Sensory bags are available where you see this symbol, or see an usher for assistance. To learn more about invisible disabilities, visit [KultureCity.org](http://KultureCity.org).

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