

# WALKING

in the Presence of God

## Prelude

## Chiming of the Hour

**Words of Welcome**.....Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons/Rev. Charlie Buchanan

## Call to Worship — *Psalm 19:7-8*

*Leader:* The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.  
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

*All:* The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

**Hymn of Praise** — No. 463: “Revive Us Again” .....REVIVE US AGAIN

## Prayer of Adoration

## Sacrament of Baptism

(8:30am) Walker Scott Stone (*December 12, 2024*) .....Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons  
son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stone (Rebecca)

(11:00am) Evans Lewis McTeer (*October 13, 2024*) .....Rev. Charlie Buchanan  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Parker McTeer (Anna)

## The Apostles’ Creed

## Announcements

**Welcome to New Members**..... Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton/Rev. Charlie Buchanan

## Offering

“Illuminare” (*Splendor*) .....*Elaine Hagenburg*

## Pastoral Prayer and Response — *Psalm 19:9-11*

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Amen.

**Hymn** — No. 734: “Glory Be to the Father” ..... GREATOREX

## Hymn of Preparation

No. 261: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ..... HAMBURG

**Reading of the Word** — Luke 24:13-35 (*page 1642 in the pew Bible*)

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

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## Hymn of Response

Supplement No. 33: “The Power of the Cross” ..... *Getty/Townend*

## Benediction

## Postlude



# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

**HEARING LOOP**—If you have a hearing aid or cochlear implant, you can receive sound directly from the church’s PA system. Switch your device to “T” or “T-Coil.” For best results, sit near an aisle. Questions? Call 231.955.3636.



**SENSORY BAGS**—First Pres 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).

## 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)).



**RESONATE! CONCERT SUNDAY, MAY 4, AND CHILDREN’S MUSIC CONCERT WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**—Come celebrate our students (grades 6-12) and children (K4–grade 5) as they showcase all they’ve learned in choir this past year. From joyful singing to an impressive drumming performance of all the books of the Bible by our older children, this is an event you won’t want to miss! We look forward to sharing these free concerts with you:

- Resonate!—Sunday, May 4, 1:30pm, Harper Chapel
- Children’s Choirs—Weds, May 7, 6:15pm, Sanctuary

**FAMILY EASTER PHOTOS AVAILABLE ONLINE**—

Look for the “Easter Photos” icon on the Events page of the website or scan the QR code here to view and download your Easter family photos.



**STUDENT MISSION FUNDRAISER**—Help support this summer’s Senior High Dominican Republic mission trip by picking up an envelope from tables around the church this Sunday. Enclose the suggested amount (\$5 to \$100)—or \$2,000 to sponsor the trip for one student—and return it by Wednesday, April 30, to the church office or offering plate. You can also scan the QR code to donate to an individual student. Questions? Contact Mason Simmons at [msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org).



**THE GRAY HAVENS RETURNS TO FIRST PRES**—Join The Gray Havens, American Christian folk pop duo, along with John Mark Pantana, Antoine Bradford, and Lovkn, for an unforgettable night of music, storytelling, and community as they bring *The Zion Caravan Tour* to First Pres! The concert is Thursday, May 1, at 7:30pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Whether you’re a longtime fan or new to their music, you won’t want to miss this concert!

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY HIRING SUMMER INTERNS**—The Children’s Ministry has openings for three summer interns to work 30 hours a week. If interested, please contact Tina Jones ([tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org)) for an application.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—SIGN UP TODAY**—We have 323 children registered for Vacation Bible School (VBS) on June 9-12 with another 89 on the waiting list! We currently need 60 more volunteers to register so we can accommodate all who want to attend.

**Greatest Need:** Tribe Leaders (serve in pairs) to guide small groups through stations like worship, Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, the marketplace, and games.

**Other Open Roles:** Drama team, craft area, games, and preschool VBS.

The sooner you register, the sooner we can finalize children’s placements and prepare for an amazing week! Sign up today: [VBSpro.events/p/events/24572e/volunteers](http://VBSpro.events/p/events/24572e/volunteers) or click the VBS icon at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to these children!

**ART & FAITH LUNCH MAY 2**—Come hear from folks at The Arbor Institute who will share about their work in faith and the arts on Friday, May 2, at 12:00pm at the Intersection (Bridge City Café). All are welcome to this free event!

**FPA PRESENTS THE LIGHTNING THIEF**—Join us in the Worship & Arts Center on May 8, 9, or 10 at 7:00pm for *The Lightning Thief: Theatre for Young Audiences Edition*, a high-energy musical packed with monsters, mayhem, and music that will rock the winged shoes off your feet! Based on Rick Riordan’s best-selling book, this electrifying show follows Percy Jackson as he discovers his true heritage and embarks on a quest to save the world. Grab your tickets now before they disappear faster than a bolt of lightning! Tickets (\$17) are on sale now at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**—You may purchase flowers for the Sanctuary and dedicate them in honor or memory of loved ones on these Sundays: May 18, May 25, June 1, June 22, or June 29. Please contact Linda Slash at 864.235.0496 or [lslash@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lslash@firstpresgreenville.org) to reserve a date.

*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).*

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