



WHAT DO WE
BELIEVE

Prelude — “Old 100th Suite” *Joel Raney*

Chiming of the Hour

Words of Welcome Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons/Rev. Don Feuerbach

Call to Worship — *Psalm 93:1, 5*

Leader: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.
Your throne was established long ago.

All: You are from all eternity. Your statutes stand firm.
Holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.

Hymn of Praise

No. 136: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” NICAEA

Prayer of Adoration

Announcements

Moment for Missions — *FPC Foundation* Bobby Hoffman

Offering

“Alleluia” *Elaine Hagenberg*

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer Response — *Psalm 103:8-13*

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

Supplement No. 38: “O Great God” *Kauflin*

Stanza 1: Choir Stanzas 2 & 3: Congregation joins

Reading of the Word — 1 Peter 1:13-20 (*page 1887 in the pew Bible*)

Sermon Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Series: “WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?”

Hymn of Response

No. 405: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” SOLID ROCK

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.

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).



NEW TIME FOR FIRST AND FOREMOST ON FOX CAROLINA—Now Airing Sundays at 10:00am—Our weekly *First and Foremost* broadcast on Fox Carolina has moved to a new time—10:00am, right after the Sunday morning news (previously 10:30am). This 30-minute program features highlights from our worship service and reaches viewers across the Upstate and western North Carolina. Please help us spread the word! If you know someone who watches regularly, be sure to let them know about the updated time.

WOMEN’S 6-WEEK SUMMER BIBLE STUDY—*Finding I AM; How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart* by Lysa TerKeurst. In John’s Gospel, Jesus reveals His divine identity through a series of profound declarations known as the “I AM” statements. These statements are more than poetic metaphors; they are personal revelations from Jesus about who He is and what He came to do. This same study will be offered at three different times each week starting Tuesday, June 17, at 9:30am and 6:00pm, and Wednesday, June 18, at 9:30am. Childcare is available with registration. Please contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org) or Tiffany Boggs (tiffanyboggs3@gmail.com) with questions. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

MONTHLY WOMEN’S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY—*Lemonade and Learning: The Lord’s Prayer*. Join us for Bible study and light refreshments on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall: June 18, July 16, and August 13. (No registration required.) Our study will be led by Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley, Rev. Don Feuerbach, and Fine Arts Director Chelsea Fraser.

THE BRUNCH BUNCH TURNS TWO! JOIN THE CELEBRATION TODAY—Since May 21, 2023, more than 100 covenant partners, singles, couples, and guests have joined the First Presbyterian Sunday Brunch Bunch for a weekly time

of fellowship and food. Every Sunday after the 11:00am service, we gather in the Abbott area before heading downtown to share a meal and good company. Now, we’re turning two—and we’d love for you to celebrate with us! Help us kick off year three with record attendance by joining us today at noon in the Abbott Gathering area. No reservations are needed—just bring your appetite and a friendly spirit. Questions? Contact Rev. Stan Johnson at 864.423.2067. Bon appétit!

SUMMER STUDENT MINISTRY ACTIVITIES—All Jr. and Sr. High students are invited to join us for a fun-filled summer of weekly activities, both on campus and off! A save-the-date schedule was shared recently, and detailed event info will be updated regularly on our website. To stay in the loop, sign up for the Roots Weekly Email. It’s the best way to get timely updates and reminders. To subscribe, contact Mason Simmons at msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org or Courtney Rockness at crockness@firstpresgreenville.org.

DAY MISSIONS SUPPLIES DRIVE—The Children’s Ministry is collecting supplies to support low-income housing residents and those in need within our community. You can make a difference by donating essential items! For a list of items needed, click the “Summer Day Missions donations list” icon on the Events page of the website. Drop off your donations by May 18 at the Children’s Ministry check-in desk (across from the Nursery). For details, contact Karen King at 864.565.0936 or kking@firstpresgreenville.org.

2025 GRADUATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE—FPC members and family members who are 2025 (or August/December 2024) graduates of High School, College, Graduate School, and Seminary will be announced in early June. To be included, complete the form online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or contact Austin Clay (aclay@firstpresgreenville.org) by Friday, May 30.

SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE—Join us for the Summer Basketball Youth League and Skills Clinics located in the Graham Gym. The season, which runs June 9–July 26 for K5-12th graders, will include several games, jamborees, and clinics each week. Registration ends May 31. Visit FirstPresSports.com or contact Caleb McKisic at info@CSARec.com for details.

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.

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