First Presbyterian Church
Greenville, SC

Sunday, November 8, 2026
10:45am Worship

Missed Call... GOD

1 SAMUEL | DIVIDED LOYALTIES

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Worship & Arts Center

10:45am Worship

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

Call to Worship — *Psalm 86:1–5* ..... Preston Sutton, *FPA Student*

Leader: Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

All: **Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I call to you all day long. Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. You are forgiving and good, O LORD, abounding in love to all who call to you.**

Opening Praise

"Come, People of the Risen King" ..... *Getty*

Prayer of Adoration ..... Preston Sutton, *FPA Student*

Reading of the Word — 1 Samuel 9:1–16 ..... Natalia Carneiro, *FPA student*

Sermon ..... Dr. Gibbons

Series: "MISSED CALL...GOD"

Song of Response

"Firm Foundation (He Won't Fail)" ..... *The Belonging Co.*

Announcements ..... Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley

Moment for Missions — *First Presbyterian Academy* ..... Dr. Rob Brown, *Head of School*

Offering

"Lord, Grant Us Peace/Da Pacem Domine" ..... *Kevin Keil*

FPA Lower School Chorus Melonie Martin, *Director*

Veterans Recognition and Prayer Response ..... CDR Rich Bradshaw, *USNR (Ret.)*

Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me. Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD; Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O LORD my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me. Amen. *(Psalm 86:6–13)*

Closing Praise

"Holy Forever" ..... *Bethel Music*

Benediction

The MISSION: Transforming lives for the glory of Christ.

The VISION: Equipping and empowering the people of First Presbyterian Church to transform our communities and the world through the grace of Jesus.

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Sanctuary

Prelude — "When We All Get to Heaven" ..... *arr. Tammy Waldrop*
Handbell Choir

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit — *(11:00am)* "Ring Out, Ye Bells!" ..... *Garrett/Carlton/Forrest*
Choir & Handbell Choir

Words of Welcome ..... Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons/Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton

Call to Worship — *Psalm 86:1–5* ..... Graham Mathias, *FPA Student*

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Hymn of Praise — Hymn No. 96: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ..... AZMON

Prayer of Adoration

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Hymn of Preparation — Supplement No. 9: "By Grace Alone" ..... *Ward/Luther*

Reading of the Word

1 Samuel 9:1–16 *(page 430 in the pew Bible)* ..... Margaret Devine, *FPA Student*

Sermon ..... Dr. Gibbons

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Hymn of Response — Hymn No. 66: "To God Be the Glory" ..... TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Benediction

Postlude

The flowers in the Memorial Hall are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Lindsey Melzer and Gabriel Thompson on November 7, 2026.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Doris Radcliffe Hefner, by the members of the John R. Hefner family.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Announcements

WELCOME, VISITORS!—We are so glad you are worshiping 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 Tiffany Boggs (864.565.0919, tboggs@firstpresgreenville.org).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15—The Session has approved a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, November 15, at 12:00 noon** for the purposes of electing church officers—Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2029—and considering a motion relating to the sale of property. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. The slate of officers and Election Procedures brochure is online at FirstPresGreenville.org/events and in the church literature racks. If you're seeking additional information regarding the sale of property, two Town Hall meetings have been arranged in Fellowship Hall. The first took place on Thursday evening, November 5. The next is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10, 6:30–7:30pm.**

HOLLIS ANGEL TREES—Hollis Angel Trees are up throughout the church today! Please choose an angel and purchase gifts that will be placed in our annual Christmas Store, where parents of Hollis students will shop for their children's Christmas gifts. You can also visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events to purchase gifts online and ship them to the church by **Tuesday, November 24**. Contact Christy Glenn (864.908.5699) with questions about the Angel Tree process. Contact Cara Morris (cnmorris915@gmail.com) to volunteer.

2027 EGYPT TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING—Journey with us to the land of pyramids, temples, and tombs March 30–April 7, 2027. Discover some of the world's most remarkable archaeological treasures with hosts Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons and Lindsay Graham. An informational meeting will be held for anyone interested in this trip on **Sunday, November 15,** at 4:00pm in the Abbott Gathering area.

CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERTS: "BEHOLD OUR GOD"—Experience the Christmas story through an inspiring mix of sacred and secular favorites, presented by a 100-voice choir, full orchestra, world-class vocalists, handbells, organ, and children's voices. Concerts will be:

Saturday, December 12—2:00pm & 6:00pm
Sunday, December 13—3:00pm

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children age 12 and under. Student, family, and group tickets are available. The Box Office is open Sundays (9:30–10:30am), and Monday–Friday (office hours) at the Reception desk in the A Building.

***CHRISTMAS FOR A CAUSE* AND CHRISTMAS MARKET**—Get your tickets now for *Christmas for a Cause*, featuring Graydon Tomlinson and some of the Upstate's finest musicians, on **Sunday, November 29**. The pre-concert Christmas Market, which offers tasty treats and unique gifts from local vendors, will begin at 3:00pm in the Sturgis Gathering area, followed by the concert at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Tickets ($15) are on sale at FirstPresGreenville.org/events. All proceeds support the mission of Isaiah 117 House, an organization that serves children, families, and workers in the foster care system.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—This Christmas join us on **Tuesday, December 1**, at noon in Fellowship Hall for the Women's Christmas luncheon. Enjoy a devotion by Tiffany Boggs, Christmas music with Graydon Tomlinson, and a special time of fellowship. Your ticket ($20) includes a delicious lunch from Jasmine's Kitchen and a copy of *Emmanuel* by Ruth Chou Simons, a 25-day Advent devotional journey. Childcare is available for children 5 and under; reservations are required at FirstPresGreenville.org/events.

TAKE THE MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COURSE—How does the gospel shape ministry leadership and our Mission, Vision, and Values at FPC? In the Ministry Development Course (MDC), we'll explore that question together through Tim Keller's book *Center Church*, with time for conversation, questions, and practical application. MDC is open to anyone, whether you're considering a leadership role or simply interested in learning more, and is required for those who will serve as church officers. Please join us for orientation on Wednesday, **January 13, 6:00–7:30pm** in Room D305. To register, contact Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org. For more information, contact Mark Hutton at mhutton@firstpresgreenville.org.

*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 at **FirstPresGreenville.org**.*

SENSORY BAGS—FPC is a sensory inclusive certified facility through KultureCity. Sensory bags are available where you see this symbol, or ask an usher for assistance. For more information on invisible disabilities, visit KultureCity.org.

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