

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION JANUARY 5

This Sunday, January 5, we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our worship services at 8:30am, 10:45am Ignite, and 11:00am.

TUESDAY HEALING PRAYER SERVICE RESUMES

The Healing and Prayer Service resumes next Tuesday, January 7, in Harper Chapel, at 6:30pm. We invite you to come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit.

DISCIPLESHIP

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

DIVORCE CARE BEGINS JANUARY 8

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the pain of divorce. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Register at DivorceCare.org; enter "Greenville, SC" in "Find a Group Near You"; then click on the First Presbyterian Church listing. Once you register, you'll need to order a participant's manual through this registration portal. The cost is \$20. Childcare is provided.

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

COME GROW WITH US IN 2025!

Get connected next year and grow in your faith! Coming soon in our Winter/Spring Grow@First schedule, you'll find details on Sunday Morning Worship and classes, weekday studies, and music opportunities for all ages. Brochures are available in the literature racks and online at FirstPresGreenville.org. Questions? Contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us next Wednesday, January 8, at 12:30pm or 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall, for our Bible studies in the Gospel of John. We will first explore the "I AM" sayings of Jesus, and then focus on John's passion narrative as we move toward the dramatic climax of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Immersing ourselves in Scripture, we will consider the life-changing significance of Christ as the Son of God and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. Grow deeper in your faith in this stimulating, challenging study of John.

DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Save the date to discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! New Member Weekend will be Friday-Saturday, January 31-February 1. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda at lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org. Registration is open at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Missional Ministry, Brian Stewart

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The MDC course, open to all covenant partners, is a great preparation for any church leadership role and a prerequisite for officer nomination. You are invited to attend one of the two orientation meetings on Sunday, January 5, at 9:00am in Room B202, or Wednesday, January 8, at 6:00pm in Room B301. To register for the orientation, contact Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org. For more information, contact Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org.

PERSPECTIVES COURSE BEGINS SOON

The Perspectives Course is a comprehensive study of God's global movement to bring His glory from all the people groups of the earth. This 15-week course begins Thursday, January 16, 6:30-9:15pm in Room D305. If you're not sure, try the first two classes for free. To register, visit Perspectives.org/courses/greenville-sc-spring-25/. For more information, contact Kelli Morrison at 864.380.9611 or Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org. If you need childcare, contact Evelyn Penkert at epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org.

Stewardship Ministry, Bobby Hoffman

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP CLASSES IN JANUARY

If money, wealth, and possessions appear in 2,350 Bible verses and 16 of Jesus' parables, it is safe to say that God

views these topics as critically important. Learn more about biblical financial stewardship on Sundays, January 12, 19, and 26, 9:45-10:30am in Fellowship Hall with Bob August (Estate Planning), Mark Clary (Saving and Investing), and Tripp Welch (Budgeting and Debt). No registration is necessary. Contact Bobby Hoffman at bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

EVENTS

Children's and Music Ministry, Tina Jones

NIGHT TO SHINE COMES TO FPC IN FEBRUARY

Join us as we host The Tim Tebow Foundation's *Night to Shine* on Friday, February 7, at 6:00pm. This is an evening centered on God's love, honoring and celebrating those with special abilities (ages 14 and older). All participants will enjoy dinner, dancing, karaoke, limo rides, shoeshines, getting their hair and makeup done, and even a special crowning. If you'd like to volunteer for this very special event, we have a role for you! Register now to volunteer at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Questions? Contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

RESURRECTION LETTERS COMES TO FIRST PRES

Join us to hear Andrew Peterson's celebrated Easter tour, *The Resurrection Letters*, on Thursday, April 3, at 7:00pm! These songs celebrate the victory Christ won for us on Calvary and the security of the resurrection. We can't wait to share these *Resurrection Letters* with you! Tickets on sale at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Light & Life Ministry, Don Feuerbach

VIABLE PLAY TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The Light & Life Ministry has announced an encore performance of the one-act play, *Viable*, on Friday, January 24, here at FPC. *Viable* is a heart-warming, triumphant story of a mother heavy-laden with secret shame, sorrow, and self-condemnation for 30 years because of her choice—until she experiences the healing, renewing, and restorative love of Jesus Christ in a most unexpected and unusual way. Tickets are on sale now at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Proceeds will support Lifeline Children's Services—visit lifelinechild.org for more information about their ministry.

Missional Ministry, Brian Stewart

SWITCH HOSTS FILM – YOU'RE INVITED

Join the ministry of SWITCH for an exclusive screening of "The Slave in Your Backyard" at Camelot Cinemas and be among the first to witness this powerful film. Get ready to be moved, inspired, and educated by this eye-opening documentary by Fisher Films on the local realities of human trafficking in South Carolina. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of an important conversation and take action against modern slavery. Reserve your seat now at Camelot Cinemas on January 31 at 7:00pm. Purchase tickets (\$20) here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/switch-movie-premier-the-slave-in-your-backyard-tickets-1107424158469>. The movie is not suitable for children 12 and under.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

Sign up to serve in creating an exciting production experience for our guests. No experience is required. Training will be provided by our Event Operations Coordinator. Further details will be sent regarding scheduling and training. If you are interested, please email productions@firstpresgreenville.org for more details.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

GET READY TO "RECYCLE" FOR MIRACLE HILL

As you sort through the blessings of gifts received during Christmas and the New Year, please set aside unwanted gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories in preparation for our annual Miracle Hill Yellow Bag collection day on February 23. Bonus points if you decide to be a temporary collection center for your neighbors!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 5, 2025

Sacrament of Communion

WORSHIP

8:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite

in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Communion Meditation

Scripture: Mark 14:12-26

8:30am Nursery

9:30am Children's Sunday School

9:45am Student Life Groups

9:45am Adult Life Groups

10:30am Kids Church

LIVE STREAMING

8:30am & 11:00am:

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YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite

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WEDNESDAY

January 8, 2025

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The "I AM" Sayings of John

12:30pm-1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm-7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

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FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Fried Chicken or Baked Salmon

Rice Pilaf, Steamed Broccoli with

cheese sauce, Turnip Greens,

Fiesta Corn, Rolls, Mixed Salads,

Chef's Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

LOOKING AHEAD

1/24: *Viable* Play

1/31: "The Slave in Your Backyard"
Screening at Camelot Theater

2/7: *Night to Shine*

2/23: Miracle Hill Yellow Bag
Collection Day

More info on all events at
FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

MEMBER NEWS

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mrs. Mary Vickers in the death of her husband, Frankin Anderson Vickers, on December 15, 2024.

The family of Gladys “Hap” Henderson. Mrs. Henderson died on December 18, 2024.

The family of Lee Shelton. Mr. Shelton died on December 30, 2024.

IN MEMORIAM

Gladys Elkes Henderson ♦ *October 25, 1926 – December 18, 2024*

Lee Shelton ♦ *September 22, 1931 – December 30, 2024*

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Susan Tousignant by by Ken and Ann Holcomb; Rachel and Steven Gatoff; Federated Hermes; Chaunessy Homeowners Assoc.; The Piedmont Bank Board of Directors and Staff; George and Lisa White

CHURCH HONOR FUND

In honor of Albert L. Johnson III by by Fran Goodale

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In honor of Jack Brunson by Dr. and Mrs. K. Graham Lawrence, Jr.
In honor of George and Sara Huber by Tom and Zoe Wiltrout

SEARCH MINISTRIES FUND

In honor of Kent Barber (2024 Diaconate Moderator) by The Diaconate

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Dick Brennecke, Miriam Brice, Lin Cundiff, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Michael Faw, Liz Fuqua, Tasha Garrison, Betsy Guffey, Richard Hanks, Mary Haselden, Anna Hewitt, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, Ginny Johnson, Tom Lide, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Raoul Glenn, Buddy May, Mozelle Moore, Jim Nance, Chloris Norman, Becky Powell, Joanne Quantz, Ken Rhoden, **Thom Robelot**, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Barbara Seibel, Carrie Stringer, Claire Taylor, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, Robin Walton, Lindsay Webb, Jack Whitesides, Beryl Wickliffe, *Carrie Williamson*, Gretchen Horwath Wood, Jan Zimmerman

Bold = New *Italics* = In Hospital

PRAYER RESOURCES

Congregational Care: To pass on information regarding a medical emergency, upcoming surgery, or admittance to the hospital, please call Don Feuerbach, 864.565.0928.

Prayer Appointments: To schedule a confidential appointment with our Healing Prayer Team Members, call 864.565.0960.

Prayer Requests: For general prayer requests, call 864.565.0970.

Healing Prayer Service: Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Chapel

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.



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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

January 2–8, 2025

Viable Tickets on Sale Now

Grow@First Winter/Spring Schedule
Now Available

DivorceCare Begins January 8

Biblical Stewardship Classes
Begin January 12

Night to Shine February 7

For more information about
the ministries of FPC, visit
FirstPresGreenville.org

JANUARY 2-8, 2025

The Light & Life Ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH WITH AN ENCORE PRESENTATION OF



Original Cast
LIVE
On Stage

Viable

The Truth of Christ's Love in One Act

Friday, January 24, at 7:00pm
First Presbyterian Church

Tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or Scan Here for Tickets



Watch previews and audience testimonials at ViablePlay.org. For more information, contact John Hoover at 615.268.3507.

Proceeds Support Lifeline Children's Services



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