

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

DISCOVER FIRST: 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, 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.

MARRIAGE MATTERS—BUILDING STRONG MARRIAGES TODAY

Join us for a practical, informative, and biblical look at what a marriage can be. Led by Chuck and Beth Simmons and Will and Sydney Sykes, this six-week course will cover a variety of topics, all designed to help couples build strong, healthy relationships with one another. Dates are Wednesdays, February 5–March 12, 6:15–7:15pm. No registration required. Open to married couples of all ages!

Stewardship Ministry, Bobby Hoffman

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP CLASS ON BUDGETING AND DEBT THIS SUNDAY

Learn more about budgeting and debt with Tripp Welch this Sunday at 9:45–10:30am in Fellowship Hall. No registration is necessary. Contact Bobby Hoffman at bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

EVENTS

Congregational Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

COMING MARCH 8—THE FRAGILE YEARS: Proven Strategies for the Care of Aging Loved Ones

Do you have a parent or aging loved one nearing or in the most fragile years of life? Are you considering in-home care for them? Assisted living? A nursing home? Have they endured repeated hospitalizations, or are they facing major surgery? Are they refusing to give up their independence? Do they have adequate savings to pay for care? Are they getting the right Medicare, Medicaid, or VA benefits? Amy O'Rourke, author and a veteran care management professional, will help you find the right care for your loved ones in a half-day seminar here at First Pres on March 8. Save the date and watch for more information.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

SONIC EXPEDITIONS RECITAL

Sonic Expeditions is a classical recital featuring saxophone and piano, played by Michael Matthews and Ruby Lee, respectively. This program, with its French and American flare, seeks to transport the audience through several energetic musical journeys. Join us on Friday, February 21, at 6:00pm in Harper Chapel. Tickets (\$10) are on sale now at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

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.

First Presbyterian Nursery School, Beth Plyler

SUMMER@1ST REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Summer@1st is designed for infants through rising K5 for the months of June and July. Flexible registration and sibling discounts are available. For more information and to register, visit FirstPresNurserySchool.org, or email bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org.

Light & Life Ministry, Don Feuerbach

VIABLE—LAST CALL FOR TICKETS

As highly controversial and electrically-charged a social issue as abortion can be, *Viable*, a theatrical performance on Friday, January 24, follows a journey of restoration, renewal, and hope through the eyes of one woman heavy-laden with despair. Tickets are available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Proceeds support Lifeline Children's Services that supports adoption, assistance to young mothers, and mentoring for women faced with unplanned pregnancies and those seeking healing from past choices.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

PURSUIT 2025 MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

This year's men's retreat will be held March 28–30 at Carolina Point YoungLife Camp. The weekend will be a rich time of fellowship, discipleship, and adventure. Men can expect to be challenged spiritually, laugh heartily, experience adventure, begin new relationships, and deepen existing friendships. The cost of this year's retreat is \$275 and includes incredible facilities, five meals, two nights lodging, and the weekend journal. Please use code FPC75 for a discount. Space is limited so sign up early. Visit 3GenMinistries.org to register. Questions? Please contact Michael Trotter at trottermichael1@gmail.com or Russell Guest at russellguest@charter.net.

Missional Ministry

YELLOW BAG PROJECT FOR MIRACLE HILL

Did you know that a small yellow bag can make a big difference in the lives of people in our community? As you clean out closets and drawers, please set aside gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for our Miracle Hill Ministries Yellow Bag Project. Bags will be available mid-February and can be returned on February 23.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

SPRING ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration is open now through February 28 for Adult Spring Basketball for men and women. The season runs March 3–April 24 at First Pres in the Graham Gym. Men's league plays on Mondays and Thursdays and Women's league on Tuesdays. Register a team today at CSARec.com (Adult Programs). Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic at info@csarec.com or call 864.660.2080.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP FOR K5-GRADE 5

Weekly Sports Camp is offered this summer for rising K5–5th graders at First Pres, Mondays–Fridays, May 26–August 7, from 9:00am–12noon. Our camps offer age-appropriate basics and sport progressions throughout the week. Camps include daily sports activities, snack breaks, themed character lessons, and more! A list of weekly sports camps and registration can be found at FirstPresSports.com under the Programs menu. Space is limited so register your child today! For more information, contact Caleb McKisic at info@csarec.com.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

SACRED SOLOS@FIRST CONCERT

Come and enjoy God's presence through music on Sunday, March 2, at 2:00pm, in the Worship & Arts Center. *Sacred Solos@First* will be a recital performed by professional musicians of First Pres. Vocal, piano, cello, and oboe soloists will prepare our minds and hearts for the Lenten season. Tickets are \$10 and go on sale January 26 at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

MUSIC CAMP IS JUNE 9-12 — REGISTER SOON

This year's theme is *The Greatest Stories Ever Told*, focusing on hymns, the stories behind them, and how they tell the story of Christ. Students (2nd–rising 6th grade) will choose an "interest" to focus on for the week. They will get extra time with one of the following: Orff, World instruments, Recorder, Organ/Piano, Drama, Guitar/Strings or Handbells. These are introductory music experiences. Each interest is limited to 20 children, so you will be asked to select your top three. Music Camp follows VBS and runs from 12:00–4:00pm. Click the Music Camp icon at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events to register.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

NIGHT TO SHINE EVENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We are privileged to host The Tim Tebow Foundation's *Night to Shine* on Friday, February 7, at 6:00pm. This event requires many volunteers and is a wonderful way to connect with and serve our local community of people with special needs. From serving as a guest's buddy or member of the red carpet paparazzi to keeping the enthusiasm up on the dance floor or serving food, there is something for everyone. Go to FirstPresGreenville.org/Events to register as a volunteer. Contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org with questions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 26, 2025

SERMON SERIES

"Flourishing!

Healthy Then—Healthy Now"

Acts 2:1-13

Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the

Worship & Arts Center

11:00am in the Sanctuary

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

YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

WEDNESDAY

January 29, 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

LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU

Maple Glazed Roast Pork Loin

Artichoke and Chicken Casserole

Wild Rice Blend

Roasted Carrots

Seasoned Green Peas

Steamed Asparagus

Rolls

Salads

Chef's Choice Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

LOOKING AHEAD

1/31: RESILIENCE Art Exhibit Opening

2/7: Night to Shine

2/21: Sonic Expeditions Recital

2/23: Yellow Bag Collection Day

3/2: Sacred Solos@First

More info on all events at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Matson Hutchins (Madison) on the birth of a son, David Munro Hutchins, born on December 11, 2024.*

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, **Sandra Banks**, 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, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Raoul Glenn, Buddy May, Mozelle Moore, Jim Nance, Chloris Norman, Becky Powell, Ken Rhoden, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Barbara Seibel, Carrie Stringer, Claire Taylor, John Volpe, Robin Walton, Lindsay Webb, Jack Whitesides, Beryl Wickliffe, *Carrie Williamson*, Jan Zimmerman

Bold = New *Italics* = In Hospital

DID YOU KNOW?

Dr. Gibbons' Fridays@First eblast is also a weekly podcast. Along with his witty jokes, you'll hear about discipleship opportunities, special events, and ways you can participate in transforming the heart of the city. We hope you will listen, like, comment, and subscribe! Go to our YouTube channel @FPCGreenvilleSC and click the Podcast or Videos menus to hear the latest episode.



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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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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

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

The Galleries at First Pres present

RESILIENCE *Asheville Artists*

JANUARY 31 - MARCH 16, 2025
OPENING RECEPTION JANUARY 31 AT 6PM

COME AND SEE WORKS BY ASHEVILLE ARTISTS
IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE!

All work available for purchase unless noted otherwise.

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