

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HIRING SUMMER INTERNS

We are looking for two summer interns to work 30 hours a week for Children's Ministry and one summer intern to work 20 hours a week for Summer@1st. Contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) for an application.

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### MARRIAGE MATTERS—BUILDING STRONG MARRIAGES TODAY

Join us for a practical, informative, and biblical look at what a marriage can be. This six-week course, led by Chuck and Beth Simmons and Will and Sydney Sykes, 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!

*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.

## EVENTS

*Children's Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Student Ministry, Worship & Arts Ministry*

### TAKE ME TO THE CROSS—LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

All are invited to a Lenten Worship and Prayer service on Wednesday, March 5, 6:10–7:15pm in Harper Chapel. Led by First Pres ministry leaders, this service will prepare our hearts for the season of Lent through songs, Scripture readings, and a time of prayer.

*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*

### RESILIENCE—ASHEVILLE ARTISTS EXHIBIT OPENING JANUARY 31

We are thrilled to announce a new exhibit opening in The Galleries at First Pres on Friday, January 31. A reception will be held at 6:00pm, in the Sturgis Gathering area. Come and meet some Asheville artists as they share their work and resilience after the devastation of Hurricane Helene. We hope to see you there!

### 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 online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or in person at the FPC Box Office during church office hours.

### ART & FAITH LUNCH FEBRUARY 7

Come share some of your creative goals for the year and some testimonies of contentment at our next Art & Faith

lunch on Friday, February 7, at 12:00pm at the FPC Bridge City Cafe. All are welcome!

### RESURRECTION LETTERS TOUR COMING TO FPC

Andrew Peterson has announced that the first stop on his annual *Resurrection Letters Tour* is at First Pres on Thursday, April 3, at 7:00pm! This tour will reflect a wide span of Andrew's music catalog, with a special focus on his critically acclaimed albums, *Resurrection Letters: Prologue, Volume 1, and Volume 2*. The record trilogy poignantly explores the event and surrounding themes of Christ's resurrection, along with its glorious implications for our lives today. Purchase your tickets online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or in person at the FPC Box Office during church office hours.

*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*

### MUSIC CAMP JUNE 9-12 — REGISTER NOW

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 instruments, 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*

### CALLING ALL BAKERS

We are privileged to host The Tim Tebow Foundation's *Night to Shine* on Friday, February 7, and need dozens of nut-free cookies and brownies for our special guests. If you are willing to participate, please contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) and let her know how many you will bring. All goodies should be dropped off at the Children's Ministry check-in desk (near the Nursery) by noon on Friday, February 7.

### NIGHT TO SHINE EVENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

*Night to Shine* is an event that 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.

*Missional Ministry*

### BRING YELLOW BAG DONATIONS FEBRUARY 23

Unclutter your closets and help homeless children, women, and men in the Upstate! Pick up Yellow Bags at the church beginning February 9 or use your own bags; fill about 2/3 full with gently used clothing, shoes, handbags, and accessories. Drive through and drop off in the First Pres parking lots on Sunday, February 23, 8:00am–1:00pm. A large truck from Miracle Hill Ministries will be on campus and staffed to receive your donations.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

February 2, 2025

### SERMON SERIES

"Flourishing!

Healthy Then—Healthy Now"

Acts 2:42-47

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### 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:

Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville

YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite

YouTube.com@FirstPresIgniteWorship

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## WEDNESDAY

February 5, 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

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### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

### MENU

Beef Chili

Chef's Soup du Jour

Chicken Wings: Buffalo/Dry Seasoned

Baked Potato Bar with Toppings

Hot Ham Melt Sliders

Onion Rings and Mozzarella Sticks

Ranch/Spinach/Blue Cheese Dips

Celery and Carrot Sticks

Rolls and Cornbread Muffins

Assorted Desserts

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10

Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$40

## LOOKING AHEAD

2/21: *Sonic Expeditions Recital*

2/23: *Yellow Bag Collection Day*

3/2: *Sacred Solos@First*

3/5: *Take Me to the Cross*

More info on all events at  
FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

## MEMBER NEWS

### BAPTISMS ♦ January 26, 2025

Gibson McKinney Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Carter (Anna Louise)

### CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

**Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dixon (Margaret)** on the birth of a grandson, Dominic Dixon Massullo, on January 19, 2025. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Greg Massullo (Anna) of Greenville.

**Mr. and Mrs. Steven Harvin Jr. (Lauren)** on the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Mae Harvin, on January 24, 2025.

### SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**The family of Betty Harper Sierra.** Mrs. Sierra died on April 29, 2024.

**The family of Dr. George Robert Cribb.** Dr. Cribb died on December 17, 2024.

**Mrs. Lodene “Dee” Goodwin** in the death of her husband, Alva Goodwin, on January 21, 2025.

**Mr. and Mrs. Brian Burrell (Karen)** in the death of her father, Mr. Jack Whitesides, on January 27, 2025.

**Mrs. Susan Glenn** in the death of her husband, Raoul Glenn, on January 27, 2025; to **Mr. and Mrs. Lee Glenn (Christy)** in the death of his father; to **Mr. and Mrs. Will Glenn (Kerry)** in the death of his father; and to **Clare, James, William, and Margaret Glenn** in the death of their grandfather.

**Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas (Lisa)** in the death of his mother, Mrs. Sibyl Thomas, on January 27, 2025.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Bryan Alva Goodwin Jr.** ♦ April 27, 1941 – January 21, 2025

**Wadley Raoul Glenn Jr.** ♦ March 5, 1949 – January 27, 2025

**Sibyl D. Thomas** ♦ July 20, 1935 – January 27, 2025

**Jack C. Whitesides** ♦ August 29, 1931 – January 27, 2025

### MEMORIALS & HONORS

#### TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Gladys “Hap” Henderson* by Dr. Alex Patrick and Jane Patrick

#### PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, *Sandra Banks*, Dick Brennecke, Miriam Brice, Lin Cundiff, Peggy Denny, **Robert Denny**, Bud Fant, Michael Faw, Liz Fuqua, Tasha Garrison, **Millard Goodnough**, Betsy Guffey, Richard Hanks, Mary Haselden, Anna Hewitt, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, Tom Lide, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, 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, Beryl Wickliffe, 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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#### TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



#### WHAT'S INSIDE

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*Marriage Matters* Course

*The Fragile Years* Seminar

Adult Spring Basketball League

Registration is Open for Music Camp/  
Summer@1st/Sports Camps

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

JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 5, 2025

# SACRED SOLOS@FIRST

IN PREPARATION FOR LENT

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2:00PM | \$10**

Worship & Arts Center

Soloists & Musicians

Lindsey Brakhage, soprano | Carlos Cardona, tenor | Dustan Chevalier, pianist | Tristan Dover, tenor |  
Beebe Griner, cellist | Stephen Griner, pianist | Jeniece Golbourne, mezzo soprano |  
Janet Hendley, soprano | Cole Kittredge, baritone | Helena Kittredge, soprano |  
Chelsea LaCourse, soprano | Ruby Lee, collaborative pianist | Susan Messer, pianist |  
Mary AllyeB Purtle, oboist | Zach Potter, bass | Stephen Stephens, tenor |  
Sarah Wannamaker, pianist | Pamela Williamson, mezzo soprano

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