

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### NEW STAFF: JUDY GUTIERREZ

Please welcome Judy to the FPC staff! She will be serving as the Children's Ministry Coordinator. Judy is married and has four children and two granddaughters. She has worked in children's ministry for over 20 years and is excited to put down roots in Greenville!

### RICHARDSON STREET ACCESS

On Tuesday and Wednesday, February 20-21, the City of Greenville will temporarily close Richardson Street from the corner of West Washington up to our entrance on Richardson Street. Drivers will be able to access our Richardson Street entrance and parking lot coming from the Buncombe Street direction, but not from West Washington Street.

### GLORY RIDGE SUMMER STAFF

Glory Ridge, a multi-denominational Christian camp in North Carolina, is hiring individuals for their summer staff. Interested applicants can visit [GloryRidge.org](http://GloryRidge.org) to learn about job qualifications and requirements, or email Deb Shoemake to request an application ([deb@gloryridge.org](mailto:deb@gloryridge.org)).

### LOST AND FOUND TABLE

On Sunday, February 11 and February 18, there will be a lost and found table by the elevators in the Building D main hallway. Please take a look for any missing items; anything remaining after February 18 will be donated to Miracle Hill.

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### FINANCIAL PEACE STARTS FEBRUARY 21

Sign up now for Dave Ramsey's class, *Financial Peace* to be held on Wednesdays, 6:00–7:15pm, February 21–May 1. You will learn how to budget, pay off debt quickly, save money, invest, communicate in marriage, and plan for a better financial future. There is a fee to cover the cost of class materials/books. Space is limited. For more information or to register, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### PURSUIT MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

The PURSUIT Men's Discipleship Weekend is March 1-3 at Carolina Point YoungLife Camp. The cost, \$235, includes incredible facilities, five meals, two nights lodging, and the weekend journal. Please use code FPC75 for a discounted cost of \$160. Space is limited. Visit [3GenMinistries.org](http://3GenMinistries.org) to register.

## EVENTS

### WONDERS OF PERU TRIP

Join Dr. Richard Gibbons and Lindsay Graham on a sightseeing trip to Peru July 29-August 6, 2024. Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). For questions, please contact Lindsay Graham at [lgraham2729@gmail.com](mailto:lgraham2729@gmail.com).

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### VBS & DAY MISSIONS ALMOST FULL

There's been a tremendous response to both VBS and Day Missions registrations. If you plan on serving, there are several reserved spots in each program for the children and grandchildren of volunteers. Volunteers may register themselves first at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the VBS and Day Missions icon, then register their child on the waiting list, and email Tina to have your child moved from the waiting list to the regular VBS roster.

### TWO'S BLESSING

If you have a two-year-old (or maybe missed the blessing when your child was two) please join us on Sunday, February 25, at 9:30am in Room C201, to learn

how to pray God's blessing over your child. You will hear an example of a beautiful blessing and leave with a printed copy and a Bible to take home. A light breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Evelyn at [epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org) by February 9.

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### THE GRAY HAVENS CONCERT APRIL 19

*The Gray Havens*, American Christian folk pop husband and wife duo David and Licia Radford, are coming to First Pres! Join us on Friday, April 19, at 7:00pm, for their 10-year anniversary tour concert. For tickets, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### MYSTERY OF BEAUTY ARTS

#### CONFERENCE IN MARCH

The FPC Fine Arts Ministry will host a half-day conference, *Mystery of Beauty*, for anyone interested in the topic of art and faith, on Friday, March 1, in the Worship & Arts Center. Makoto Fujimura will be our keynote speaker. You will not want to miss this conference! Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### FPC DRAMA CAMP JUNE 17–21

Drama Kids of Greenville County is proud to partner with First Presbyterian Church to offer a faith-based summer camp for children ages 6-12, to explore new acting skills, voices, and movements. Get ready to blast off on an epic adventure June 17–21. For more information, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

*Worship & Music Ministry, Graydon Tomlinson*

### IGNITE NIGHT OF WORSHIP

On Thursday, February 22, at 7:00pm, the Ignite Worship Team will host a Night of Worship in the Worship & Arts Center. The concert will feature songs from the latest Ignite Worship album, *Known*, as well as familiar songs from other artists. We will also be filming and recording the concert for later release as a live album, along with video clips. Nursery up to age 3 will be provided, so bring your family, invite your friends, and join us.

*Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer*

### CELEBRATE LIFE! MUSICAL THEATER

The birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus will be celebrated on Sunday, March 10, at 3:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. *Celebrate Life!* will be performed in a musical theater format through narration, the Sanctuary Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists, all presenting the gospel and celebrating Jesus' life and the abundant life He offers us. Free tickets will be available at both reception desks beginning Sunday, February 11 and online at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

Spaces are still available in Music Camp for children rising 2nd–rising 6th grades. Rising 7th–12th grades can also register as a counselor. Music camp follows VBS, June 10-13, from 12:00pm–4:00pm. Children can choose a specialty: world percussion, piano/organ, recorders, Orff instruments (xylophones, etc.), handbells, or drama. Volunteers for camp are also needed. Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart*

### YELLOW BAG PICK-UP STARTS THIS SUNDAY

Please set aside gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for our Miracle Hill Ministries Yellow Bag Project. Bags will be available around the church on Sunday, February 11 and 18, and can be returned on Sunday, February 25, from 8:00am–1:00pm. Thank you for partnering with Miracle Hill to help transform lives and our community.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

### WORSHIP

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

10:45am Ignite

in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

"Fulfilled: Matthew's Gospel"

Scripture: Matthew 8:1-13

Moment for Missions: Miracle Hill and Overcomer's Choir

8:30am Nursery

9:30am Children's Sunday School

9:30am Student Life Groups

9:45am Adult Life Groups

10:30am Kids Church

## LIVE STREAMING

8:30am & 11:00am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)

[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

10:45am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://Facebook.com/firstpresignite)

[YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship)

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## WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

"The Book of Daniel"

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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## WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

### MENU:

Lunch and dinner are prepared by our chef each Wednesday, serving a selection of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10 • Children ages 4-12: \$5

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$35

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

February 8–February 14, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.



MEMBER NEWS

MEMORIALS & HONORS

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Tom Drake by Jane Hudson; Circle 6

VISITATION MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Doug Gilstrap by Ewan and Becky Sweeney

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Doane August, Tom Brissey, Pat Burns, Susan Cable, Lang Cheves, Diane Cobb, Joe Cole, Janet Collins, Marian Dameier, Peggy Denny, Becky Dueben, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Cathy Harman, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Ginny Johnson, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, Mozelle Moore, Jerry Murdock, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Katherine Pate, Bette Ann Phillips, **Don Phillips**, Shari Phillips, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Courtney Prosis, Ed Reed, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, Catherine Sandifer, Janice Shartle, Jude Smith, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Tim Walsh, Spires Welch, Charlie West, Beryl Wickliffe, Frank Vickers, Jan Zimmermann

Bold = New      Italics = In Hospital



PRAYER RESOURCES

**Congregational Care Director, Tammy Burkhalter:** Call 864.565.0943  
For emergencies, upcoming surgeries, or hospital information.

**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 Services:** Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Chapel



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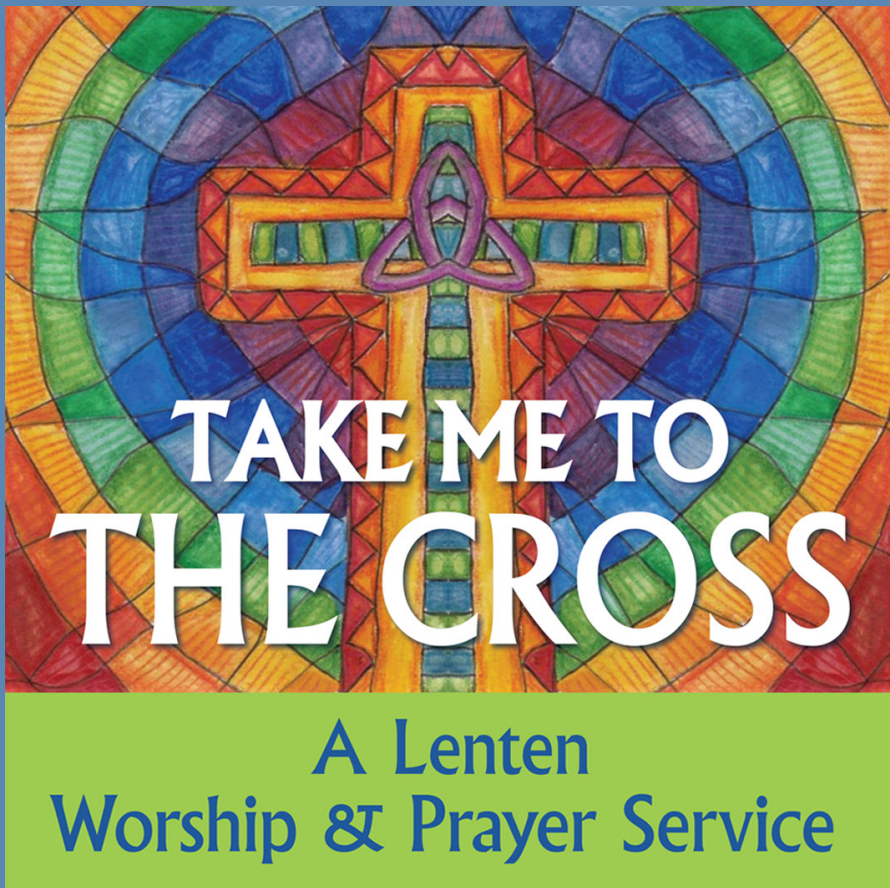
TELEVISION  
**First and Foremost** Program  
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE  
GIVING



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

FEBRUARY 8–FEBRUARY 14, 2024



ALL ARE INVITED

Ash Wednesday  
February 14  
6:15-7:15pm  
Harper Prayer Chapel

Presented by  
Children’s Ministry  
Worship & Music  
Prayer Ministry