

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### NEW STAFF: LINDA SLASH

Please welcome Linda Slash to the FPC staff! She will be serving as receptionist in the new building. Linda is originally from Ohio. After retiring from Ford Motor Credit and working as Finance/

Insurance Manager at Fairway Ford, she is excited to be at First Pres!



### COMMISSIONING OF REV. DR. CLAIRE RIPLEY

Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley was elected as ECO Moderator of the Synod during the ECO

National Gathering. Please join us in congratulating her in this calling, and pray for wisdom and discernment as she begins this new leadership role in our denomination. Please scan the QR code above to watch a video of her commissioning.

### PRAYERS FOR DR MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

Please be in prayer for the men and women who will be traveling to the Dominican Republic this week for a medical mission trip. They will serve in the medical clinic, dental clinic, and perform eye exams. Please pray for their safety and ministry as they bring the Good News and provide necessary medical care to these communities.

### GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2024-2025

The Gullivan-Mills Scholarship is granted each year to college undergraduate and seminary students who are FPC members. Applications available at both reception desks and online under the Gullivan-Mills icon on the [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) page. Submit your completed scholarship application, with all attachments, to the Gullivan-Mills Scholarship Committee (drop off at the reception desk or email to Steven Harvin) no later than Sunday, March 31. Questions? Contact Steven Harvin ([slharvin@gmail.com](mailto:slharvin@gmail.com), 803.477.8123).

## DISCIPLESHIP

### FRESH PRAYERS FOR LENT

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer and fasting to draw closer to Christ as we remember all that He accomplished through his life, death, and resurrection. It begins February 14, Ash Wednesday, and ends on March 28, Maundy Thursday. Be sure to pick up a "Fresh Prayers for Lent" daily prayer calendar available in the church literature racks or click the icon at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://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](https://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](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). For questions, please contact Lindsay Graham at [lgraham2729@gmail.com](mailto:lgraham2729@gmail.com).

### 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](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

#### MYSTERY OF BEAUTY CONFERENCE

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](https://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](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

#### SPORTS CAMPS IN GRAHAM GYM

Several sports programs are coming this spring and summer! Registration is now open at [FirstPresSports.com](https://FirstPresSports.com) for Adult Spring Basketball and Pickleball, Kid's Golf Clinic, Summer Youth Sports Camp, and Youth Basketball. For more information, email [caleb@firstpressports.com](mailto:caleb@firstpressports.com).

### 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

#### 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](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### JOBS FOR LIFE CLASS MARCH 19

Jobs for Life is a transformational ministry to equip men getting back up on their feet to find and keep a job. We are in need of several men to serve as mentors, as well as business owners to volunteer as guest speakers. The next 7-week class begins Tuesday, March 19, 6:15pm-8:00pm at the Greenville Rescue Mission. For more information, contact Dave Forry at 864.380.1013 or [forrydcf@aol.com](mailto:forrydcf@aol.com).

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

#### VBS & DAY MISSIONS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There has been a tremendous response to both VBS and Day Missions registrations. Volunteers may register themselves first at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](https://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) under the VBS and Day Missions icon, then register their child or grandchild. Questions? Contact Tina at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

### Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

#### PICK UP YELLOW BAGS ON 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 18, and can be returned on Sunday, February 25, 8:00am–1:00pm. Thank you for partnering with Miracle Hill to help transform lives and our community.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 18, 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 11:1-11

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)

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10:45am:

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

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

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## WEDNESDAY

February 21, 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 15–February 21, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.



MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ February 11, 2024

Smith Reynolds Carson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Vincent Carson (Covington)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Fellers (Magdalena) on the birth of a daughter, Adelaide Jean Fellers born on November 2, 2023.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mrs. Nancy McDaniel in the death her husband, Heyward McDaniel, of Greenville, SC, on February 6; and to daughter Holly O’Connell and granddaughters Caroline and Grantly Orr.

The Robbins family, in the death of Kenneth Robbins of Greenville, SC, on February 3.

IN MEMORIAM

Heyward McDaniel ♦ December 30, 1943 – February 6, 2024

MEMORIALS & HONORS

VISITATION MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Doug Gilstrap by Polly Via; Circle 10

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Al Phinney by Peggy and Craig Carver

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Doane August, Tom Brissey, **Keith Bumpious**, 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, **Pris Jones**, 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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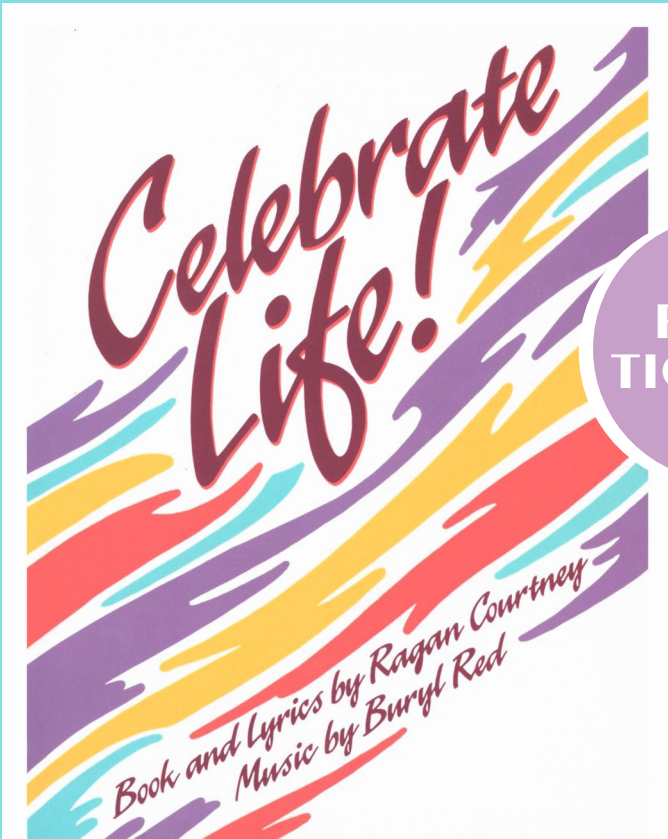
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For more information about the ministries of FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

FEBRUARY 15–FEBRUARY 21, 2024



FPC Worship and Music Ministry presents  
a musical theatre performance to celebrate the birth,  
life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus

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 are available at both reception desks and online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.