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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING APRIL 21

The Session has approved a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 21, at 12:00noon in the Sanctuary and the Worship & Arts Center to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and vote on their recommendation for a new Congregational Care Pastor. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

WASHINGTON STREET PARKING LOT CHANGES

A new company is managing the Washington Street parking lot and will begin auditing this week. FPC members will need to display a First Pres sticker or magnet, or pay to park during times other than weekday Bible studies, Sunday mornings, or special events.

HIRING FOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

We are seeking an Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor. Candidates can send their resume and direct their inquiries to Catherine Culler at catherine@godshall.com. We thank Lynn Johnson for her 24 years of service at First Pres, and wish her a joy-filled retirement.

STUDENT MINISTRY ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

Help support this summer's Senior High Dominican Republic mission trip by picking up an envelope from tables around the church on Sundays, April 7–April 21. Enclose the suggested amount (\$5 to \$100)—or \$1,500 to sponsor the trip for one student—and return it by Sunday, May 5, to the church office or offering plate. Questions? Contact Mason Simmons at msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org. Thank you for supporting Youth Missions!

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? Discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! New Member Weekend will be Friday–Saturday, May 3–4. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

LEARNING TO REST IN GOD SEMINAR

The Flourish Institute of Theology (FIT), the educational arm of the ECO denomination, is hosting a seminar at FPC about Sabbath rest. Faculty member Rev. Dr. Mark Patterson will look at the importance of rest amidst a culture that seems to teach that significance is found in maintaining a busy and demanding schedule. The event will take place on the First Pres campus Friday evening, May 3, 6:00pm–8:45pm (dinner provided), and Saturday morning, May 4, 8:45am–noon. The cost is \$60. Please register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the *Learning to Rest in God* icon.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES

FPC is pleased to host a new chapter of FCA for local graduate students and post-college graduates. Fellowship takes place the last Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the Student Ministry Program Area. Please help us spread the word! For more information, please contact Joy Sturgis at jsturgis@firstpresgreenville.org.

EVENTS

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

BUDDY BREAK APRIL 26

Our next Buddy Break is Friday, April 26, 5:30–8:00pm. Buddy Break is for families with children who have special needs. Bring all of your children to the church for pizza and fun while you go out to dinner, go shopping, or even just go home and take a nap! For questions, please email tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

First Pres Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisik

WEEKLY SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Looking for fun activities for your K5–5th graders this

summer? We are offering six weeks of Sports Camps, June 3–July 26. Each week includes daily sports activities, snack breaks, organized gym games, themed character lessons, free play, outdoor playground sessions, and more! Register at FirstPresSports.com.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

JR. HIGH AND SR. HIGH ROOTS SCHEDULE

All students are invited to join us on Wednesdays for our Roots gatherings. Junior High starts at 5:45pm, and Senior High begins at 7:30pm, in the Student Ministry Program Area. If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter, please email Mason Simmons at msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org. You can also stay connected by following us on Instagram: [@fpc_roots](https://www.instagram.com/fpc_roots).

SPOTS OPEN FOR DRAMA CAMP

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.

Worship & Music Ministry, Lori Shelton

"HERITAGE" RESONATE! CONCERT MAY 5

Resonate! Youth Choir will present a concert, "Heritage," on Sunday, May 5, at 2:00pm in Harper Chapel. You are invited to join us for this program of sacred and secular Celtic and Appalachian inspired music. Enjoy light refreshments in the Loggia afterward.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

SO, YOU WANT TO LEARN TO READ MUSIC? CLASS

You are invited to music reading classes from 6:00–7:15pm on Wednesdays in July this summer—July 10, 17, 24, and 31 in the choir room. All age levels are welcome, but the primary focus will be adult learners. Musicians will be available during the class for individual questions and assistance. Our goal is to "sing with the spirit and to sing with understanding" (1 Corinthians 14:15). Please register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBS

Please consider donating cotton fabric remnants (18 inches or longer) for VBS this summer. Any color, solid or print, is fine as long as it's cotton. We are also collecting any size pill bottles with child-proof lids. Please clean and remove labels. All donations can be dropped off at the children's check-in desk.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

VOLUNTEER FOR THE GRAY HAVENS CONCERT

We need individuals to provide an outstanding experience to those attending *The Gray Havens* at FPC. If you are interested in signing up for a shift, please visit FirstPresGreenville.org under the Signature Events page.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

HOLLIS CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hollis Carnival is on Friday, April 26, and we need volunteers to help during the event. This is a great time for FPC volunteers to help out while having fun interacting with the Hollis community. Middle school and high school volunteers are welcome to join us as well! If you are interested, please visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the Hollis Academy icon.

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud

MEALS FOR NEW MOMS

Have you ever benefitted by receiving a meal when you were in need? Do you love serving others by making meals for them? The Women's and Children's Ministries are launching a Meal Train Ministry for new moms. For more information or to join the team, please contact Leah Cloud at lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 14, 2024

WORSHIP

"Thankful for the Past,
Trusting Him for the Future"
Scripture: Exodus 2:1-11

8:30am in the Sanctuary
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

11:00am in the Sanctuary

Kirkin' o' the Tartans Service
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

10:45am Ignite
in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Mark A. Hutton
Scripture: John 6:1-13

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:

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YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC
FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite
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WEDNESDAY

APRIL 17, 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
Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville
YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC
FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

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

April 11–April 17, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies,
please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ April 16, 2023

Trilby Jacklyn Cherry and Robert Fitzgerald Cherry, children of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas John Cherry (Mary).

MEMORIALS & HONORS

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY

In memory of **Betty Cady** by Peggy and Craig Carver

In memory of **Bill Wilkerson** by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Sykes, Jr.

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Robert Ashley, **Amy Belleman**, Tom Brissey, Susan Cable, Quincy Cloud, Peggy Denny, Marcella Franklin, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys "Hap" Henderson, Diane Hopstetter, Jeanie Kiser, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Katherine Pate, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Tim Walsh, Beryl Wickliffe, Frank Vickers, Jan Zimmermann

Bold = New *Italics* = In Hospital

PRAYER RESOURCES

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

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



FRIDAY

APRIL 19
7:30 PM

\$30 ADVANCE
\$40 DOOR

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TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE AT FIRSTPRESGREENVILLE.ORG/EVENTS



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TELEVISION

First and Foremost Program

on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina

Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE
GIVING



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

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KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS



COME EARLY
FOR A SEAT

Sunday, April 14, 11:00am Worship
With the St. Andrews Society and the City of Greenville Pipes & Drums

Join us as we celebrate the Scottish spiritual heritage of the Presbyterian Church with tartan banners, Scottish hymns, and a message by Dr. Richard Gibbons. Kilts and plaids are the dress of the day!