

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLLIS CARNIVAL THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the many volunteers, bakers, and donors who helped make this year's Hollis Carnival a success! Because of your generosity, Hollis Academy students and families were able to enjoy a great afternoon of fun and community. Thank you for your relentless efforts and consistent support for our ministry to Hollis Academy!

2024 GRADUATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE

FPC members and family members who are 2024 (or August/December 2023) graduates of High School, College, Graduate School, and Seminary will be announced in early June. To be included, complete the form online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or contact Austin Clay (aclay@firstpresgreenville.org) by Friday, May 31.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR THE LEARNING TO REST IN GOD SEMINAR

Living with demanding schedules, addiction to smart phones, and daily deadlines, can leave you exhausted and unconsciously committed to schedules over significance and busyness over holiness. Join us as we discuss the Sabbath and how to intentionally engage in God's invitation to rest, reflect, and quietly interact with Him to refresh and reenergize your soul. Don't miss this "Learning to Rest in God" seminar, hosted by the Flourish Institute of Theology, held on May 3-4 at FPC. The cost is \$60. Register now at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the *Learning to Rest in God* icon.

WEDNESDAY MEALS AND PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Most Grow@First activities have ended for the Winter/Spring. The lunch AND evening Pastor's Bible study will continue in Fellowship Hall through June 5. Lunch will be available for the daytime study, but only dessert and beverages will be served in the evening.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan MEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Wednesday nights in Room B305 from 6:15–7:15pm for community and intentional discipleship designed specifically for men (post-college–40) who desire to grow in their relationship with Christ and take steps toward biblical manhood. We will investigate Scripture, grow alongside one another, and serve the Lord. Contact Rev. Charlie Buchanan at cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org if you have any questions.

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 14

- #6 10:30am • FPC Room B303
- #7 10:30am • Cascades Verdae Community
- #10 11:00am • FPC Formal Dining Room

Thursday, May 9, 6:30pm

- #3 Jane Starkey's home,
6 Parliament Road 29615

Tuesday, May 21, 11:30am

- #1 Foothills Retirement Community

EVENTS

PIEDMONT WOMEN'S CENTER BORN TO RUN 5K

Piedmont Women's Center is hosting their annual *Born to Run* 5K event on Saturday, May 11, at 8:00am on the Bob Jones University campus. The Light & Life Ministry of First Presbyterian Church is one of the event sponsors. For more information or to register for the run, go to PiedmontWomensCenter.org/5K.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser CLOP CLOP ON THE REEDY: A TALE OF HUGUENOT MILL

Written by FPC member Dave Burke, this one-act performance follows the struggle of three characters

in the 1890s and their responses to a tragic event. The performance is sponsored by a Metropolitan Arts Council grant and the Fine Arts Ministry of FPC. Join us on Friday, May 31, at 7:00pm in the FPC Worship & Arts Center. Tickets are available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Join us for the Summer Basketball Youth League and Skills Clinics located in the Graham Gym. The season will run from June 3–August 3 for K-12th graders, and will include several games and clinics taught each week. Registration and details can be found at FirstPresSports.com.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons JR. HIGH AND SR. HIGH ROOTS SCHEDULE

Please be on the lookout for the Jr. and Sr. High Roots calendar for the summer! Save the date for the Roots Mini-Open on June 9 with more details to come. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and new friends over the summer! 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).

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.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones OPPORTUNITIES FOR DAY MISSIONS

Join us as a chaperone to students as they serve the needs of our city this summer! We would also love your prayers for those serving and being served this week. You can also help by donating "necessity items": paper towels, toilet paper, hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, dish detergent, etc. "Homeless kit" items needed are: hotel size toiletries, chap stick, and reading glasses. Bring items to the Children's Ministry check-in area. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the *Day Missions* icon to register and to see the full list of items needed. Questions? Contact Karen King, kking@firstpresgreenville.org.

SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AT VBS JUNE 10-13

We currently have 62 children on our VBS waiting list. Can you believe that 31 of those children do not have a church home? What a praise it would be if we had enough volunteers so that everyone on the waiting list could hear the Gospel! Even if you can only serve 1-2 days, that would be helpful. To sign up, go to FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the *Volunteer With VBS* icon. Contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller PRODUCTION VOLUNTEERS

Sign up to serve in creating an exciting production experience for our guests. No experience is required. Training will be provided by our Event Operations Coordinator. Further details will be sent regarding scheduling and training. If interested, please email productions@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 5, 2024

WORSHIP

8:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary
10:45am Ignite
in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons
Sermon Series: "Becoming"
Scripture: Galatians 5:16-25

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:

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WEDNESDAY

MAY 8, 2024

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY "Phillippians: A Life Worth Living"

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons
12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall
(Lunch available through June 5)

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall
(Dessert/beverages through June 5)

LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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LOOKING AHEAD

May 3-4: *Learning to Rest in God Seminar*

May 3-4: *New Member Weekend*

May 5: *Resonate! Concert*

May 5: *Senior Recognition*

May 12: *Mother's Day Offering*

June 9: *Roots Mini-Open*

June 10-13: *VBS/Day Missions*

June 10-13: *Music Camp*

June 19 & 20: *Women's Summer Bible Study*

PASTOR OF THE DAY

MAY 2–MAY 8, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ April 28, 2024

Gianni Mann DiNunzio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nico DiNunzio (Emily Cate)

Helen Pearce Hunt and Hollis Caroline Hunt, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Grice Hunt III (Caitlin)

Erik Holton

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. and Mrs. James Brice (Miriam) in the death of her mother, Lillian Creech, on April 11; and to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Allen (Carlisle) and Mr. James “Jake” Brice, IV in the death of their grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Allen (Carlisle) in the death of his grandmother, Lane Shriver.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chandler (Charlotte) in the death of her mother, Karen Strange, on April 21; and to Caroline and Will Chandler in the death of their grandmother.

FPC FOUNDATION

In memory of Jerry Murdock by Lee and Bonnie Powell, Carlton and Belinda Manley, and Craig Murdock

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Robert Ashley, **Phylis Browning**, Susan Cable, Peggy Denny, *Bud Fant*, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Meredith Holliday, Jeanie Kiser, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Paul McGahee, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Katherine Pate, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, Tim Walsh, Beryl Wickliffe, John Woodham, Don Youatt

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



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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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Please donate using the
Mother's Day Offering
envelope or contribute online
at PresCommunities.org.



Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina operates six retirement communities across the state that about 900 seniors call “home.” Each location provides a full range of accommodations and services from independent and active living to healthcare and memory support.

Since 1954, Presbyterian churches in South Carolina have marked Mother's Day with an offering to care for seniors at Presbyterian Communities who have outlived their savings through no fault of their own. The ministry of charitable care gives residents and their families peace of mind that they will continue to have a place to call home.

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