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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING MAY 12

Each year South Carolina Presbyterian churches participate in a Mother's Day Offering for the six Presbyterian Communities of SC. The offering provides charitable care to enable residents to stay in their retirement homes when they have outlived their life's savings. Their average age is 89! Envelopes will be available for your contribution or you may give online at <https://giving.prescommunities.org>. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones for Sunday, May 12 or May 26, please email Linda Slash at lslash@firstpresgreenville.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

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

WOMEN'S 6-WEEK SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to the 6-week summer Bible study called *Conforming To Christ – Cultivating Fruit That Lasts*. What is the quality of the fruit in your life? When we choose to be nice instead of faithful, we bear fruit that is bland, bitter, empty, and rotten to the core. In this study, we will see how the transforming love of Christ cultivates genuine authentic lives that bear lasting fruit. The same study will be offered in three different time slots starting Wednesday, June 19, at 9:30am and 6:00pm, and Thursday, June 20, at 9:30am. Childcare is available. Books are available in the church bookstore. Visit the Women's Ministry page at FirstPresGreenville.org to register. For questions or more details, contact Leah Cloud at lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org or call 864.565.0931.

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, in the FPC Worship & Arts Center. Doors

open at 6:00pm with a preshow talk by John Nolan at 6:30pm. The performance will begin at 7:00pm. Tickets available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

First Presbyterian Academy, Vicki Burr

ACADEMY GRADUATION AND ENROLLMENT

The Graduation Ceremony for the First Presbyterian Academy Class of 2024 will be held on Thursday, May 23, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. You are welcome to join us to celebrate this milestone in the lives of our students. FPA Shannon Forest and FPA Downtown are open for enrollment for the 2024–2025 school year. Please visit the school's website at FirstPresAcademy.com to schedule a tour or for enrollment documents.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

SWITCH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us for the 2024 Switch Charity Golf Tournament at Fox Run Country Club in Simpsonville, SC, on Monday, June 17, 10:00am–5:00pm. Switch is a grassroots organization that leads a movement to end human sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in the Upstate of South Carolina, and serves those affected. Slots will fill up fast, so register today at SwitchSC.org.

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, which runs June 3–August 3 for K5–12th graders, will include several games and clinics each week. Registration and details can be found at FirstPresSports.com.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

ROOTS MINI-OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Join us for our 7th Annual Roots Mini-Open Championship. The greatest miniature golfers in the upstate will meet at the Royal McPherson Golf Club (AKA McPherson Park) on Sunday, June 9, from 5:00pm–7:00pm. All middle and high schoolers are welcome to come seek the glory of being the next Champion Golfer of the Year! Contact Mason at msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org with any questions.

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

SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AT VBS JUNE 10-13

We currently have 49 children on our VBS waiting list. Can you believe that 31 of those children do not have a church home? What a blessing 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 12, 2024

WORSHIP

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

Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley

Sermon: “Extravagant Love”

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 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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10:45am:

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WEDNESDAY

MAY 15, 2024

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

“Philippians: 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 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 begins

PASTOR OF THE DAY

MAY 9–MAY 15, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies,
please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ May 5, 2024

Alex Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Dr. Damon Steger Flowers Jr. and Dr. Betsy Flowers on the birth of a son, Damon Steger "Tate" Flowers III, born on Friday, May 3.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

AGAPE-FELLOWSHIP CLASS FUND

In memory of **Betty Cady** by Circle 10

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Tom Brissey** by Cynthia and Glenn Goodwin; Susan and Paul Grier; Matt and Sara Rieser

In memory of **Melanie Tinnelly** by Doug and Mary Stokes

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Jack DePriester** by The Covenant Class

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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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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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Summer Day Missions

the week of **JUNE 10-13**



Join us as a chaperone as they serve the needs of our city this summer! We would also love your prayers for those serving and being served or by donating items to give to those in need.

Scan the QR code to hear how God is transforming the heart of the city through Day Missions!



To register or sign up for donations, visit FirstPresGreenville.org.

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