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ANNOUNCEMENTS


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 26, June 9, or June 23, please email Linda Slash at lslash@firstpresgreenville.org.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

 We were excited to share an update on Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign during our worship services a few weeks ago. In case you missed it, please click the QR code to watch the video of how your giving has already impacted the community. You should have received your commitment card in the mail. Please return it to the church office or place in the offering plate by May 31. Thank you for being a part of transforming the heart of the city and “finishing the work”!

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

There is still time to contribute to the 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. Envelopes are available in the literature racks for your contribution, or you may give online at <https://giving.prescommunities.org>. Thank you for your generosity!

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 on Wednesdays. 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

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.

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. Scan the QR code to hear how God is transforming the heart of the city through Day Missions! Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the Day Missions icon to register and to see the full list of items needed. Bring items to the Children's Ministry check-in area. Questions? Contact Karen King, kking@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 19, 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 22, 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 26: Memorial Day Recognition

May 27: Church Office Closed

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 16–MAY 22, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ May 12, 2024

Riley Thomas Fredrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William Fredrickson (Katie).

Ann “Annie” Chambers Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes Smith Brown (Paige).

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thorton Cash III (Jocelyn) on the birth of a daughter, Romee Mak Cash, on March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Knight (Jennings) on the birth of a son, James Maddux Knight, on May 13.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. Bob Chandler in the death of his wife, Betty Chandler, on May 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Marchant (Betsy) in the death of her father, James H. Watson, on May 7. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson (Tammy) in the death of his father; Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Marchant (Jessica) in the death of his grandfather and Kate and Caroline in the death of their great grandfather; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Barron (Liza) in the death of her grandfather and Davis and Libby in the death of their great grandfather; Mr. and Mrs. Will Watson (Shannon) in the death of his grandfather and Henry in the death of his great grandfather.

IN MEMORIAM

Betty G. Chandler ♦ January 24, 1936 – May 13, 2024

James Henry Watson ♦ November 27, 1932 – May 7, 2024

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Tom Brissey by Jim and Lynn Gilreath

In memory of Jack DePriester by Gary and Marcy Schlansker

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Tom Brissey by Jim and Toni Childers

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

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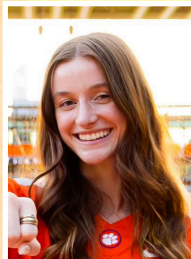
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MADISON PATE is a second-year intern for the Children's Ministry team at First Presbyterian Church.

Madison grew up in Greenville, SC, and graduated from Clemson University with a BFA in painting. She is pursuing her MFA at the Maryland Institute College of Art to become a professor or high school painting teacher. She is excited for another summer here!

LILY MOONEY is a rising senior at Clemson University, where she studies psychology and nonprofit leadership. She has lived in Greenville for over 10 years and is excited about the opportunity to be working at First Pres this summer. Lily is passionate about working alongside kids and looks forward to getting to know our church family and serving in Children's Ministry.

LACI DUBOSE, from Monetta, SC, is a rising junior at Clemson University where she is studying psychology with a minor in Spanish. Laci is grateful for this opportunity to learn and grow under the guidance and leadership of First Presbyterian Church. She has found unique joy in serving little ones and teaching them about the love of our heavenly Father.



DENISON JONES recently graduated from Furman University where he played soccer, participated in ROTC, and was part of FCA on campus. This summer at Roots, he is most excited about the relationships and adventures they will go on in order to better know Jesus and his calling on our lives. He also looks forward to eating, praying, fasting, studying, and working out with the students in this ministry.

ANDREW McCANN is a rising senior at Clemson University studying financial management. He is excited to get to know and pour into the youth this summer! Andrew is most looking forward to watching and helping in students' spiritual growth as they become more like Christ. He also hopes to learn from the students, fellow interns, and leaders he'll be working with.

CAROLINE CLARK just finished her sophomore year at Clemson University, majoring in elementary education. Caroline says, "I am super excited to be an intern this summer with Roots! I'm most looking forward to hanging out with students and learning more about their relationships with the Lord. I hope to learn a lot from working with students and in the church."

STUDENT MINISTRY

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