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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OVER 140 VOLUNTEERS!

This week we welcomed over 400 children to our church with hundreds of volunteers who served during VBS, Day Missions, and Music Camp. We cannot say thank you enough, on behalf of our staff, for making the week a huge success! We saw firsthand the fruit of your diligent prayers, priceless donations, and endless hours as God moved in their hearts and lives. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with each child who attended.

2023-24 GRADUATES LIST AVAILABLE

Congratulations to all of our FPC members and family members who are 2023-2024 graduates of High School, College, Graduate School, and Seminary. For a complete list of names, please visit the Events page on our website, and click on the Graduates icon. The lists are also available in the literature racks.

Student Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES JOB OPENING

Student Ministries is searching for a full-time person to shepherd our students. We are looking for someone who is relational, caring, fun-filled, organized, and creative, with good Bible knowledge and a commitment to the essentials of the reformed faith. Please contact Charlie Buchanan at cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

Stewardship Ministry, Bobbie Hoffman

JUNE STEWARDSHIP GIVING

June is the last month of First Presbyterian's fiscal year and we want to thank you for the good year we have had in terms of our tithes and offerings, but we need your help to finish strong. Summer is here, which means vacations with fewer attending worship in person. Ways to make a gift include the offering during worship, online, mail, gifts of appreciated stock, and Required Minimum Distributions from IRAs. Thank you for your continued generosity. Contact Kristy Service (kservice@firstpresgreenville.org) with any questions.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE MINISTRY THIS FALL

Re|engage, a 14-week marriage enrichment ministry designed to equip and disciple couples in their walk with Christ, teaches couples how to apply biblical principles to their marriage. This fall, Re|engage will be offered on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The joint kick-off will be held Sunday, August 11, at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$55 per couple. Children's programming (birth–5th grade) is available on Wednesday evenings only. To register, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events and click the Re|Engage icon. Contact Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org for more details.

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

Care Ministry, Stan Johnson

BRUNCH BUNCH ON SUNDAYS

All singles and families are invited to gather Sunday afternoon for brunch at Ink and Ivy in downtown Greenville. Please meet at 12:15pm in front of the bookstore or just meet at the restaurant. No sign-ups, just

show up and enjoy a meal together. Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

BUDDY BREAK IS JULY 26

Do you know of a family raising a child with special needs? Once a quarter we hold Buddy Break to give these parents a respite. Our next Buddy Break is Friday, July 26, from 5:00–8:00pm. Please share this information and consider serving as a "Buddy." Training is provided. Contact Tina Jones with questions or to register at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

NEXT ARTIST LUNCH JULY 5

Join local Christian artists and creative individuals in the Formal Dining Room on Friday, July 5, at 12:00pm. We will welcome Emmanuel Wilson as our guest speaker. Wilson's original fine art paintings and personalized portraits have been commissioned and collected by a diverse variety of clientele including business leaders, celebrities, and many others. Bring your own lunch. For more information, contact Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

VARNA INTERNATIONAL MUSIKA!

PERFORMANCE: THE NIGHT CELLO SPEAKS

We are happy to host Varna International's "The Night Cello Speaks" in Harper Chapel on Thursday, June 27, at 7:00pm. Don't miss this thrilling installment in Muzika's Master Artists Concert Series featuring instrumental chamber music with Yuriy Leonovich (cello) and Kristin Leonovich (piano). To purchase tickets, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

SKYE PETERSON PERFORMS JULY 19

Skye Peterson will perform at FPC on Friday, July 19, at 7:00pm, in the Student Program Space. She is a singer-songwriter based in Nashville, TN. Although she has been writing and recording since high school, she began her career as a musician after studying theology, biblical history, and hermeneutics. Skye writes hymns for Getty Music and the local church, and is now performing in hopes of telling the world they are not alone and there's a King who's worth singing about. Tickets are available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

TENTH AVENUE NORTH: THE INVITED TOUR

FPC will welcome Tenth Avenue North: *The Invited Tour* on Friday, September 20, at 7:00pm, in the Worship & Arts Center. Tenth Avenue North has always been a band of deep conviction and they've never shied away from uncomfortable topics and asking hard questions. What they thought was the end of Tenth Avenue North in 2020—with a farewell tour disrupted by the global pandemic—turned into a four-year hiatus that sharpened the band's focus and cemented the convictions that made them one of the most popular bands in Christian music. Purchase tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or at the FPC Box Office (new reception desk) during regular business hours. Cashless payments only.

GREENVILLE HISTORY LECTURES

The Greenville County Historical Society kicks off a monthly lecture series featuring a guest speaker and rotating topic on the third Thursday of each month, 6:30–7:30pm at FPC. On June 20, local historian and Greenville History Tours owner John Nolan will discuss "Hands on History: Artifacts from 19th-Century Greenville." Admission is free for First Pres members. For tickets, visit GreenvilleHistory.org/2024-2025-lecture-series/.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

CHRISTMAS IN THE SUMMER!

Christmas music for the Christmas@First concerts will be introduced on Wednesday, August 7, 6:00–7:30pm, in the Choir Room. If you are interested in singing in the Christmas Choir, please join us! Regular Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin in September. Contact Susan at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org for further details.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE 16, 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: Ephesians 5:15-20

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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YouTube.com@FirstPresIgniteWorship

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

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HAPPY
Father's Day

Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

PROVERBS 17:6

WEDNESDAY

Bible studies, classes, and meals will resume in the Fall.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

June 20: Greenville History Lecture

June 27: Musika! *The Night Cello Speaks*

June 30: Patriotic Services

July 19: Skye Peterson concert

August 11: Re|engage Kick-Off

September 20: Tenth Avenue North

PASTOR OF THE DAY

JUNE 13–JUNE 19, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ June 9, 2024

Reid Mitchell Niedrach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Niedrach (Emily).
Molly Ellis Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Ellis Mills (Madison).
Henry Campbell Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Scott Sanders (Erin).

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Amado Alvarez (Janine) on the birth of a daughter, Summer Nelly Alvarez, on June 4.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mrs. Nancy Robinson in the death of her brother, Price Robinson, on June 7.
The family of Al Hilton. Mr. Hilton died on June 6.
Ms. Kerin Kiser in the death of her father, William W. Kiser, on June 6.

IN MEMORIAM

Alton Laverne Hilton ♦ November 29, 1929 – June 6, 2024

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH HONORS FUND

In honor of Grant and Hannah Morris by Scott and Lori Morris Wasson

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Tom Brissy by Beth and Chuck Simmons

In memory of Bob Efird by Mr. and Mrs. William Sykes

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bob Efird by Dick Brennecke; The Covenant Class; Carlton and Belinda Manley; Beth and Chuck Simmons; Bruce and Linda Whitley; Lou and George Creswell; Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Jones; Emilie and Huck Simpson; Warren and Jean Guilmartin; Jennifer D. Smith

YOUTH DR MISSIONS PROJECT

In honor of Camryn Jones by Lin Cundiff

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Robert Ashley, Phyllis Browning, Susan Cable, **Zach Cooter**, Peggy Denny, Sylvia Evette, Bud Fant, Clara Foster, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Becky Graybeat, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Mary Haselden, Barbara Hayes, Gladys "Hap" Henderson, Meredith Holliday, *Dennis Hutton*, *Stephanie Johnson*, Jeanie Kiser, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Paul McGahee, Joan Mercer, Mozelle Moore, Jim Nance, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Katherine Pate, Wayne Patterson, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ken Rhoden, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, *Lee Shelton*, Donna Steeves, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, **Michael Volpe**, Tim Walsh, Jack Whitesides, Beryl Wickliffe, John Woodham, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmerman

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
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FirstPresGreenville.org

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COMING THIS SUMMER: JULY 10, 17, 24, & 31

SO, YOU WANT TO LEARN TO READ MUSIC? CLASS

Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

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.

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CORINTHIANS 14:15).

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