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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS, DAY MISSIONS, & MUSIC CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Last week we welcomed over 550 children to our church, along with hundreds of volunteers. View our highlight reel for glimpses of the love of Christ moving in so many hearts and lives: [Vimeo.com/957930285](https://vimeo.com/957930285).

2023-2024 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, visit the Events page on our website, and click on the *Graduates* icon. Printed lists are available in the literature racks.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

SIGN UP FOR THE FINE ARTS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Our Fine Arts Ministry features frequent exciting events and ministry activities. Stay in the loop! Sign up for the monthly Fine Arts newsletter by contacting Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

Stewardship Ministry, Bobbie Hoffman

JUNE STEWARDSHIP GIVING

June is the last month of First Presbyterian's fiscal year. We thank you for the good year we have had in terms of our tithes and offerings, and now 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.

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.

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.

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 TO PERFORM JULY 19

Singer-songwriter Skye Peterson will perform at FPC on Friday, July 19, at 7:00pm in the Student Program Space. Writing and recording since high school, she began her career as a musician after studying theology, biblical history, and hermeneutics. Based in Nashville, TN, 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.

GREENVILLE HISTORY LECTURE JUNE 20

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/.

Missions, Brian Stewart

EGYPT MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR NURSES

Nurses are invited to learn more about upcoming November missions opportunities in Cairo, Egypt. Come to an interest meeting on Sunday, June 30, in Room D210 during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45). For more information, contact Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org or Kelli Morrison at 864.380.9611.

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

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 23, 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP

8:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

10:45am Ignite

in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Charlie Buchanan

Sermon: "Here I Am"

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-19

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

YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship

FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

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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

August 11: Promotion Sunday

September 20: Tenth Avenue North

PASTOR OF THE DAY

JUNE 20–JUNE 26, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ June 16, 2024

Matt Gabriel

Henry “Hank” McArthur Parsons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Parsons (Margaret)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Bretton Jade Cameron (Mahlon) on the birth of a son, Reeves Gray Cameron, on February 23.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. Bill Browning in the death of his wife, Phyllis Browning, on June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike West (Melissa) in the death of her mother, Sara Escobar of El Paso, TX, on June 14.

IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis Bremner Browning ♦ March 21, 1946 – June 12, 2024

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH HONORS FUND

In honor of **Henry Campbell Sanders** by Mark and Elizabeth Phillips

FINE ARTS MINISTRY

In honor of **Chelsea Fraser** by Martha Reed

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Bob Efird** by Chuck and Teresa Blankenship

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Robert Ashley, 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, Harry Hightower, 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: For emergencies, upcoming surgeries, or hospital information, call Barbara Seibel, 864.565.0964.

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 Service: 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



WHAT'S INSIDE

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

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Join us for

TENTH AVENUE NORTH

THE INVITED TOUR

Friday, September 20 ♦ 7:00pm

Worship & Arts Center

Tenth Avenue North has always been a band of deep convictions, never shying away from uncomfortable topics and 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).

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