

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC OFFICES CLOSED JULY 4 & 5

First Pres will be closed July 4 and 5. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday! Have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July weekend.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR LENZ GALLERY

Hours for the Lenz Gallery will change the week of July 1-7. The gallery will be open Monday through Wednesday from 9:00am–3:00pm. It will close Thursday and Friday, except during the MAC First Fridays gallery crawl from 6:00pm–9:00pm. Regular gallery hours will resume the week of July 8.

CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE ON SUNDAY, JULY 7

On Sunday, July 7, there will be a slight change to our normal children's programming due to the holiday. Nursery will still be available during each church service. Kids Church will also run as usual from 10:30-12:15pm. There will be no children's Sunday School.

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

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 5:30–8:00pm. 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.

SAVE THE DATE: PROMOTION SUNDAY

All students will be promoted on Sunday, August 11. The Children's Ministry will have a "circus-themed" celebration. We will also have our annual Backpack Blessing in each worship service, when our pastors pray over all educators and students who are going back to school. Children are encouraged to wear their backpacks. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

3GEN Ministries is hosting a Daddy Daughter Dance for men of the upstate area on Friday, September 13, 7:00–9:30pm at Larkin's Sawmill Venue (22 Graves Drive, Greenville, SC 29609). It will be a fantastic evening of desserts, fun, and dancing. Dads will receive detailed instructions with creative ideas on how to create an unforgettable date night with their daughters. Registration is open at 3GenMinistries.org/ministry-resources/dance.

A NIGHT OF GOOD NEWS WITH THE LAFLINS

Child Evangelism Fellowship is proud to partner with the Laflins and FPC to bring you a fun night for the whole family on Friday, September 27, at 6:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Doors open at 4:00pm with food, inflatables, and kid-friendly activities. Witness the impossible at *A Night of Good News* as internationally

recognized illusionists David and Teesha Laflin create a dazzling spectacle that's perfect for families and audiences of all ages. Tickets will be available soon.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

NEXT ARTIST LUNCH JULY 5

Join local Christian artists and creative individuals at the Intersection/Bridge City Coffee shop 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.

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 available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Use discount code JULY4 for \$5 off tickets now through July 5.

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.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CONCERT FEATURING "ILLUMINARE"

Save the date on Sunday, September 15, at 3:00pm for a free concert presented by the First Presbyterian Church Choir and Orchestra. Celebrate the love and light of Christ through some of your favorite hymns, anthems, scripture readings, and the brand new 5-movement work, "Illuminare," by composer Elaine Hagenberg. Prepare to be moved, inspired, and reminded of Jesus' unique divine identity and His purpose as the light of the world. Free tickets available on July 28.

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

JULY 7, 2024

WORSHIP

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

10:45am Ignite

in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Stan Johnson

Sermon: "You Can't Have It Both Ways"

Scripture: Galatians 1:6, 5:1-9

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:

Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville

YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite

YouTube.com@FirstPresIgniteWorship

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY

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

LOOKING AHEAD

July 4 & 5: FPC Offices Closed

July 19: Skye Peterson concert

July 26: Buddy Break

August 7: Christmas Choir Music Introduction

August 11: Re|engage Kick-Off

August 11: Promotion Sunday

September 13: Daddy Daughter Dance

September 15: *The Light of Christ* concert featuring "Illuminare"

September 20: Tenth Avenue North

September 27: *A Night of Good News* with the Laflins

PASTOR OF THE DAY

JULY 4–JULY 10, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

MEMORIALS & HONORS

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Phyllis Browning by Don and Jean Nickell; Brad and Kathy Bowie

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Robert Ashley, Susan Cable, *Zach Cooter*, Peggy Denny, Sylvia Evette, Bud Fant, Clara Foster, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Becky Graybeal, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Mary Haselden, Barbara Hayes, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Harry Hightower, Meredith Holliday, **Charlie Hutton**, *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, **Samuel Simmons**, *Lee Shelton*, 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



The FPC Military Ministry assists and prays for church members of our congregation serving in the Armed Forces (Active Duty, Reserves, and National Guard). Visit the Care Ministry page (see Military Ministry) on our website to learn more.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Congregational Care: For emergencies, upcoming surgeries, or hospital information, call Don Feuerbach, 864.565.0928.

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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HOLLIS ACADEMY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

New Playground Toys, Classroom Supplies, and Games



Starting this Sunday, pick an apple from the displays

in the Loggia, Memorial Hall, and Worship & Arts Reception Area

Or use QR code to purchase items on Amazon Wish List

Bring items to the church by Sunday, July 21

boxes will be located in the Sturgis Gathering Space, the Loggia, Memorial Hall, & new Reception Area

Items ordered online may be shipped to:

Beth Simmons, First Presbyterian Church, 200 West Washington Street, Greenville, SC 29601



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