# **CONNECT@FIRST**

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC VOLUME 3, NO. 28 July 10–16, 2025

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### STUDENT MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Our Youth DR Missions Team will be commissioned during the 11:00am and 10:45am Ignite Services on July 13. Seventy-six students and leaders will head down to La Romana, Dominican Republic, on July 20 for our tenth youth mission trip there! Here are some ways we would ask for you to pray: First, that the Lord would provide meaningful moments for the group to encounter Him in a different culture. Second, that God would move mightily both in and through the group as they serve our brothers and sisters in the DR. And finally, that He would give us safe travels both there and back.

#### DISCIPLESHIP

#### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones BACKPACK BLESSING & PROMOTION SUNDAY

During our August 10 worship services, we will pray for our children, students, and all those who work in education as they prepare to go back to school. All children are invited to wear their backpacks as they come forward for prayer. Children's Ministry will also have a fun day in Sunday School and Kids Church as the children celebrate moving to their new classrooms with a treasure hunt!

#### Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley SAVE THE DATE: RADIANCE KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 16

*Hope Heals* author, Katherine Wolf, brings her inspiring story of true faith and healing in a relatable way that women will not want to miss. Radiance invites ladies in our community to join us for this special event. Watch for more details to come.

#### MONTHLY WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

*Lemonade and Learning: The Lord's Prayer* Join us for Bible study and light refreshments on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall: July 16 and August 13. (No registration required.)

# REGISTER NOW FOR REENGAGE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

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 summer and fall, Re|engage will be offered on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The joint kick-off will be held Sunday, August 17, at 9:30am in Harper Chapel. The cost is \$55 per couple. Children's programming (birth–K5) is available on Wednesday evenings only. Register online at FirstPresGreenville. org/Events. Contact Charlotte Joye at cjoye@ firstpresgreenville.org for more details.

#### Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER SERIES: "What Happens One Minute After I Die?"

Throughout history, people have explored this mystery through countless philosophies, theories, and religions. As

and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit.

#### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones LAFLIN ILLUSIONISTS-JULY 18 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Child Evangelism Fellowship has partnered with the Laflins and FPC to bring you a fun night for the whole family on Friday, July 18, 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 the Laflins create a dazzling spectacle that's perfect for families and audiences of all ages. Purchase tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

#### **BUDDY BREAK IS JULY 25**

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 25, from 5:30–8:00pm. Please share this information and consider serving as a "Buddy." Training is provided. To register or if you have questions, email buddybreak@ firstpresgreenville.org.

#### **BLITZ IS COMING!**

Children's Ministry is hosting two fun BLITZ events to help us kick off the new school year. These are fastpaced, high-energy family events with a Super Bowllike atmosphere. The shows capture kids' attention like few events can. Kids and parents alike will enjoy the interaction and humor, while coming away with an uplifting sense of God's love and power. Join us for these two interactive and FREE shows in Fellowship Hall: Saturday, August 16—Family BLITZ, 6:30-8:00pm; Sunday, August 17—Kids BLITZ during Sunday School and Kids Church. Volunteers are welcome as chaperones.

#### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser JUST ANNOUNCED: AN EVENING AT THE PIANO WITH DAVID NEVUE

Join pianist/composer David Nevue on Saturday, September 13, at 7:00pm for an inspiring evening of music and storytelling! Nevue is recognized internationally as a remarkable force in contemporary piano music. His musical portfolio consists of 17 albums, with his most recent, In the Soft Light of Grace, debuting at #1 on iTunes and Amazon in its genre and breaking into the Top 5 on the Billboard music charts. For this evening's performance, David will play a selection of his most popular works, personal favorites, and unique arrangements of popular hymns. Tickets are available now at FirstPresGreenville. org/Events.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

#### Worship & Music, Susan Messer AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR

It may only be midsummer, but our Worship & Music Team is already preparing for this year's *Christmas@First* 



July 13, 2025

**SERMON SERIES** 

"Follow Me" Exodus 33:12-18 Rev. Don Feuerbach

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am | Sanctuary 10:45am | Worship & Arts Center 11:00am | Sanctuary

#### 8:30am Nursery

9:30am Children's Sunday School 9:45am 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:

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#### WEDNESDAYS

#### July-September 3

The Pastor's Bible Study and Wednesday meals are paused during the summer.

Watch for the new Grow@First booklet in August for the Fall season of Bible studies, classes, and meals.

## LOOKING AHEAD

July 16: Lemonade & Learning July 18: A Night of Good News

Christians, we don't have to wonder—we can find comfort and hope in the truth revealed through God's inspired Word. Scripture offers us clarity and assurance about life beyond this one, and the promises of our eternal future.

Beginning Thursday, July 24, and continuing July 31, August 21 and 28, and September 11 and 18, the Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) will explore this important topic. The series will be led by Rev. Robert H. Jones, longtime CMF member and former Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. CMF meets most Thursdays at noon in the church's Formal Dining Room, and all men who are retired or nearing retirement are welcome. No registration is required. Lunch reservations (\$10) may be made by contacting Charlotte Joye at 864.565.0956. Come join us for fellowship, thoughtful discussion, and biblical insight on one of life's greatest mysteries. Check FirstPresGreenville.org/Events to view the topics.

#### **EVENTS**

#### Care & Prayer Ministry, Don Feuerbach TUESDAY HEALING & PRAYER SERVICE

The Healing & Prayer Service is held each Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Prayer Chapel. You are invited to come

concerts to be held December 13–14.

Are you interested in participating this year? Mark your calendar for a special preview night on Wednesday, August 13, from 6:15–7:30pm in the Choir Room. You'll get an introduction to this year's music and theme and learn how to get involved. Everyone is welcome—whether you're a seasoned choir member or simply love to sing. Rehearsals will begin in September, and more details will be shared at the preview. Come be part of this joyful Christmas event!

#### Event Productions, Caleb Miller PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

Join the production services team and help create exciting and worshipful experiences for our congregation and guests through sound, lighting, video, and stagecraft. No experience? No problem! We provide training. Use your creativity and technical skills to enhance worship. Serve behind the scenes and make a big impact! Interested? Email productions@firstpresgreenville.org for more details. We look forward to welcoming you! with Illusionists The Laflins July 25: Buddy Break August 10: Promotion Sunday August 13: Lemonade & Learning August 13: Christmas@First Concert Music Preview August 16 & 17: Family & Kids BLITZ August 17: Re|engage Marriage Class Kickoff October 17: Sidewalk Prophets-

The Looking Up Tour

Check FirstPresGreenville.org/ Events for more details about current and upcoming events.

#### MEMBER NEWS

#### **CONGRATULATIONS** • *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

**Mr. and Mrs. George Lilly (McClain)** on the birth of a daughter, Laura Jane Lilly, on May 9, 2025.

#### **PRAYER LIST • Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital

Bill Anthony, Nancy Adams, Diana August, Sandra Banks, Kathy Beck and family, Keren Clay, Peggy Denny, Bud Fant, Liz Fuqua, Tasha Garrison, Darst Guest, Betsy Guffey, Hand family, Danette Hanks, Richard Hanks, Anna Hewitt, Tina Hicks, Harry Hightower, Wanda Hightower, Don Hobbs, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Stephanie Johnson, Frances Kowalski, John Kylin, Mary Kylin, Tom Lide, Tom Logan, Anne Lybrand, Jenny McCorkle, Paul McGahee, Mozelle Moore, Rachel Mullinax, Jim Nance, Martha Nance, *Charles Nickles*, Chloris Norman, Becky Powell, Ken Rhoden, Caroline Rice, Thom Robelot, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, **Tom Seay**, Clifford Selby, Rhody Taber, Claire Taylor, Lewis Tollison, John Volpe, John M. Walker, Jocelyn Williams, Jennifer Winter, Beryl Wickcliffe, Jan Zimmerman

#### **PRAYER RESOURCES**

- **Congregational Care:** To pass on information regarding a medical emergency, upcoming surgery, or admittance to the hospital, please call Rev. 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 For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.



#### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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#### **TELEVISION**

First and Foremost Program on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina Sundays at 10:00am

### ONLINE GIVING



#### WHAT'S INSIDE

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DR Youth Mission Trip Commissioning

Backpack Blessing & Promotion Sunday

Radiance Fall Kick-off Guest Speaker

**BLITZ Fun for Families** 

David Nevue Concert

Fridays@First Summer Roundtable

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

ROUNDTABLE

# JULY 11 JULY 25 AUGUST 8

This summer, tune in to a special three-part series of Fridays@First as we gather around the table with ministry leaders and special guests for dynamic conversations that highlight the heart and mission of our church.

Each episode offers:

- Thoughtful dialogue on the impact of various ministries
- Inspiring stories from our church family
- A sneak peek at Sunday's upcoming sermon

Whether you're traveling or staying local, stay spiritually connected and encouraged! Watch on our YouTube channel (@FPCGreenvilleSC) or listen on your favorite podcast platform. Listen. Like. Comment. Subscribe. Stay connected all summer long!

#### JOIN US FOR THE SUMMER SERMON SERIES

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July 6 – Mark: What Is a Disciple? Online now at FirstPresGreenville.org/Watch July 13 – Don: A Disciple Is Prayerful / July 20 – Mark: A Disciple Is Faithful July 27 – Charlie: A Disciple Is Intentional /August 3 – Mark: A Disciple Follows Jesus August 10 – Claire: A Disciple Helps Others Follow Jesus

#### CAN'T MAKE IT? STAY IN TOUCH OVER THE SUMMER!!

If you can't be here on Sunday, be sure to watch live or online later at FirstPresGreenville.org/Watch. We'd also LOVE for you to leave a comment on the "Sermon Takeaway Question of the Week" on our FPC Facebook or Instagram pages.

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