

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEAR YOUR BACKPACKS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

We will have our annual Backpack Blessing in all services on Sunday, August 11. This is a time when our pastors pray over all educators and students of all ages who are going back to school. Children are encouraged to wear their backpacks. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY SHOWCASE

All women are invited to drop by the Abbott gathering space on Sunday, August 18, 9:00–11:00am, for a showcase of Women's Fall Bible studies. You'll have the opportunity to meet leaders and receive information about the studies. Coffee and light refreshments will also be available. Hope to see you there!

RADIANCE WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS

Radiance Small Groups for young women (early 20s to mid-30s) meet each week in homes on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm–8:00pm. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events and click the *Radiance* icon to register to join a group in the fall. Contact Diana Orders (dianaschmittorders@gmail.com) for more information.

RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE MINISTRY BEGINS AUGUST 11

Re|engage is a safe place to connect or reconnect with your spouse. God designed and has a specific plan for your 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.

DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? Discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! New Member Weekend will be Friday–Saturday, September 6–7. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

EVENTS

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

SAVE THE DATE: FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

Saddle up and mosey on over for a night of fashion, food, music, and fun! We are celebratin' all of God's Fearfully & Wonderfully Made cowboys and cowgirls. Grab your boots, hat, and best bling, and round up all your friends for a night at the barnyard (aka The Worship & Arts Center) on Thursday, October 3. Pre-show reception begins at 5:30pm and event begins at 6:30pm. Tickets on sale Monday, August 5.

LAFLIN ILLUSIONISTS COMING BACK TO FPC!

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 available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Early discount of \$5 off per ticket until August 1.

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.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

QUILTED FAITH EXHIBIT COMING SOON

Quilted Faith: A Fiber Arts Exhibition by Christian artists will open September 5 with an opening reception from 6:00pm–8:00pm in The Galleries at First Presbyterian. A book event featuring *Beauty is Oxygen* by Dr. Wesley VanderLugt will accompany the opening. Our hope is that this new exhibit will embody the intricate and rich love of Christ as he "knit us together in love" (Colossians 2:2) with beauty and purpose. For more information, please contact Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

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. The group that brought you some of Christian music's biggest anthems—*Control (Somehow You Want Me)*, *By Your Side*, *You Are More*, *Worn*, *I Have This Hope*, and *Healing Begins*—is back and better than ever. You are officially invited to the *Invited Tour*. Who will you invite to come with you? Purchase tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or at the FPC Box Office (new reception desk) during regular business hours. Cashless payments only.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

SWITCH FREEDOM GALA

Come to the Switch Annual Freedom Gala, with keynote speaker Tim Tebow, on Friday, September 13, 6:00pm–10:00pm at the Greenville Convention Center. Help us to illuminate the Upstate on the battle against sex trafficking in our community, and learn how you can help be the light of change. Tickets available at SwitchSC.org.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Church league basketball season is approaching! Registration is open from August 1–31. Late registration is open from September 1–15. Learn more details and sign up at FirstPresSports.com. Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic at caleb@firstpresports.com.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

MUSIC MINISTRY FALL OFFERINGS

The Music Ministry invites preschoolers, children, students, and adults to participate in their Fall music offerings beginning Wednesday, September 4. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events and click the *Music Opportunities* icon for details and times. Questions? Contact Susan Messer (smesser@firstpresgreenville.org) or Dustan Chevalier (dchevalier@firstpresgreenville.org).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

PROMOTION SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

The circus is coming to the Children's Ministry on Sunday, August 11! Can you juggle? Walk on stilts? Ride a unicycle? Do face painting? Handle crowd control? We'd love for you to help make Promotion Sunday even more special for our children. Contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org if you are able to participate.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Please complete a college information form for your new or returning college student. Look for the *College Care Packages* icon at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or in the literature racks. Please send completed forms to Autumn Clark (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org). Thanks for helping us minister to our students during this time in their lives.

PHYSICIAN NEEDED FOR EGYPT MISSION TRIP

FPC needs a female OBGYN to serve during the medical mission trip to Egypt in November 2024. If you or someone you know (does not have to be a FPC covenant partner) may be interested, please contact Dr. Andy Gunter (gunteraw@att.net) or Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart (bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org).

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JULY 28, 2024

WORSHIP

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

10:45am Ignite

in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart

Sermon: "Porcupines, Jellyfish, and the Ways of Jesus"

Scripture: Matthew 16:13–23

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

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WEDNESDAY

Bible studies, classes, and meals

will resume in the Fall.

LOOKING AHEAD

7/26: Buddy Break

8/7: Christmas Choir Music

Introduction

8/11: Re|engage Kick-Off

8/11: Promotion Sunday

8/25: Women's Fall Bible Study Showcase

9/6–9/7: Discover First: New Member Weekend

9/13: Daddy Daughter Dance

9/15: *The Light of Christ* concert featuring "Illuminare"

9/20: Tenth Avenue North

9/27: *A Night of Good News* with the Laflins

10/3: *Fearfully & Wonderfully Made*

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ July 21, 2024

Evelyn Graham Kittredge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zay Jeffries Kittredge (Jennifer)
Bailey Gilbert Dolge

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Robertson (Mary Margaret) on the birth of a daughter, Eleanor Marie Robertson, on July 17; to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Mike Carter (Debbie); and to great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carter (Becky).

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Neal Satterfield by Mrs. Clarence B. Bauknight; Mr. Brock Bauknight; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fulk

In memory of Samuel Simmons, Jr. by Richard and Jennifer Harper

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Phyllis Browning by Richard and Jennifer Harper; Prime Time Class

In memory of Bob Efird by the Men's Thursday Bible Breakfast

In memory of Neal Satterfield by Mary Jane Myers

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bettie Landreth by Andy and June Anderson

PRAYER LIST

Larry Bloomer, Barbara Brasington, Susan Cable, Zach Cooter, Peggy Denny, Sylvia Evette, Susan Findley, **Judy Graham**, Meredith Holliday, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, 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, Myra Phillips, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, *Will Reid*, Ken Rhoden, Louise Robinson, Lee Shelton, Carrie Stringer, Holly Thomason, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, Michael Volpe, Tim Walsh, Jack Whitesides, Beryl Wickliffe, *Susan Wilkins*, John Woodham, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmerman

Bold = New *Italics* = In Hospital

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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mobile app | FPC Live

TELEVISION

First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

July 25–July 31, 2024

The Light of Christ concert
featuring “Illuminare”

Radiance Registration Open

Lafin Illusionists coming back to FPC

Tenth Avenue North Concert

Re|engage This Fall

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

JULY 25–JULY 31, 2024

presented by the First Presbyterian Church Choir and Orchestra
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | FPC SANCTUARY 3:00PM

**FREE TICKETS
JULY 28**

*FirstPresGreenville.org/Events
or FPC reception desks*

the **LIGHT**
of **CHRIST**

**FEATURING
MUSIC FROM**

*“Illuminare” by
Elaine Hagenberg*

Prepare to be moved, inspired, and reminded of Jesus' unique divine identity and His purpose as the light of the world through your favorite hymns, anthems, and Scripture readings.

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