

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEAR YOUR BACKPACKS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

At our annual Backpack Blessing in the worship services on Sunday, August 11, our pastors will pray over all educators and students who are going back to school. Children are encouraged to wear their backpacks. Plan to join us!



### NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome sexton Karina Domingo. Karina serves as a translator with SHARE and also enjoys gardening and spending time with her husband and three children. Welcome, Karina!

### ATTENTION CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

If you were awarded a Gallivan Mills or Tollison Scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year and have not sent in your invoice yet, please email it as a pdf attachment to Marilyn Morrison ([mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:mmorrison@firstpresgreenville.org)) as soon as possible. This will enable it to be processed by your school in a timely manner. Thank you.

## 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. Come meet the leaders and receive information about the studies. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Please join us!

### 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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) and click the *Radiance* icon to register to join a group in the fall. Contact Diana Orders ([dianaschmittorders@gmail.com](mailto:dianaschmittorders@gmail.com)) for more information.

### RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE MINISTRY AUGUST 11

Re|engage is a safe place to connect or reconnect with your spouse. This fall, Re|engage will be offered on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The joint kick-off will be held on 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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) and click the *Re|engage* icon. Contact Charlotte Joye at [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto: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](mailto:lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org)). Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

## EVENTS

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE OCTOBER 3

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

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### QUILTED FAITH EXHIBIT COMING SOON

*Quilted Faith: A Fiber Arts Exhibition* by Christian artists will open September 5 with a reception, 6:00pm–8:00pm in The Galleries at First Presbyterian. This new exhibit is designed to embody the intricate, rich love of Christ as he "knit us together in love" (Colossians 2:2) with beauty and purpose. For details, contact Chelsea Fraser at [cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org).

*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 are available at [SwitchSC.org](http://SwitchSC.org).

*Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer*

### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CONCERT WITH "ILLUMINARE"

Join us Sunday, September 15, at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary for a free concert presented by the FPC 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. Free tickets are now available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) and the reception desks.

### 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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) and click the *Music Opportunities* icon for details and times. Questions? Contact Susan Messer ([smesser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:smesser@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](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) if you are able to participate.

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### JOIN THE EVENT VOLUNTEER TEAM!

Now is the time to transform the heart of the city with your welcoming smile and cheerful attitude by being a part of the Event Volunteer Team! Please come to one of the two training meetings for both new and existing volunteers on August 23 at 12:00noon or at 6:00pm in RoD305. Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events/](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events/). If you have questions, contact Linda Sholtis ([lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org))

*Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart*

### HELP PACK WEEKEND FOOD FOR HOLLIS STUDENTS

FPC sends home food with 110 Hollis students each week to ensure that they have something to eat over the weekend. We need people willing to meet at the church two Mondays/month in the morning to help pack these bags. Contact Emily Moore ([em9600@aol.com](mailto:em9600@aol.com)) to volunteer.

### GOOD NEWS CLUB AT HOLLIS ACADEMY

Child Evangelism Fellowship sponsors after-school Bible studies for elementary-age students throughout Greenville. They are looking for volunteers interested in helping with the program at Hollis after school on Tuesdays during the school year. If you are able to help with this incredible program that teaches young children about the Lord, please contact Cindy Griner ([cindy@cefgreenville.com](mailto:cindy@cefgreenville.com)).

### PHYSICIAN NEEDED FOR EGYPT MISSION TRIP

FPC needs a female OB/GYN to serve during the medical mission trip to Egypt this November. If you or someone you know (does not have to be a FPC covenant partner) is interested, please contact Dr. Andy Gunter ([gunteraw@att.net](mailto:gunteraw@att.net)) or Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart ([bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer*

### CHRISTMAS@FIRST MUSIC INTRODUCTION

During choir rehearsal on Wednesday, August 7, 6:00–7:30pm, we will introduce the music for the 2024 First Pres *Christmas@First* concert. You're welcome to join us! Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 29, at 4:00pm.

*Young Adult Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### 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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or in the literature racks. Please send completed forms to Autumn Clark ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)). Thanks for helping us minister to our students during this time in their lives.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 4, 2024

### WORSHIP

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

10:45am Ignite

in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Charlie Buchanan

Sermon: "Enough Is Enough"

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

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](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)

[YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

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10:45am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://Facebook.com/firstpresignite)

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## WEDNESDAY

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

8/7: Christmas Choir Music

Introduction

8/11: Re|engage Kick-Off

8/11: Promotion Sunday

8/18: 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 28, 2024

**Clara Kever Funderburg**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Andrew Funderburg (Johanna)

**CONGRATULATIONS** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Newton (Caroline)* on the birth of a son, Hopkins Laughlin Newton, on July 30.

**SYMPATHY** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mrs. Barbara Seibel* on the death of her husband, Doug Seibel, on July 22.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Doug Ray Seibel** ♦ August 8, 1967 - July 22, 2024

### MEMORIALS & HONORS

#### BUDDY BREAK FUND

*In memory of Samuel Simmons Jr.* by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crider

#### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

*In memory of Phyllis Browning* by Jim and Toni Childers

#### TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Bob Efird* by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Huskamp

### PRAYER LIST

June Anderson, Bill Anthony, Larry Bloomer, **Pat Browning**, Susan Cable, Zach Cooter, **Nancy Crain**, Peggy Denny, **John Dominic**, Sylvia Evette,

Susan Findley, Judy Graham, **Janet Grant**, **Becky Graybeal**, **Don Hartz**, Meredith Holliday, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Paul McGahee, **Gena McGowan**, 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, Bill Rogers, Lee Shelton, Barbara Seibel, 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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### TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



### WHAT'S INSIDE

August 1–August 7, 2024

Youth Church League Basketball

Backpack Blessing &  
Promotion Sunday August 11

*The Light of Christ* concert

Radiance Registration Open

Hollis Academy Food Packing  
& Good News Club

Re|engage This Fall

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

AUGUST 1–AUGUST 7, 2024



Register  
now for  
Youth  
Church  
League  
Basketball!



First Pres Sports  
powered by CSA Rec

#### Youth Fall/Winter Basketball:

Registration: 8/1 - 8/31  
Late Registration: 9/1 - 9/15

Practices Begin: 10/20  
Games Begin: 11/9



Church League Basketball  
Register Here:



FirstPresSports.com  
(864) 660-2080  
Caleb@FirstPresSports.com

First Pres teams available for  
K5 through 12th Graders  
Register TODAY!

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