

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEAR YOUR BACKPACKS THIS SUNDAY

At our annual Backpack Blessing in the worship services this 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.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

There will be no children's Sunday School on September 1, due to the cancellation of the adult Sunday Life Groups that have children in those age ranges.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley GROW@FIRST STARTING SOON!

We are excited to resume our weekly Bible Study and Discipleship opportunities on Wednesday, September 4. This fall, our prayer is that you will find ways to grow and mature in your faith and in community with others at First Pres. The brochure will be available soon in the information racks and at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org).

### 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).

### Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

#### GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our next group will begin Sunday, September 8 in Room D210 at FPC from 3:00–5:00pm. Register by August 27 at [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org); enter "Greenville, SC" in "Find a Group Near You"; then click on the First Presbyterian Church listing. Once you register online, you'll need to order your participant's manual through this registration portal. The cost is \$20.

## EVENTS

### 2025 TRIPS TO SCOTLAND AND EUROPE

Join Dr. Richard Gibbons and Lindsay Graham June 11–18, 2025, for a Tour of Scotland. Price includes round trip airfare from GSP, hotels, transportation, tickets, all breakfasts, two dinners, and gratuities. Contact Lindsay Graham at [lgtravel@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lgtravel@firstpresgreenville.org). Registration is now open at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events). Please join us on Sunday, September 8, at 6:00pm in the Abbott Gathering Space to hear more details about this trip and the upcoming trip to Europe (September 16–26, 2025).

### 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](mailto:sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org).

### 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 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 on sale at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

#### BALLET MAGNIFICAT STRATAGEM

Join Ballet Magnificat on October 25 at 6:30pm at First Pres as they put a new spin on the C.S. Lewis classic, *The Screwtape Letters*, with their most whimsical ballet to date, "Stratagem." Experience the humor, athleticism, and drama of this internationally acclaimed company founded by Kathy Thibodeaux, silver medalist at the second USA

International Ballet competition. Tickets available August 16 at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### BOOK READING: BEAUTY IS OXYGEN

On Thursday, August 15, at 5:30pm in the FPC Student Program Space, Dr. Wesley VanderLugt will be sharing his new book, *Beauty is Oxygen*, with us! Come ready to be blessed by the way theology, spiritual formation, and art connect and converge in our everyday lives. RSVP to Chelsea Fraser at [cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org) if you have not already saved a seat. We hope to see you there!

### 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).

### 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. Purchase tickets at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or the new reception desk during regular business hours. Cashless payments only.

### Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

#### CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Church league basketball registration is now open until August 31. Late registration is September 1–15. Learn more details and sign up at [FirstPresSports.com](http://FirstPresSports.com). Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic at [caleb@firstpresports.com](mailto:caleb@firstpresports.com).

### 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.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### 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 Friday, August 23, at 12:00noon or 6:00pm in Room D305. 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

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HOLLIS ACADEMY

We need people willing to meet at the church two Mondays/month in the morning to help pack weekend food bags for 110 Hollis students. Please contact Emily Moore ([em9600@aol.com](mailto:em9600@aol.com)) to volunteer.

The Good News Club is also looking for volunteers to teach young children about the Lord after school on Tuesdays. If interested, please contact Cindy Griner ([cindy@cefgreenville.com](mailto:cindy@cefgreenville.com)).

### 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 11, 2024

### WORSHIP

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

10:45am Ignite

in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Don Feuerbach

Sermon: "The Jumping Rock"

Scripture: Luke 8:40–56

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:

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## WEDNESDAY

Bible studies, classes, and meals

will resume September 4.

## LOOKING AHEAD

8/11: Re|engage Kick-Off

8/11: Promotion Sunday

8/15: *Beauty Is Oxygen* book reading

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 ♦ August 4, 2024

**Damon Steger “Tate” Flowers III**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Damon Steger Flowers Jr. (Betsy)

### SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**Mr. Edward Timmerman** on the death of his wife, Shirley Timmerman, on July 30.

**Mr. and Mrs. Mike Templeton (Ann)** on the death of her mother, Frances Traxler, on August 1, and to Caroline and Allison on the death of their grandmother.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Shirley Thomas Timmerman** ♦ April 30, 1935 - July 30, 2024

### PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Pat Browning, Susan Cable, Zach Cooter, Nancy Crain, Peggy Denny, John Dominic, Susan Findley, Judy Graham, Janet Grant, Becky Graybeal, Don Hartz, Mary Haselden, Cliff Holekamp, 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, Bill Rogers, *Lee Shelton*, Barbara Seibel, Carrie Stringer, Holly Thomason, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, Michael Volpe

**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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facebook | [facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville](https://facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville)

instagram | [@FPCGreenville](https://www.instagram.com/@FPCGreenville)

mobile app | FPC Live

### TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



### WHAT'S INSIDE

August 8–August 14, 2024

Women's Fall Bible Study Showcase

Basketball Registration

*The Light of Christ* concert

Radiance Registration Open

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

For more information about  
the ministries of FPC, visit  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

AUGUST 8–AUGUST 14, 2024

# Please join us for the Women's

Come meet the leaders and  
receive information about  
the studies.

## Grow@First Fall Bible Study Showcase

Coffee and light  
refreshments will be served.  
Hope to see you there!

Sunday, August 18, at 9:00am  
in the Abbott Gathering Space

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