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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE REPORT ON UKRAINIAN RELIEF

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday Life Group hour on September 22 to hear Ret. Brig. General Victor Petrenko give a follow-up report on his trip to deliver first aid kits to Ukrainian soldiers on the frontlines. FPC donated toward this relief effort last year.

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 Sunday School age). Early service nursery and Kids Church (10:30am-12:10pm) will operate as usual.

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.

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY SHOWCASE

All women are invited to drop by the Abbott gathering space this 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!

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.

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; 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 ltravel@firstpresgreenville.org. Registration is now open at 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 each Sunday afternoon for brunch in downtown Greenville. Please meet at 12:15pm in front of the bookstore. No sign-ups, just show up and enjoy a meal together. Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at 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.

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.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE EXHIBIT COMING SOON

Looking For A Place will feature works by nationally acclaimed artist, Luke Allsbrook. The exhibit will open August 15 in the Lenz Gallery from 9:00am–3:00pm, with an opening reception on August 22 from 6:00–9:00pm. Enjoy the beautiful landscapes and engage in your own longing for the permanent home that Christ is bringing for us! For details, 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. Purchase tickets at 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. Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic at 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 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. Childcare available during Wednesday night classes that begin September 4. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events and click the *Choirs and Ensembles* icon for details.

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. If you have questions, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org).

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

VOLUNTEER WITH JOBS FOR LIFE

Jobs for Life is a transformational ministry to equip men who are getting back on their feet to find and keep a job. The FPC Men's Ministry and Miracle Hill's Greenville Rescue Mission will host a 7-week class beginning September 17, 6:15pm–8:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Greenville Rescue Mission. We are prayerful that a few men who have a heart to serve others will join our team to serve as mentors, and for business owners to serve as guest speakers. For more information, please contact Dave Forry at 864.380.1013.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 18, 2024

WORSHIP

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

10:45am Ignite

in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Sermon Series: "Faithfulness—
The Life of Joseph"

Scripture: Genesis 37:1–11

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:

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YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

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WEDNESDAY

Bible studies, classes, and meals
will resume September 4.

LOOKING AHEAD

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
Lafllins

10/3: *Fearfully & Wonderfully Made*

More info on all events at
FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

For Pastoral emergencies,
please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ August 11, 2024

Ryan Daniel Malewich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Malewich (Kate)

Olivia Ford Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ford Connell (Lindsey) and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sisk (Kathy)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Long-time member John W. Kittredge who was elevated to the position of Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court on August 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Erik Holton (Ailee McKain), who were married in the Sanctuary on July 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Lawson (Leah) who were married at The Cliffs at Glassy on August 4.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. John Good on the death of his mother, Peggy Good, on August 1.

Mr. and Mrs. John Loft (Pat) on the death of their daughter, Jennifer Loft, on August 10.

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, **Mary Bach**, Pat Browning, Susan Cable, Zach Cooter, Nancy Crain, Peggy Denny, John Dominic, Susan Findley, Judy Graham, Becky

Graybeal, **Tina Hampton**, Don Hartz, Mary Haselden, **Don Hobbs**, Cliff Holekamp, Meredith Holliday, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, Tom Lide, 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, Porter Pruitt, 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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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

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New Sermon Series:
Faithfulness–The Life of Joseph

Basketball Registration

The Light of Christ concert

Volunteer with *Jobs For Life*

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

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FAITHFULNESS

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

NEW SERIES
STARTS THIS SUNDAY
AUGUST 18

GENESIS 37:1–11

REV. DR. RICHARD GIBBONS

If you have been looking for a story that provides hope, direction, and a transformative encounter with the purposes of God, then join us for a study about Joseph. Tested in extraordinary ways, he passes in a remarkable manner.

The life-shaping qualities of integrity, leadership, and godliness evident in the life of Joseph changed him from slave to governor of Egypt.

We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday!

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