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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE REPORT ON UKRAINIAN RELIEF

Please join us in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday Life Group hour (9:45–10:35am) 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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

There will be no children's Sunday School on September 1, due to several Sunday Life Groups, whose members have young children, deciding not to meet on Labor Day weekend. Early service nursery and Kids Church (10:30am–12:10pm) will operate as usual.

DISCIPLESHIP

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

In a world dominated by 24/7 news cycles, cell phones, social media posts, and endless streaming services, it is difficult at times to see the relevance of Scripture for our lives today. Philippians, however, is a book that highlights the sheer joy of living the Christian life and the excitement of following Christ in whatever culture we live. Each Wednesday, we will study this book together in order to fully understand what it means to live the Christian life in a 21st-century cultural context. Join us for a lunchtime study (11:45am lunch, 12:30pm study) or evening study (5:00pm dinner, 6:30pm study).

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 is now available in the information racks and at FirstPresGreenville.org.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: THURSDAYS AT NOON

The Christian Men's Fellowship, a gathering for retired men who want to grow in their faith, meets each Thursday at 12:00noon in the Formal Dining Room next to the kitchen. On Thursday, August 22, Rev. Bob Jones will speak on "Why Am I Here?" The group will also review the topics planned for the remainder of 2024, including a six-week forum in September and into October called "What's Next?" which will answer fundamental questions about death. Contact Rev. Bob Jones at 864.203.6883 for more details.

EVENTS

2025 TRIPS TO SCOTLAND AND EUROPE

Dr. Richard Gibbons and Lindsay Graham are hosting two trips in 2025: Scotland (June 11-18) and Europe (September 16-26). Please join us on Sunday, September 8, at 6:00pm in the Abbott Gathering Space to hear more details. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. Contact Lindsay Graham at lgtravel@firstpresgreenville.org with questions.

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 the Laflins create a dazzling spectacle that's perfect for families and audiences of all ages. Tickets available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

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 Thursday, August 22, in the Lenz Gallery, 9:00am–3:00pm, with an opening reception on Thursday, August 22, 6:00–9:00pm. Enjoy the beautiful landscapes and engage in your own longing for the permanent home Christ has prepared 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.

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.

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 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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 forrydef@aol.com.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

HOLLIS ACADEMY CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child and have a few hours a month? Our partners at the Title 1 Elementary School, Hollis Academy, could use a few more classroom volunteers for the 2024–2025 school year. There are a number of ways to help in classrooms: tutoring and reading with students, eating lunch with a class, helping the teacher with projects and classroom tasks, providing a listening ear and praying for the students and teachers. You can even chaperone for field trips! If you would like more information about being a volunteer, please contact Edith Parks at hollisroomparents@gmail.com.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 25, 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 37:12-28

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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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

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WEDNESDAY

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

LOOKING AHEAD

9/4: Grow@First Begins

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 concert

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

10/3: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

10/25: Ballet Magnificat *Stratagem*

More info on all events at
FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

For Pastoral emergencies,
please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. John Scully (Harriet) on the birth of a son, John Hampton Scully, on August 16; and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kilgore (Aline).

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. Mike Selvy on the death of his father, Franklin Selvy, on August 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Chandler III (Cathy) on the death of his mother, Elizabeth Hamer Chandler, on August 13.

Mr. Bruce Blakely on the death of his brother, William Blakely, on August 14.

Mrs. Mary Louise Gaines in the death of her husband, Rev. Ted Gaines, former pastor of Russell Presbyterian Church. Rev. Gaines died on August 20.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUND

In honor of Tate Flowers by Richard and Karen Andrews

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Shirley Timmerman by Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Chapman

FINE ARTS MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Bettie Landreth by John and Susan Stewart

In memory of Doug Seibel by Jon and Ellynn Wiebe; Joel and Colene Wiens; Caryl Wiebe; Daniel and Amanda Sides; John and Susan Stewart

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Doug Seibel by Linden and Dorie Thiessen; Jo and Harry Ussery; Susan Humphreys; Larry and Jessica Goodwin

In memory of Samuel Simmons, Jr. by Susan Humphreys

In memory of Shirley Timmerman, by Mary Harner; The Gospel Partners Class

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bob Eford by Carol Loyless

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Pat Browning, Susan Cable, Peggy Denny, John Dominic, Susan Findley, Judy Graham, Becky Graybeal, **Betty Harrington**, Don Hartz, Mary Haselden, 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, 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, **Carey Williamson**, 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 22–August 28, 2024

Parenting Conference
October 11-12

Grow@First Starts September 4

The Light of Christ concert

Volunteer with *Jobs For Life*

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

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

RAISING BOYS & GIRLS, TOGETHER

PODCAST HOSTS DAVID THOMAS AND SISSY GOFF—WELL-KNOWN THERAPISTS,
AUTHORS, AND SPEAKERS—WILL BE AT FIRST PRES OCTOBER 11-12.

Friday 6:30–8:00pm: "Worry-Free Parent" talk || Saturday 9:00–10:30am: "Raising Worry-Free Kids" talk

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Tickets on sale a
week early for First
Pres families!



Raising
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Books are also
available now
in the church
bookstore!

Enter code **EarlyBird** to access your tickets at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

Books will be available to purchase, with a book-signing immediately following both lectures. If you need financial assistance to attend, email tjones@firstpresgreenville.org. Due to the expected large attendance, childcare will not be offered for this event; please make alternate arrangements.

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