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ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW STAFF MEMBER

Welcome to **Mike Zemke**, our new Food Ministries Director. His experience in the kitchen ranges from dishwasher and waiter to trainer, bartender, and Executive Chef. Mike has developed and opened over 100 restaurant locations and owned several. Mike and his wife Trisha have three children. When he's not in the kitchen, he enjoys boating, fishing, camping, skiing, adventure motorcycling, and traveling with his family. His personal relationship with God has called him to be a part of many non-profits, and he is excited to be here at First Presbyterian Church.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you are interested in donating flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one on Sunday, September 8, 15, or 29, please email Linda Slash at lslash@firstpresgreenville.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us each Wednesday beginning September 4, as we study the book of Philippians together to understand what it means to live the Christian life in a 21st-century cultural context. Join us at lunchtime (11:45am lunch, 12:30pm study) or in the evening (5:00pm dinner, 6:30pm study).

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

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.

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. "How Can I Be Sure of My Salvation?" by Dr. David Jeremiah is scheduled for August 29. Topics planned for the remainder of 2024 include a six-week forum called "What's Next?" which will answer fundamental questions about death. Rev. Stan Johnson will begin the series with "The Theology of Death and Funerals" on September 5. 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, *very limited space remaining*) 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.

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 and 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 are on sale at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

PARENTING CONFERENCE OCTOBER 11-12

Are you raising boys, girls, teens? Do you have grandchildren? Could you use a little godly advice and support? Then you will want to attend our upcoming Parenting Conference! Podcast hosts David Thomas and Sissy Goff, who are well-known therapists, authors, and speakers, will be at First Pres Friday–Saturday, October 11–12. If you need financial assistance to attend, email tjones@firstpresgreenville.org. We expect this event to fill up quickly, so mark your calendars now. Due to the expected large attendance, childcare will not be offered for this event; please make alternate arrangements.

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 are available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

QUILTED FAITH EXHIBIT OPENING

Join us for the opening reception of *Quilted Faith: A Celebration of Fiber Arts*, on Thursday, September 5, at 6:00pm. The exhibit features work from local makers and fine artists in quilt, embroidery, fiber art, and more. It will be open during regular church business hours, Monday through Friday.

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.

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

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

JOIN US IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Have you considered serving in Children's Ministry, but aren't quite sure what it would entail? Join us at the Nuts & Bolts training on Sunday, September 8, 9:30–10:30am in Room C201. Come hear about the different roles available, what we teach, and what to expect on a typical Sunday. A light breakfast is included. RSVP to Tina Jones, tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

HOLLIS BAKERS NEEDED!

Each month throughout the school year, FPC provides homemade treats and snacks for the faculty and staff during a Wednesday afternoon meeting. This is a great way to show them our love and support. Consider signing up to bring cakes, cookies, brownies, or other treats. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events and click the *Hollis Bakers* icon to sign-up!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 1, 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 39:1-10

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
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WEDNESDAY

September 4, 2024

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

"The Book of Philippians"

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

LIVE STREAMING

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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Fried Chicken OR Baked Pork Chops
Rice

Macaroni and Cheese

Green Beans

Corn on the Cob

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

House Salad

Peach Ginger Crunch

Mixed Deserts

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10 • Children ages 4–12: \$5

Children ages 0–3: Free

Family max: \$40

LOOKING AHEAD

9/4: Grow@First begins

9/6–7: Discover First Weekend

9/13: Daddy Daughter Dance

9/13: Switch Freedom Gala

9/15: Light of Christ Concert

9/22: Ukrainian Relief Report

More info on all events at
FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

For Pastoral emergencies,
please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ August 25, 2024

John Woodson Rabb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rabb (Amy)

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mrs. Becky Powell in the death of her husband, Mason Powell, on August 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Tripp Welch (Lauren) and family in the death of his father, Ray William Welch of Easley, SC, on August 21.

IN MEMORIAM

G. Mason Powell ♦ May 26, 1932 – August 22, 2024

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, **Dick Brenneke**, Pat Browning, Susan Cable, **Eddie Clay**, 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, Maddie Peters, Myra Phillips, Becky 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, **Carey Williamson**, John Woodham, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmerman

Bold = New *Italics* = In Hospital



The FPC Military Ministry assists and prays for church members of our congregation serving in the Armed Forces (Active Duty, Reserves, and National Guard). Visit the Care Ministry page (see Military Ministry) on our website to learn more.

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



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

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STARTS SEPTEMBER 4
COME GROW WITH US!
AVAILABLE NOW



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