

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you are interested in donating flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one on Sunday, October 6, November 10, or 24, please email Linda Slash at lslash@firstpresgreenville.org.

FPC FOSTER & ADOPTION PHOTO COLLECTION

In preparation for Orphan Sunday in November, we are seeking pictures of our First Pres folks who have been touched by foster care or adoption as a child or as an adult. We will make a gallery wall of these families to serve as a reminder that we are all adopted through Christ and that many children are waiting for families here on this earth. Please send photos to Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org by Sunday, October 27.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

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, 12:30–1:00pm study) or evening study (dinner 5:00pm, 6:30–7:15pm study).

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

WORTHY MENTOR PROGRAM

Have you or someone you know experienced an unexpected pregnancy? If so, the Worthy Mentor Program offers one-on-one, confidential, spiritual support to women through a trained mentor to explore topics such as value, identity, grief, and hope as they learn more about Jesus. If you are interested in being paired with a Worthy mentor, please contact Amy Murray at hello2amymurray@gmail.com. A recent Worthy participant had this to say about her experience: "The 10-week Worthy mentorship helped to reassure me how very much God loves me, and wants me to heal from the pain, guilt, and shame I experienced from my unexpected pregnancy."

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

BUDDY BREAK OCTOBER 25

First Presbyterian Church offers Buddy Breaks to families with children who have special needs. Let us care for your kids while you get some time away! Our next Buddy Break is Friday, October 25, 5:30–8:00pm. Bring all of your children to the church for supper and fun while you go out to dinner, go shopping, or even just go home and take a nap—whatever you need! If you have a passion for children with special needs, we are also looking for more Buddies! Training is provided. For questions, please email tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

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.

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 this 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. You won't want to miss seeing Rev. Charlie Buchanan pulled into one of the illusions! Tickets are still available 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 are available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

ART AND FAITH LUNCH OCTOBER 4

Our next Art and Faith Lunch is Friday, October 4, 12:00pm at Bridge City Coffee. Speaker Laura Nicholas holds a B.A. and M.A. in Theatre Arts from Bob Jones University and an M.F.A. in Directing from Baylor University. Her background includes theatrical design and direction as well as stage management, vocal performance, and theory. Prior to stepping into her current leadership role as the Managing Artistic Director at Centre Stage in downtown Greenville, she served on staff at the theatre as the Associate Artistic Director.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

WE ARE GROWING: VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Want to serve the growing number of families in our church? Could you give 1.5 hours each month to help in discipling these children? If so, we invite you to join the Children's Ministry team! There are 90 openings each month, most of which are on Sundays, 10:30am–12:15pm. Roles include greeters, teachers, assistants, baby-rockers, and even worship leaders. Email tjones@firstpresgreenville.org to pick your spot!

WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR GREENVILLE SUMMIT

FPC is collecting adult-sized coats (gently used or new) for the residents at The Greenville Summit this Sunday, September 29. Drop off coats near the Children's Ministry check-in or in the lobby of the Worship & Arts Center. Extra or unused coats will be donated to Miracle Hill. Questions? Contact Deborah O'Brien at 864.326.6914, or Karen King at kking@firstpresgreenville.org.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

HELPING AT HOLLIS ACADEMY

As we have entered our 15th year partnering with Hollis Academy, there are many ways that you can be involved. We are looking for classroom volunteers, mentors, food packers, treat bakers, and various other occasional needs. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the *Hollis Volunteer* icon or contact Beth Simmons at simmonsfam@charter.net.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

You are invited to join the Christmas Choir rehearsals that begin this Sunday, September 29, 4:00–5:30pm. The Christmas@First concerts this year will be Saturday and Sunday, December 14–15.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

WORSHIP

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

10:45am Ignite
in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley
"The Story of Surrender"
Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

8:30am Nursery
9:30am Children's Sunday School
9:45am 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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FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

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WEDNESDAY

October 2, 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

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall
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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Cheesy Chicken
Country Style Steak with Gravy
Rice Pilaf
Corn Pudding
Steamed Lemon Broccoli
Fried Okra
House Salads
Rolls
Special and Assorted Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10 • Children ages 4-12: \$5
Children ages 0-3: Free
Family max: \$35

LOOKING AHEAD

10/3: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

10/6: Communion

10/11-12: Raising Boys and Girls
Parenting Conference

10/25: Ballet Magnificat Stratagem

More info on all events at
FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

For Pastoral emergencies,
please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ September 22, 2024

Sally Alan Pearce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Pearce (Lacey)
Jackson Keller Mitchell and Palmer Allen Mitchell, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Connor Jackson Mitchell (Taylor)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Painter (Eliza) on the birth of a daughter, Louise Townsend Painter, on September 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Robertson (Natalie) on the birth of a son, Ty Payne Robertson, on September 16.

NEW MEMBERS ♦ September 22, 2024

Tom and Karen Atkinson, Jimmy and Murray Benson, Jane Mason, Jack Reiser, Ashley Allen (Avery and Madison), Kelsey Bauer, Will and Lauren Davis, Clay and Hayley Evans (Mary Alice and Banks), Frank Farmer, Aaron and Lauren Frost (Dallas), Charlie Jason, Hamilton Killey, Michael and Jaelyn March (Wesley and Archie), Travis and Caroline Morgan, Josh and Lauren Roach (Julia and Nora), Andrew Ruyack, Will Travis, Ward and Laurie Travis

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lee Hargrove, Jr. (Cary) in the death of his mother, Esterine Hargrove, of Ludowici, Georgia, on September 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chandler III (Cathy) in the death of her brother, Robert Buchanan Wilson Jr. of Fountain Inn, on September 16.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Rebecca Hutton Graybeal by Lee and Margaret Dixon; Connie and Dale Patton; The Navon Family (Jeff, Teresa (Butterworth), and Jason); Lowndes High School Social Studies Dept.; Beth and Stephanie Glenn

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Ted Gaines by Karen and Rusty King

In memory of Rebecca Hutton Graybeal by Bobby and Priscilla Hoffman; Beth and Chuck Simmons

In memory of James H. Watson by Bobby and Priscilla Hoffman

In memory of Gaye Watson by Bobby and Priscilla Hoffman

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Pat Browning, Susan Cable, Cathy Castle, Lin Cundiff, Peggy Denny, John Dominick, Michael Faw, Susan Findley, Betty Harrington, Don Hartz, Mary Haselden, Cliff Holekamp, Meredith Holliday, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, Tom Lide, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Paul McGahee, Joan Mercer, Mozelle Moore, Jim Nance, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Maddie Peters, Myra Phillips, Becky Powell, Ed Reed, Ken Rhoden, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Lee Shelton, Barbara Seibel, Carrie Stringer, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, Michael Volpe, Tim Walsh, Jack Whiteside, *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

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Laflin Illusionists

Worthy Mentor Program

Parenting Conference

For more information about
the ministries of FPC, visit
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SEPTEMBER 26–OCTOBER 2, 2024

BRANDED IN CHRIST

F&WM 2024

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Thursday, October 3

5:30pm • Reception | 6:30pm • Event Begins | FPC Worship & Arts Center

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