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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 10

The Session has approved a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 10, at 12:00noon in the Sanctuary and Worship & Arts Center for the purposes of approving changes in Pastors' Terms of Call and electing church officers: Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2027. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Election Procedures brochures containing the slate of nominees will be available soon in the literature racks.

DISCIPLESHIP

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

ROOTS ON WEDNESDAYS

Roots meets on Wednesday evenings, with Junior High at 5:45pm, and Senior High at 7:30pm. Please encourage your student to invite a friend and join us!

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

DIVORCE CARE BEGINS JANUARY 8

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the pain of divorce. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Register at DivorceCare.org; click *Find a Group/In-Person*; enter "Greenville, SC"; 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. Childcare is provided.

Care Ministry, Don Feuerbach

ONE PRAYER WORSHIP SERVICE

Come join us for an evening of unifying worship and prayer led by local church pastors on Sunday, November 17, at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. At *ONE Prayer 2024*, we will ask God together for greater local church unity in the Upstate, which Jesus prayed for in John 17. We believe that as we persevere in this prayer, local church unity will become a greater reality in our region. Register for this free event at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE NOVEMBER 7

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, November 7. Pre-show reception begins at 5:30pm; event begins at 6:30pm. Tickets are on sale at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL

Join us for the Family Advent Festival on Wednesday, December 4, 5:30–7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to kick off the Advent season with your whole family by making a fun craft and enjoying dinner together! Please look for registration information coming soon. Limited to 40 families.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX DRIVE

Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through a simple gift! Pick up a shoebox from the nursery check-in area or the Worship & Arts Center, or use a regular shoebox. Return shoeboxes to the First Presbyterian collection site (located in the Washington Street parking lot) November 18–24 during the hours noted on the information sheet inside the shoebox. If you would like to serve during one of the shifts at the collection site, please contact Teresa Hannon at twhannon@aol.com.

First Presbyterian Academy, Vicky Burr

FALL FEST AT THE ACADEMY THIS FRIDAY

First Presbyterian Academy invites families from both campuses (Downtown and Shannon Forest) to our Fall Fest! This night of fall festivities will be held on Friday, October 25, 5:00–7:00pm on the Shannon Forest campus. Invite friends, family, and neighbors, and come join the fun!

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

BALLET MAGNIFICAT STRATAGEM

"Ballet Magnificat" on Friday, October 25, at 6:30pm at First Pres will 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 & FAITH LUNCH NOVEMBER 1

Michelle Radford and Erin Naler will share a conversation about "women's work" and making at our next Art & Faith lunch on Friday, November 1, at 12:00pm at the FPC Bridge City Cafe. All are welcome!

Worship and Music Ministry, Susan Messer

CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERTS:

LOVE'S PURE LIGHT

Join us in the beautiful FPC Sanctuary for this year's Christmas@First concert, "Love's Pure Light," on Saturday, December 14, at 2:00pm or 6:00pm, or Sunday, December 15, at 3:00pm. You'll hear Christmas favorites by our 100-voice choir, full orchestra, and the FPC handbell choir as we celebrate our Savior's birth through songs of the season, both sacred and secular. Tickets are available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or at the First Pres box office (main reception area) during normal business hours or on Sunday, November 24 and Sunday, December 8. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children (12 and under).

Worship and Music Ministry, Graydon Tomlinson

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

Save the date for *Christmas Concert for a Cause*, featuring Graydon Tomlinson and special guests, on Sunday, December 1. The pre-concert Christmas Market will begin at 3:30pm, followed by the concert at 5:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Tickets (\$10) are available for sale at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events or at the First Pres box office (main reception area) during normal business hours. All proceeds support the mission of Isaiah 117 House, which provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting placement.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

ISAIAH 117 HOUSE INFORMATION

To serve as a volunteer or learn more about the cause and mission of Isaiah 117 House in Greenville County, check out our Moment for Missions video here (<https://vimeo.com/1020756828>), or email Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

PRODUCTION SERVICES WANTS YOU!

Sign up to serve in creating an exciting production experience for our guests. No experience is required. Training will be provided by our Event Operations Coordinator. Further details will be sent regarding scheduling and training. If you are interested, please email productions@firstpresgreenville.org for more details.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 27, 2024

Stewardship Sunday

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 44:3-17, 33-34

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:

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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

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WEDNESDAY

October 30, 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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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Poppyseed Chicken

Roast Pork BBQ

Rice

Vegetable Succotash

Collard Greens

Pinto Beans

Cornbread

Coleslaw

House Salads

Assorted Desserts

Pineapple Poke Cake

MEAL PRICES:

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

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$35

LOOKING AHEAD

11/3: Commitment Sunday

11/7: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

11/10: Congregational Meeting

More info on all events at
FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Strange (Tate) on the birth of their son, Davis Campbell Strange, born October 5.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lemley (Marcie) in the death of his mother, Melba Louise Turpin Lemley, of Gainesville, GA, on October 15, and to Kyle and Katelyn Lemley in the death of their grandmother.

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Dick Brennecke, Pat Browning, Susan Cable, Lin Cundiff, Peggy Denny, John Dominick, Bud Fant, Michael Faw, Susan Findley, Betty Harrington, Don Hartz, Mary Haselden, Meredith Holliday, Amy Hunter, Charlie Hutton, Dennis Hutton, Ginny Johnson, Tom Lide, *Francis Littlejohn*, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Paul McGahee, Joan Mercer, Raoul Glenn, Mozelle Moore, Jim Nance, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Myra Phillips, Becky Powell, Ken Rhoden, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Lee Shelton, Barbara Seibel, Carrie Stringer, Kathy Suddeth, Claire Taylor, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, Michael Volpe, Tim Walsh, *Carey Williamson*, John Woodham, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmerman

Bold = New *Italics* = In Hospital

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

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

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

October 27



Each of us is at a different point on the path of our spiritual journey. One area of our faith that reflects where we are on this path is our giving or tithing. Maybe you have yet to commit to tithing, or you are giving at some level less than 10 percent. Prayerfully consider increasing your giving by 1 percent or even more as you move toward a tithe or beyond.

Planning for 2025

to fund the mission and ministry of



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 3



During services next week, we will commit our tithes to honor the Lord. Watch for your Commitment letter and card in the mail (October 28–November 1) and be in prayer as you prepare your hearts to make your commitment for 2025. Please return your commitment card in the mail or bring it by the church.

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