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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 are available in the literature racks and at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Your giving matters! Because of the generous stewardship of our congregation, we were able to keep the doors of the church open and provide a safe space for people to shelter and work throughout the building after Hurricane Helene. Many of these individuals were without power, air conditioning, cell service, internet, and a place for their families to come together. Thank you for honoring the Lord with your tithes, and we look forward to being the church God has called us to be in the years to come.

FALL BACK NOVEMBER 3

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, November 3. Don't forget to turn back your clocks on Saturday night.

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 Christmas cookies together! Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events for a family ticket that includes one nativity craft, cookies, and beverages. Pizza and additional crafts are available as add-ons when purchasing a ticket.

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.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

ART & FAITH LUNCH NOVEMBER 1

Michelle Radford and Erin Naler will share a conversation about 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!

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

PERSPECTIVES USA COURSE

BEGINS JANUARY 2025

The Perspectives Course is a comprehensive study of God's global movement to bring His glory from all the people groups of the earth. This 15-week course begins Thursday, January 16, 6:30–9:15pm in Room D305. If you're not sure, try the first two classes for free. Discounted registration is available until December 31. To register, visit Perspectives.org/courses/greenville-sc-spring-25/. For more information, contact Kelli Morrison at 864.380.9611 or Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org. If you need childcare, contact Evelyn Penkert at epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org.

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 and at the First Pres box office (main reception area) on weekdays during normal business hours or on Sundays, November 24 and 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

LUMBER NEEDED

Children's Ministry is seeking 2x4 lumber scraps. Pieces even as small as 4" will work. If you have any you would like to donate, please contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org by November 30.

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

November 3, 2024

Commitment 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 45:1-11

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

November 6, 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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Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Fried Chicken

Meatloaf with Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Roasted Brussel Sprouts

Fried Squash / Zucchini / Okra

Steamed California Mixed

Vegetables

Rolls

House Salads

Assorted Desserts

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

BAPTISMS ♦ October 27, 2024

Mary Kemmery Lunn and Givens Waker Lunn, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Lunn (Mary Katherine)

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Johnson (Becky), Mr. and Mrs. Mike Myers (Nancy), and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Poe (Catherine) in the death of their sister-in-law, Dr. Carol Poe of Greenville, on October 15.

Mrs. Dettie A. Piper in the death of her husband, Carl H. Senzel of Greenville, on October 25.

Mr. Bob Tousignant in the death of wife, Susan White Tousignant of Greenville, on October 27.

IN MEMORIAM

Susan White Tousignant ♦ December 8, 1946 – October 27, 2024

MEMORIALS & HONORS

FINE ARTS MINISTRY

In memory of Fred O. Saenger by Jon and Ellyne Wiebe

In memory of Doug Seibel by Mrs. Mary Ann Saenger

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, **Nancy Adams**, Dick Brennecke, Pat Browning, Susan Cable, Lin Cundiff, **Katherine Davis**, Peggy Denny, John Dominick, Bud Fant,

Michael Faw, Susan Findley, **Liz Fuqua**, **Tasha Garrison**, 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, **Jenny McCorkle**, Mozelle Moore, Jim Nance, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Myra Phillips, Becky Powell, **Joanne Quantz**, Ken Rhoden, Louise Robinson, Bill Rogers, Lee Shelton, Barbara Seibel, Carrie Stringer, Kathy Suddeth, Claire Taylor, Frank Vickers, John Volpe, Michael Volpe, Tim Walsh, **Robin Walton**, *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

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.



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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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November 7

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

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Watch for your Commitment letter and card in the mail this week!

Planning for 2025

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 3

to fund the mission and ministry of



FIRST
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CHURCH



Please be in prayer as you prepare your hearts to make your commitment for 2025.

Return your commitment card to a worship service this Sunday, or mail it to the church if you aren't able to attend.

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