

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### “HYMNS@FIRST” ALBUM AVAILABLE

The album “Hymns@First” is available on all streaming services, including Spotify, Apple Music, and Amazon Music. You can also purchase the CD this weekend for \$10 in our Books and Gifts@First Bookstore.

### 2023 GRADUATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE

FPC members and family members who are 2023 (or August/December 2022) graduates of High School, College, Graduate School, and Seminary will be announced in early June. To be included, complete the form online at [FirstPresGreenville.org](https://FirstPresGreenville.org) or contact Austin Clay ([aclay@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclay@firstpresgreenville.org)) by Friday, June 2.

### FPC PASTORAL SEARCH

We have two very important Pastoral positions available here at FPC—Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Executive Pastor. Please share with anyone you think would be a good fit. Look for more information in the footer section of our website, [FirstPresGreenville.org](https://FirstPresGreenville.org), under Contacts.

### BOOKS & GIFTS@FIRST IS OPEN!

Need a special gift? Visit the bookstore in our new location! Gift ideas include Christian books, stationery, jewelry, soaps and lotions, crosses, prayer cards, scarves, shawls, and home décor items—vases, trays, framed art, pillows, tea towels, and more. A gift certificate is always a great idea, too. Contact Stacey at 864.565.0920 with any questions. By the way, if you haven’t picked up a NEW FPC magnet or car decal, they are now available to Covenant Partners in the bookstore.

### MOTHER’S DAY OFFERING MAY 14

Each year South Carolina Presbyterian churches participate in a Mother’s Day Offering for the six Presbyterian Communities of SC. The offering provides charitable care to enable residents to stay in their retirement homes when they have outlived their life’s savings. Their average age is 89! Offering envelopes and brochures are available in our literature racks, or visit [PresCommunities.org](https://PresCommunities.org) to contribute online. Thank you for your generosity!

### VBS & DAY MISSIONS TRAINING

Calling all those interested in serving in VBS or Day Missions, as well as those already registered. There will be training/informational sessions on Wednesday, May 10, 6:00–7:00pm. A light dinner is included. RSVP to Heather at [htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org).

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Sunday, June 4, please contact Jamie Stoltz at 864.565.0901.

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Women’s Ministry, Leah Cloud*

### MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 9

- #6 10:30am • FPC Room B303
- #7 10:30am • Cascades Verdae Community
- #10 11:00am • FPC Formal Dining Room

Thursday, May 11, 6:30pm

- #3 Jane Starkey’s home, 6 Parliament Road 29615

Friday, May 12, 10:00am

- #9 Rolling Green Village Blue Ridge Room E

Tuesday, May 23, 11:30am

- #1 Foothills Retirement Community

## EVENTS

*Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer*

### “SING OUR FAITH” RESONATE! CONCERT MAY 7

Resonate! Youth Choir will present a concert, “Sing Our Faith,” on Sunday, May 7, at 1:30pm in Harper Chapel. You are invited to join us for this program of beautiful songs by Steven Curtis Chapman, Mark Schultz, Laura Story, and others. Enjoy light refreshments in the Loggia afterward.

*Men’s Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### REALMAN ADVENTURE DAY

Join us on Saturday, May 13, 10:00am–2:30pm for an adventure for fathers and sons that will feature hands-on

experiences in carpentry, fishing, target shooting at the BB/pellet gun range, and more. Boys will have a chance to create something to give mom for Mother’s Day. Dads will have a chance to sit together and hear the vision and long-term benefits for joining a REALMAN group. This event is offered by 3Gen Ministries. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org](https://FirstPresGreenville.org) under Men’s Ministry Opportunities.

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### GATHER@FIRST MAY 18

Gather@First serves local artists (of all demographics) with space to find new friends, learn about opportunities for collaboration and growth, and recharge in a welcoming community. All interested artists are invited to our next quarterly gathering on Thursday, May 18, at 6:00pm. Contact Chelsea Fraser for more information at [cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org).

### COMING SOON: VERDI REQUIEM & ORCHESTRAL OPERA GALA

Musika! The 22nd Annual Varna International Music Festival will feature two world-class performances in the Worship & Arts Center on Monday, June 26. An Orchestral Opera Gala will begin at 3:00pm and Verdi Requiem will begin at 7:30pm. Visit [VarnaInternational.com](https://VarnaInternational.com) for tickets. FPC members receive 30 percent discount with codes GALA30 and VERDI30.

*Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic*

### SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Join us for the Summer Basketball Youth League and Skills Clinics located in the Graham Gym. The season will run from June 5–August 5 for K-12th graders, and will include several games and clinics taught each week. Registration and details can be found at [FirstPresSports.com](https://FirstPresSports.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### IGNITE USHERS NEEDED

Now that we are in our new Worship & Arts Center, we need more volunteers to usher each Sunday for the 10:45am Ignite service. If you are willing to consider this commitment once a month, please reach out to Leigh Johnstone at [leighmjohnstone@gmail.com](mailto:leighmjohnstone@gmail.com) or Trey Suggs at [tsuggs@roecassidy.com](mailto:tsuggs@roecassidy.com).

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### GALLERY DOCENTS NEEDED

Docents are needed to staff the Lenz Gallery during its open hours, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30am–1:30pm. Docents are responsible for keeping the artwork safe, answering guest questions, and occasionally hosting guided tours. Further information and training are provided. Contact Jamie at [jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org) for more information or to sign up.

*Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart*

### NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

High-quality summer programs offer valuable opportunities for discipleship, academic enrichment, and social-emotional growth that are particularly crucial for students from low-income households. Neighborhood Focus helps under-resourced children improve important life skills, reconnect with their peers, and build self-confidence, preparing them for academic success and personal achievement. Over the past few weeks, we’ve raised about half of the \$75,000 cost of our summer camps program, but we need more help! Please consider sending a kid to camp (\$500) or helping underwrite one of the many costs of executing our summer enrichment program. For more information, contact Keith Groce at 864.704.7848 or [kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org](mailto:kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org).

*Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter*

### SERVE WITH THE PASTORAL VISITATION MINISTRY

Is God calling you to serve our homebound? Please prayerfully consider joining our Pastoral Visitation Ministry (PVM) in making visits once a month to our homebound who are no longer physically able to join us for church. For more information, contact Leslie Warner at [lwagner@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lwagner@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.565.0966.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

8:30 & 11:00am **Worship in Sanctuary**  
10:45am **Ignite in Worship & Arts Center**

### Sermon Series: “By Faith...”

Hebrews 11:13-16

Rev. Charlie Buchanan

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](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)

[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

[FirstPresgreenville.org](https://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

10:45am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://Facebook.com/firstpresignite)

[YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship)

[FirstPresgreenville.org](https://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

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## THIS WEDNESDAY

MAY 10, 2023

### PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • *Fellowship Hall*

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### WEDNESDAY LUNCH

11:45am • *Fellowship Hall*

### MENU:

Lunch is prepared by our chef on Wednesday, serving a selection of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$8 • Children ages 4-12: \$4  
Children ages 0-3: Free  
Family max: \$30

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

### MAY 04–MAY 10, 2023

05/04: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

05/05: Brian Stewart (864.423.2660)

05/06: Brian Stewart

05/07: Brian Stewart

05/08: Stan Johnson

05/09: Stan Johnson

05/10: Stan Johnson

## LOOKING AHEAD

May 28: Memorial Day Recognition

June 19-22: VBS, Day Missions, and Music Camp

July 2: Patriotic Service

MEMBER NEWS

**BAPTISMS ♦ April 30, 2023**  
John Henry Watson, son of William (Will) Henry Watson (Shannon)

**CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson Kittredge, Jr. (Maggie) on the birth of twin daughters, Lila Helen Kittredge and Murray Susan Kittredge, on July 29. Grandparents are Justice and Mrs. John W. Kittredge (Lila).

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Boyd (Ashley) on the birth of a son, William Wesley Boyd, on May 2, and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boyd (Cissy).

Mr. and Mrs. Dane Sowinski (Natalia Ferreira), who were married on Saturday, April 29, in Sunset, SC.

**SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to**  
Mrs. Dettie Piper and the Pazdan family in the death of her son-in-law, Joseph Martin Pazdan II of Greenville, on April 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Erik Rhine (Elizabeth) and family in the death of his father, John Calhoun Rhine Jr. of Huntersville, NC, on April 19.

Mrs. Annetta Ballard in the death of her brother, Eugene Stewart of Belvue, NE, on April 27.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

**TURNER MEMORIAL FUND**  
In memory of Rutledge Galloway by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banks  
**TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF GREENVILLE FUND**  
In memory of Joy Ayers-Clawson by Harold and Martha Gallivan  
In memory of Caron Elaine Wilson by Jack and Cathy Chandler

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**  
David and Corinne Dodd, Alex and Kate Doriot, Ken and Tina Hicks, Jeff and Kelly King, William and Gina McMaster, Cathy Mitchell, Jim Allen, and Kaitlyn Shuman

**PRAYER LIST**  
Bill Anthony, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Joe Cole, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Collin Etheridge, ***Tyler Fers***, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Doug Gilstrap, Pam Goldman, Charles Greer, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Vicky Hunt, Terri James, Nancy Lewis, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Janet MacCallum, Kenneth MacCallum, Geoff Marsh, Polly Martin, Seth McCullen, Megan McCommons, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, ***David Norris***, Alex Olyarchuk, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ken Rhoden, Fran Sanders, ***Harriet Scully***, Janice Shartle, Libby Stewart, ***Nat Stewart***, Jamie & Scott Stoltz, Cole Swartwood, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Beryl Wickliffe, Jan Zimmermann  
Bold = New     *Italics* = In Hospital

**PRAYER RESOURCES**  
**PRAYER REQUEST LINES**  
*Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter: 864. 565.0943*  
*Prayer Appointments: 864. 565.0960 | Prayer Requests: 864. 565.0970*



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**TELEVISION**  
**First and Foremost** Program  
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina  
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE  
GIVING



**WHAT'S INSIDE**  
**MAY 4-MAY 10, 2023**  
  
Capital Campaign Phase 2  
Commitment Sunday  
  
“Sing Our Faith” Resonate! Concert  
  
RealMan Adventure Day  
  
Gather@First for Local Artists  
  
Summer Youth Basketball League  
  
Neighborhood Focus Summer Camps  
  
For more information about  
the ministry of FPC, visit  
FirstPresGreenville.org

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### Commitment Sunday May 7th

We shared our plan for Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign during the services last Sunday, and you should receive your commitment card in the mail this week.

During worship this Sunday, you will have an opportunity to bring your card to the front of the Sanctuary or Worship & Arts Center, or you can mail it to the church in the envelope provided.

Our vision is that, within these walls, we are equipping all generations for outward discipleship to share the love of Christ in the places where we live, work and play.

**Thank you for being a part of transforming the heart of the city!**