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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPA HIRING TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS, AND SUBS

First Pres Academy is hiring several teachers, teacher assistants, and substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year. Openings are available at FPA Downtown and Shannon Forest. Contact Jordan Bryson, jbryson@firstpresacademy.com or 864.678.5107 for more details.

PHASE 2 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the second phase of our Capital Campaign. Commitment cards are available in the Abbott Gathering area or the literature racks. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your commitment, and return your card by placing it in the offering plate, mailing it in the envelope provided, or by bringing it to the church office.

SUMMER ACTIVITY FOR KIDS: SCAVENGER HUNT

Need a fun activity to do with your children this summer? Bring them to First Pres to discover the real people in the timeless treasures in the *Ponder Anew* exhibit. The artists were not just great painters, they were also wonderful storytellers! Each picture is filled with fascinating details about historical figures from the Bible. Grab a Scavenger Hunt handout in the reception area during regular Lenz Gallery hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30am–1:30pm.

LAST CALL FOR 2023 GRADUATES

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, fill out a form from the literature racks, complete the form online at FirstPresGreenville.org, or contact Austin Clay (aclay@firstpresgreenville.org) by Friday, June 2.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND JUNE 23-24

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next *Discover First* New Member Weekend on Friday and Saturday, June 23-24. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis at lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org, or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley at cripley@firstpresgreenville.org. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org.

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

What if there were a more organic, more authentic way to share your faith with your friends, neighbors, and coworkers? All women are invited to learn several simple practices in this 7-week summer Bible Study called *B.L.E.S.S.: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World*. Books are available for purchase in Books & Gifts@First, now located in the Sturgis Gathering area. The same study will be offered in three different time slots starting Wednesday, June 7, at 9:30am or 6:00pm, or Thursday, June 8, at 9:30am. Registration is available on the Women's Ministry page on the church website. If you have questions or want more details, contact Leah Cloud at lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0931.

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Stan Johnson

BRUNCH BUNCH ON SUNDAYS

Calling all singles and families who would like to gather and fellowship on Sundays after worship! Each Sunday at 12:15pm, we will meet after the service in front of Books & Gifts@First and break up into groups of 3-5 for lunch. No sign-ups, just show up and enjoy a meal together. Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

ARTIST LUNCH JUNE 2

On the first Friday of each month, join other Christian artists and creative individuals in the Formal Dining Room to encourage, support, and pray for one another. Artist

lunches will include a brief testimony or devotional time, opportunities for discussion, and a time of prayer. The first lunch will be Friday, June 2, at 12:00pm in the Formal Dining Room at FPC. This will be a bring-your-own-lunch event. For more information, please contact Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

EXPERIENCE A WORLD-CLASS FESTIVAL AT FPC

The 22nd annual Varna International Music Festival will feature two 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 for tickets. FPC members receive 30 percent discount with codes GALA30 and VERDI30.

LENZ GALLERY OPEN TOUR & VOLUNTEER TRAINING

On Tuesday, June 6 at 9:30am, please join us as we dive into the history of the Baroque movement and artistic styles from featured artists in the Lenz Gallery, led by a few of our docents and our docents in training. They will also be on hand to introduce the process of guiding guests through the gallery experience for those who are interested. Volunteering as a docent is an excellent opportunity for members of the art community to meet new friends and teach Gospel truths to our city through art presentations. Students are welcome to attend. Contact Jamie at jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org to sign up for the tour.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

ROOTS MINI-OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Join us for our 6th Annual Roots Mini-Open Championship presented by Amplos Performance Psychology. The greatest miniature golfers in the upstate will meet at the Royal McPherson Golf Club (AKA McPherson Park) on Sunday, July 30, from 5:00pm–7:00pm. All middle and high schoolers are welcome to come seek the glory of being the next Champion Golfer of the Year! Contact Mason at msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org for any questions.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

YOUTH SUMMER BASKETBALL AND CAMP

Time is running out to register your child for Youth Summer Basketball and Youth Summer Camp at First Presbyterian Church! Only two weeks of registration remain, so don't miss your chance to sign up. You can find more details and sign up for these activities at FirstPresSports.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

PRAYER WARRIORS AND OPEN ROLES FOR VBS

Would you like to be a part of VBS and Day Missions, but are unable to be on campus? You can still contribute by praying for all the children to have open hearts to God's Word and the Holy Spirit, for those serving to stay healthy for the week, and for those still being called to serve in available positions.

Look for the VBS icon on the Children's Ministry webpage to sign up to help transform our church into ancient Babylon or to provide snacks for volunteers. We hope you will join us as we host over 300 children from our community!

BE A "BUDDY" FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD

If you have a passion for children with special needs, we have a place for you! Opportunities include: Sunday morning during Worship, Vacation Bible School on June 19-22, 9:00am-12:00pm, and Buddy Break on Friday, July 28, 5:00-8:00pm. Training provided. Email tjones@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR DAY MISSIONS

We're asking our FPC family and local businesses to donate "necessity items" for the homeless and for Greenville Summit, Towers East, and Garden Apartments: paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, hand soap, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, dish detergent, laundry detergent, packaged snacks, zip-lock bags, 13-gallon trash bags. "Homeless kit" items needed are: hotel size toiletries, chap stick, toothbrush, and toothpaste. Bring items to the Children's Ministry check-in area by Sunday, June 11. Questions? Contact Karen King, kking@firstpresgreenville.org, or 864.884.9824.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

Memorial Day Commemoration

8:30 & 11:00am Worship in Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in Worship & Arts Center

Sermon Series: "By Faith..."

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Hebrews 11:20-22

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://www.facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)

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

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

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

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THIS WEDNESDAY

MAY 31, 2023

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

11:45am • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Lunch and dinner are prepared by our chef each 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 25–MAY 31, 2023

05/25: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

05/26: Brian Stewart (864.423.2660)

05/27: Brian Stewart

05/28: Brian Stewart

05/29: Stan Johnson

05/30: Stan Johnson

05/31: Stan Johnson

LOOKING AHEAD

June 19-22:

VBS, Day Missions, and Music Camp

June 26:

Orchestral Opera Gala 3:00pm

Verdi Requiem 7:30pm

July 2:

Patriotic Service

July 4:

Tickets on Sale for Andrew Ripp Concert

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Seth McCullen (Ashley) on the birth of a daughter, Anderson Catherine McCullen, on May 2.

Mr. Jack Whitesides on the birth of two great-granddaughters: Bryn Rose Whitesides, born March 22 to parents Mr. and Mrs Clay Whitesides (Lakin) of St. Charles, MO.; and Bonnie Virginia Sanders, born May 8 to parents Mr. and Mrs. Casey Sanders (Anna) of Temple, GA.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willson (Alexandra), who were married in the Sanctuary on May 6.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kohler (Gloria) in the death of his sister, Anne Marie Kohler of Daytona Beach, FL, on May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Twomey (Frances) in the death of her grandmother, Kay Smith Reid of Spartanburg, SC, on May 19, and to Wilder Twomey in the death of his great-grandmother.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Pierce McGowan III by Nancy Macaulay

In memory of Todd Taylor by Juli Hunt; Dan and Liz Einstein; Richard and Nancy Furman

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Joe Cole, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Collin Etheridge, *Rick Farnsworth, 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, **David Holt, Victoria Holt**, Vicky Hunt, Terri James, *Ginny Johnson*, 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 Stoltz, 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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mobile app | FPC Live

TELEVISION

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

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

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Artist Lunch June 2

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

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Meet Us at the Intersection!

Please join us at the grand opening of The Intersection Café and Bridge City Coffee. We are excited to unite under a joint mission to Engage With the City and Build Value and Hope in People Through Coffee.

**Grand Opening: Saturday, May 27
8:00am–5:00pm**

Join Us For Delicious Coffee and Fun Giveaways!

hours of operation: Monday-Friday: 7am-5pm | Saturday: 8am-5pm | Sunday: closed

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