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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



STAFF NEWS

We welcome John Dominick to our Sexton staff. John is married to Teresa and lives in Woodruff, SC. A former firefighter for 21 years, he has worked at the Pelham Batesville, Taylors, and Belmont departments. John likes to travel to the beach and to the mountains of Tennessee.

PHASE 2 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the second phase of our Capital Campaign. We have over \$5.2M pledged in funds, with a goal of \$15M. Commitment cards are available in the Abbott Gathering area and 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 bringing it to the church office.

PRAYERS FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIPS

Please join us in prayer for the DR Family mission trip on June 10-17, as they serve together in the medical clinic, VBS, and possible construction sites. Our Senior High students will also be traveling to the DR on July 16-22. Watch for more information on how to specifically pray for our leaders and youth during this week.

2023 GRADUATES: LAST CALL

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 this 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.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

ALL MEN INVITED TO THURSDAY GATHERINGS

Thursdays at 7:30–9:00am:
Bible, Fellowship, & Breakfast in the Formal Dining Room. Optional breakfast (\$4) at 8:30am. Contact Carl Evans at carl.h.evans@gmail.com.

Thursdays at 12:00–1:15pm:
Christian Men's Fellowship in the Formal Dining Room. Contact Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org for questions, or to RSVP for lunch (\$8).

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Stan Johnson

BRUNCH BUNCH ON SUNDAYS

Over 20 people met for fellowship in May! All singles and families are welcome to gather each Sunday after worship at 12:15pm for brunch downtown. We will meet after the service in front of Books & Gifts@First and break up into groups. No sign-ups, just show up and enjoy a meal together. A recent participant shared, "Often, I feel lonely on Sundays, so I really enjoyed getting to meet new people from our church for brunch." Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

CREATIVE SESSIONS: INCUBATOR ON JUNE 8

Incubator will be held every other month for artists to share works in progress, ideas for new projects, collaboration opportunities, and general artistic development. On Thursday, June 8, at 12:00pm, join artists of all kinds in the Youth Programming Room at FPC for our first session. Registration is required. Contact Chelsea Fraser (cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org) to sign up.

ARTIST LUNCH THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 2

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

DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

For a limited time only, use promo code BOGOVIMA23 to get a second ticket free to Varna International's world-class performances on Monday, June 26. An Orchestral Opera Gala will begin at 3:00pm and Verdi Requiem will begin at 7:30pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Visit VarnaInternational.com for tickets.

OPEN GALLERY TOUR & DOCENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

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. Contact Jamie at jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org to sign up for the tour.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

ROOTS DOWNTOWN FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Junior High students are invited downtown this summer for lunch and fellowship on June 13 and August 1. Students should bring money to cover their meal and meet in the church parking lot at noon. Contact Autumn Clark with questions (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org).

SUMMER NIGHTS FOR SENIOR HIGHS

Senior High students are invited to join us for relaxed, organic nights of hanging out, playing games, and reading through Scripture together. We will be meeting at different houses throughout the summer, so keep an eye out for an email the week before for information. The meetings will take place 7:00–9:00pm on June 14 and July 26. Food will be provided. Contact Autumn Clark for details (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org).

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! 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

JOIN THE ADVENTURE! VBS: JUNE 19–22

There are several opportunities to serve our children and community during the week of VBS. Sign up to help decorate our church, bring snacks for volunteers, or pray for over 300 of the children that will be attending! Email Tina, tjones@firstpresgreenville.org, or visit FirstPresGreenville.org, under Children's Ministry.

CALL FOR DAY MISSIONS CHAPERONES

We are in need of several chaperones to assist our youth in local mission projects throughout downtown Greenville from 9:00am–1:00pm on June 19–22. Interested? Contact Karen King, kking@firstpresgreenville.org, or 864.884.9824.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

COME SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

You are invited to join the Christmas choir. Christmas music for the Christmas@First concerts will be introduced on Wednesday, July 19, 6:00–7:30pm, in the Choir Room. Regular Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin in October. Contact Susan at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org for further details.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

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

Sermon Series: "By Faith..."
Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley
Hebrews 11:23-28

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
YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite
YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu
"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

THIS WEDNESDAY

JUNE 7, 2023

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall
Rev. Stan Johnson

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

11:45am • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Fried Chicken, Hamburger Steaks, Turnip Greens, Green Beans, Lima Beans, Au Gratin Potatoes, Creamed Potatoes, Salads, Rolls, and Desserts

MEAL PRICES:

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

PASTOR OF THE DAY

JUNE 1–JUNE 7, 2023

06/01: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)
06/02: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)
06/03: Charlie Buchanan
06/04: Charlie Buchanan
06/05: Stan Johnson
06/06: Stan Johnson
06/07: 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

BAPTISMS ♦ May 28, 2023

John O’Neill Robinson Jr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Robinson (Ariel)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Given (Sarah Bagwell King), who were married in Greenville on May 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Radford Swent (Anna Scott Riddle), who were married in the Sanctuary on May 27.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sampson (Caroline) in the death of her mother, Ann Petty of Columbia, SC, on May 19, and to Chase, Bitsy, Hunter, and Drew in the death of their grandmother.

The family of Mrs. Sally F. Hall. Mrs. Hall died on May 21.

Mrs. Marie Comer in the death of her mother, Betty Jo Allen of Birmingham, AL, on May 28.

The family of Mrs. Bettina Berta Hensinger. Mrs. Hensinger died on May 30.

IN MEMORIAM

Sally F. Hall ♦ August 22, 1925 – May 21, 2023

Bettina Berta Hensinger ♦ June 3, 1929 – May 30, 2023

PRAYER LIST

Andy Anderson, 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, 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 & 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

Congregational Care Director: Tammy Burkhalter: Call 864.565.0943 for emergencies, upcoming surgeries, or hospital information.

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.



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

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

JUNE 1-JUNE 7, 2023

Women’s Summer Bible Study
Prayers For DR Mission Trips
Sunday Brunch Bunch
Creative Sessions: Incubator
Summer Roots Schedule

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

JUNE 1–JUNE 7, 2023

WOMEN’S SUMMER
BIBLE STUDY

7-week study beginning

Wednesday, June 7 | 9:30am OR 6:00pm
OR Thursday, June 8 | 9:30am

Register on the Women’s Ministry page or
the Events page on the church website.
♦ Childcare is available ♦

Questions?

Contact Leah Cloud:
lcloud@firstpresgreenville.org
864.565.0931

Visit Books & Gifts@First
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