

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VBS, DAY MISSIONS, AND MUSIC CAMP BEGIN

There will be limited access to the church facilities as we welcome over 400 children to our campus on Monday, June 19. Please note there will be no Pastor's Bible Study or Lunch on Wednesday, June 21, and the Lenz Gallery will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday.

### HONORING TOM ROE ON HIS RETIREMENT

Join the Academy on Thursday, June 22, from 5:00–7:00pm, as Tom Roe is honored for his 45-year career in education and his retirement from Head of School at First Presbyterian Academy. This is a drop-in event with a special presentation by the board at 5:30pm in the Upper School Lunchroom, 829 Garlington Road, Greenville, 29615.

### HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE TOUR JUNE 29

Are you interested in First Pres architecture, history, symbols, and true stories of real people from 1848 to the present? A guided church tour of the campus will be Thursday, June 29, at 3:00pm. Meet at the reception area at the Washington Street entrance. RSVP to Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

### GRADUATE LIST

Congratulations to all of our FPC members and family members graduated from High Schools, Colleges, Graduate Schools, and Seminaries. Visit the Events page on our website and click on the Graduates icon to see the list. Printed lists are also available in the literature racks.

## DISCIPLESHIP

*College Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### SUMMER NIGHTS GATHERINGS

All college-aged students are invited to our Summer Nights gatherings at the Sturgis home this summer! Join us Thursday, June 22, and July 27, from 7:00–8:30pm for an evening of fellowship and devotion as we discuss the person of Christ together. Food will be provided. Questions? Contact Charlie Buchanan at cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org.

*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.

### RE/ENGAGE MARRIAGE MINISTRY THIS FALL

*Re/engage*, a 14-week marriage enrichment ministry designed to equip and disciple couples in their walk with Christ, teaches couples how to apply biblical principles to their marriage. This fall, *Re/engage* will be offered on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The joint kick-off will be held Sunday, August 13, at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$55 per couple. Children's programming (birth–5th grade) is available on Wednesday evenings only. Online registration starts July 1. Watch this video (<https://vimeo.com/293443078>) for more information or contact Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org.

## EVENTS

*Care Ministry, Stan Johnson*

### JOIN THE BRUNCH BUNCH THIS SUMMER

All singles and families will continue to gather all summer 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 are necessary; just show up and enjoy a meal together. Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org.

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### BUDDY BREAK IS JULY 28

Do you know of a family raising a child with special needs? Once a quarter we hold Buddy Break to give these parents a

respite. Our next Buddy Break is Friday, July 28, from 5:00–8:00pm. Please share this information and consider serving as a "Buddy." Training is provided. Contact Tina Jones with questions or to register at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### ANDREW RIPP TICKETS

We are excited to welcome Andrew Ripp on Friday, September 15, at 7:00pm. Based in Nashville, TN, Andrew Ripp creates music that pushes the boundaries of genre stereotypes by blending the energetic beats of Pop music with a tinge of Soul—all underlined by his personal journey of faith. Save the date for Tuesday, July 4, when tickets will be released for this concert in the Worship & Arts Center.

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### VARNA MUSIC FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON!

Come support SC artists and hear a beautiful liturgical text on Monday, June 26. An Orchestral Opera Gala (arias and duets from most beloved operas) will begin at 3:00pm and Requiem Mass by Verdi will begin at 7:30pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Visit [VarnaInternational.com](http://VarnaInternational.com) for tickets. Use code VERDI50! for 50 percent off.

### NEXT ARTIST LUNCH JULY 7

Join local Christian artists and creative individuals in the Formal Dining Room on Friday, July 7, at 12:00pm. Emma Stephens, who holds an MFA in Poetry writing, will bring a devotional followed by a time of conversation and prayer. Bring your own lunch. For more information, contact Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

*Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic*

### SUMMER SPORTS CAMP: SPOTS OPEN

Are you still looking for fun activities for your K5–5th graders this summer? Don't miss your chance to sign up for a week of summer sports camp in the new Graham Gym, running June 19–July 28. Daily activities include Bible study, sports, and gym activities. FPC members receive a 10 percent discount. You can find more details and sign up at [FirstPresSports.com](http://FirstPresSports.com).

*Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer*

### MUSICAL: IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE

You won't want to miss this year's Summer Music Camp musical, "It's Cool In the Furnace!" which tells the timeless story of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Join us on Thursday, June 22, at 3:00pm, in the Sanctuary for this free event. The Worship & Music team, along with some amazingly talented kids, will entertain you while sharing the great truths of God's faithfulness to his devoted children.

### CELEBRATE ANEW CONCERT

You are invited to the upcoming *Celebrate Anew* concert in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 27, at 6:00pm. Come and worship the Lord together as the choir, orchestra, organ, and piano present favorite worship anthems. Some of the music will highlight specific artwork from the *Ponder Anew* exhibit in the Lenz Gallery. Free tickets are available at the reception desks.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*Children's Ministry, Tina Jones*

### ADOPT THROUGH RENEWED HOPE PROGRAM

FPC partners with Nightlight Christian Adoption through the Renewed Hope Program. They assist families who feel dissolving their adoption is the best option for their children and their family due to unexpected problems and challenges that go beyond what they can handle. Nightlight seeks to match these children with new adoptive families. For more information about this program and how you can begin a domestic adoption, visit <https://nightlight.org/renewed-hope/> or contact Kim.Letter@nightlight.org.

*Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer*

### COME SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Christmas music for the Christmas@First concerts, "Good Tidings of Great Joy," on December 9 and 10, will be introduced on Wednesday, July 19, 6:00–7:30pm, in the Choir Room. If you are interested in singing in the Christmas Choir, please join us! Regular Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin in October. Contact Susan at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org for further details.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

Father's Day

### WORSHIP:

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the  
Worship & Arts Center

Sermon Series: "By Faith..."

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Hebrews 11:29-31

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)

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## THIS WEDNESDAY

JUNE 21, 2023

### NO PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

*Wednesday Bible Study is paused this week during VBS. Next Wednesday, June 28, is the last study until the Fall.*

### NO WEDNESDAY LUNCH

*No lunch is served this week due to VBS in Fellowship Hall.*

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

JUNE 15–JUNE 21, 2023

06/15: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)

06/16: Charlie Buchanan

06/17: Charlie Buchanan

06/18: Charlie Buchanan

06/19: Brian Stewart (864.423.2660)

06/20: Brian Stewart

06/21: Brian Stewart

## LOOKING AHEAD

June 26:

Orchestral Opera Gala

Verdi Requiem Mass

June 29:

History & Architecture Tour of FPC

Tickets on sale for Illusionists

David & Teesha Laflin

July 2:

Patriotic Worship Services

July 4:

Tickets on sale for Andrew Ripp Concert

July 7:

Artist Lunch with Emma Stephens



MEMBER NEWS

MEMORIALS & HONORS

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of **Todd Taylor** by Tim and A.B. Stewart  
In memory of **Caron Wilson** by Tim and A.B. Stewart

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, Wanda Bryant, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, **Bob Chandler**, Joe Cole, **Charlene Comer**, Debbie Davidson, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Collin Etheridge, Rick Farnsworth, Tyler Fers, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Vicky Hunt, Ginny Johnson, **Lyndall Kane**, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Janet MacCallum, Kenneth MacCallum, Geoff Marsh, 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, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Beryl Wickliffe, **Linda Wood**, Jan Zimmermann

Bold = New     Italics = In Hospital

HAPPY  
Father's Day

Children's children are the  
crown of old men; and the glory  
of children are their fathers.

PROVERBS 17:6



PRAYER RESOURCES

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

**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.

**If you need prayer or pastoral care,**  
please contact the Pastor of the Day (see reverse, or the website calendar).

MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER

FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military



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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

JUNE 15-JUNE 21, 2023

ILLUSIONISTS

*David & Teesha*

LAFLIN

COMING  
SOON!

*Tickets on sale:*  
**June 29**

*Event Date:*  
**Saturday, August 26**  
**6:00-7:30pm**

*"Sensational!"*  
Kevin Kreczko, Entertainment Producer

*"Absolutely wonderful!"*  
DayStar Television

*"Captivating!"*  
Jim Wideman, author

David and Teesha Laflin, internationally recognized illusionists, are coming to the **Worship & Arts Center** on **Saturday, August 26, at 6:00pm.**

This husband and wife team have performed on television, at the NCAA Final Four, in 44 states, and on five different continents. Their incredible show entertains and inspires audiences in a brilliantly, unique way. The show features spectacular illusions, incredible sleight of hand, audience participation, lots of laughter, and much more. Most importantly, the message of Jesus Christ is shared in a clear and unforgettable way.

This is an event your family will thoroughly enjoy together and will be talking about for years to come! Tickets go on sale on Friday, **June 29** on the Events page of the website, **FirstPresGreenville.org.**

*Hosted by the Children's Ministry*