

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS!

This week we welcomed over 400 children to our church with hundreds of volunteers who served during VBS, Day Missions, and Music Camp. We cannot say thank you enough, on behalf of our staff, for making the week a huge success! We saw firsthand the fruit of your diligent prayers, priceless donations, and endless hours as God moved in their hearts and lives. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with each child who attended.

### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Our last Luncheon Bible Study is this Wednesday, June 28. Wednesday Bible studies, classes, meals, and choirs for all ages will resume in September. Watch for our fall schedule in August.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Sunday, July 9, please call Jamie Stoltz at 864.565.0901.

## 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, 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

### AMERICA'S CANYONLANDS TOUR

Join Dr. Gibbons and First Presbyterian for Tauck Tours' most popular North American tour. Stay inside National Parks as you experience the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion, and other wonders of the West. Please make your \$350 deposit by check to First Presbyterian Church and deliver to Amy Belleman in the church office. The initial deposit is due by Tuesday, June 27, so act fast! Total cost per person is \$5,690 double or \$6,892 single. For the complete itinerary, visit FirstPresGreenville.org under Events. Questions? Contact Lindsay Graham at lgraham@firstpresgreenville.org.

### 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 campus church tour including a brief visit to the Lenz Gallery will be on Thursday, June 29, at 3:00pm. Meet in the reception area at the Washington Street entrance. RSVP to Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

#### ILLUSIONISTS DAVID & TEESHA LAFLIN

David and Teesha Laflin, internationally recognized

Christian illusionists, are coming to the Worship & Arts Center on Saturday, August 26, at 6:00pm. They have entertained and inspired audiences all over the world through their unique blend of both classic and cutting-edge illusions. You will not want to miss this fun family event for all ages. Tickets will be on sale on Friday, June 29.

### 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, 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.

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

#### VARNA MUSIC FESTIVAL NEXT WEEK!

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 for tickets.

### 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.

### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

#### 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

### Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

#### WEDNESDAY PRAYERS FOR WARRIORS

Remember that Wednesdays are dedicated to Wednesday Prayers for Warriors. Take time throughout your day each Wednesday to pray for our active military members, our veterans, and their families. To add a name to our Active Military Prayer List, please contact Tammy Burkhalter at tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org.

### 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.

### Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

#### VARNA MUSIC FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

We have a need for greeters, ushers, ticket-takers, and trained crowd managers on Monday, June 26, during the Opera Gala, 1:30pm–6:00pm, and Verdi Requiem, 6:00pm–10:00pm. If you are available to help, please email Linda Sholtis at lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org, or visit our Signature Events page to sign up. For those able to work both shifts, a boxed dinner will be provided.

### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

#### COME SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Christmas music for the Christmas@First concerts, "Good Tidings of Great Joy," will be introduced on Wednesday, July 19, 6:00–7:30pm, in the Choir Room. The dates for our Christmas@First concerts are Saturday and Sunday, December 9-10. 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 25, 2023

### 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 11:32-40

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 28, 2023

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall  
Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley

### WEDNESDAY LUNCH

11:45am • Fellowship Hall

### MENU:

Shrimp Scampi with Noodles  
BBQ Ribs  
Steamed Broccoli with Almonds  
Steamed Whole Green Beans  
Baked Potatoes  
Buttered Carrots  
Salad, Rolls, Dessert

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

JUNE 22–JUNE 28, 2023

06/22: Brian Stewart (864.423.2660)  
06/23: Brian Stewart  
06/24: Brian Stewart  
06/25: Brian Stewart  
06/26: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)  
06/27: Stan Johnson  
06/28: Stan Johnson

## 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

### SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pruitt (Porter)** in the death of his mother, Emily Sorrow Pruitt of Greenwood, SC, on June 15, and to Charlie Pruitt and William Pruitt in the death of their grandmother.

**The family of Mrs. Charlene Comer.** Mrs. Comer died on June 16.

**Mrs. Sylvia Evette** in the death of her mother, Sara Grisham of Beaufort, SC, on June 18.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Charlene Holloway Comer** ♦ November 16, 1940 – June 16, 2023

### MEMORIALS & HONORS

#### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Rutledge Galloway* by Donald and Judy McAlister

*In memory of Bill Stover* by Donald and Judy McAlister; Brenda Busby; Tom Arthur; Jerome and Becky T. Rogers

#### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

*In memory of Joel Satterthwaite* by Gena McGowan

*In memory of Bill Stover* by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Manley; Gena McGowan

### PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, Wanda Bryant, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Lyndall Kane, Bob Chandler, Joe Cole, 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, 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, **Charlotte Watson**, Spires Welch, Beryl Wickliffe, Linda Wood, Jan Zimmermann

Bold = New    *Italics* = In Hospital

### 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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military)



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

200 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
GREENVILLE, SC 29601

### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

phone | 864.235.0496

website | [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

email | [contactus@firspresgreenville.org](mailto:contactus@firspresgreenville.org)

facebook | [facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville](https://facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville)

instagram | [@FPCGreenville](https://www.instagram.com/FPCGreenville)

mobile app | FPC Live

### TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



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CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE JULY 4  
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15  
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