

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER ROOM DEDICATION

The prayer room was dedicated to Reverend George and Mozelle Moore on Sunday, June 25. George and Mozelle had a passion for prayer and serving others, and we are grateful for their ministry at FPC and beyond. Watch the dedication video here (<https://vimeo.com/839793492>).

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Most adult classes, Youth Ministry, and Children's Ministry are canceled this Sunday, July 2, during the Sunday School hour. Kids Church and worship services will run as normal.

ALL THINGS NEW EXHIBIT

If you haven't already, please make plans to see the local artists featured in the *All Things New* exhibit, while it's here a little longer. Visit the Galleries@First, on the first and second floor of the Worship & Arts Center, during regular church office hours.

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

RE/ENGAGE REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1

Register for *Re/engage* on our website under Ministry Events, on Saturday, July 1, at 12:00pm. This fall, classes 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. 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. 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 TICKETS FOR SALE JUNE 29

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. Visit the Signature Events page on our website to purchase tickets starting Thursday, 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, 5:30–8:00pm. 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

ANDREW RIPP TICKETS

We are excited to welcome Andrew Ripp's Fall Tour on Friday, September 15, at 7:00pm, in the Worship & Arts Center. 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. Tickets will be for sale the first week of July on our website, under Signature Events.

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.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

ROOTS MINI-OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

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, 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 with questions.

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 FOR WARRIORS

The FPC Military Ministry invites you to take a few moments each Wednesday to pray for our active Military. Our men and women in the armed forces stand up to protect our freedoms and selflessly give of their time away from family and friends to serve our great country. For information about our Military Ministry, please visit our Care Ministry page. To add a family member to our Active Military Prayer List, contact Tammy Burkhalter, at tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0943.

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.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

PRAYER PACKETS FOR DR STUDENTS & LEADERS

FPC students and leaders are preparing for their mission trip to the Dominican Republic on Sunday, July 17. Please join us in prayer by picking up a prayer packet on Sunday, July 9, in Memorial Hall, the Loggia, or the Worship & Arts Center. The packet includes a student or leader's photo, information card, and prayer request, as well as a blank card for you to write them a note. Place your note in the envelope provided, seal it, write the student or leader's name on the envelope, and return it to the church reception area by Wednesday, July 12. These personal notes will be distributed each day in the DR.

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, JULY 2, 2023

Patriotic Service

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 12:1-3

8:30am Nursery
NO YOUTH OR CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL. LIMITED ADULT
CLASSES WILL MEET.
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

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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

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THIS WEDNESDAY

Bible Study and meals will
resume in the Fall. Watch for more
information coming soon.

PASTOR OF THE DAY JUNE 29–JULY 5, 2023

06/29: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

06/30: Stan Johnson

07/01: Stan Johnson

07/02: Stan Johnson

07/03: Stan Johnson

07/04: Stan Johnson

07/05: Stan Johnson

LOOKING AHEAD

June 29:

History & Architecture Tour of FPC

Tickets on sale for Illusionists

David & Teesha Laflin

July 2:

Patriotic Worship Services

July 7:

Tickets on sale for Andrew Ripp Concert

July 7:

Artist Lunch with Emma Stephens

July 25:

Fine Arts Creative Session: Open Mic

August 27:

Celebrate Anew Concert

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ June 25, 2023

Sullivan Robert Pope and Adeline Tinsley Pope, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pope (Beth)

Finley Blake Summer, child of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Summer (Rhyan)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Collins (Meagan) on the birth of a son, Hampton "Wade" Collins V, on June 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Clayton "Clay" Price (Lauryn Johnson) who were married in the Sanctuary on June 23.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Dana Carter by The Covenant Class

In memory of Bettina Hensinger by Gwenn Cook

In memory of Bill Stover by William, Patricia, and Steven Hendrix;
The Covenant Class

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Charlene Comer by Gena McGowan

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Joel Satterthwaite by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banks

In memory of Rev. James Still by Dr. Alex Patrick

In memory of Bill Stover by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banks; Dr. Alex Patrick

PRAYER LIST

Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Lyndall Kane, Bob Chandler, Joe Cole, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, 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, **Stuart Latimer**, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Janet MacCallum, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, Mozelle Moore, **Chloris Norman**, Alex Olyarchuk, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ken Rhoden, Janice Shartle, Libby Stewart, Nat Stewart, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Beryl Wickliffe, **Thomas Wilcox**, 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



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Join Us For The
CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM
★★★★★
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Prayers for Our Nation
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
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