

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENSORY NEED OFFERINGS

With the opening of our new facilities and the completion of staff training, First Pres is now a sensory inclusive location through the KultureCity® certification, offering a caring, welcoming environment to those with sensory needs. Please see an usher on Sunday, or a volunteer during an event, with any questions or to request assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

Adult classes, Youth Ministry, and Children's Ministry are back to their regular schedule this Sunday, July 9, during the Sunday School hour. Kids Church and worship services will also run as normal.

LOST AND FOUND

If you are missing any belongings, please check the Lost and Found table in Building D on the second floor near the workroom, on Sunday, July 16 and July 23. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity on July 24.

DISCIPLESHIP

REGISTER FOR RE/ENGAGE

Registration is now open for *Re/engage* on our website under Ministry Events. 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

Care Ministry, Stan Johnson

BRUNCH BUNCH ON SUNDAYS

All singles and families will continue 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. Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org.

College Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

All college-aged students are invited to our last Summer Nights gathering at the Sturgis home on Thursday, 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.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

ILLUSIONISTS TICKETS AVAILABLE

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 audiences all over the world, including a live show during the NCAA Final Four and on the TEDx stage. Through their unique blend of both classic and cutting-edge illusions, the Gospel is presented clearly in an unforgettable way. Visit the Signature Events page on our website to purchase tickets, or visit DavidandTeesha.com to learn more about their life-changing ministry.

BUDDY BREAK 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

CREATIVE SESSION: OPEN MIC

Come enjoy the first Fine Arts Open Mic session, on Tuesday, July 25, at 6:00pm in the Student Ministry Program Space of the Worship & Arts Center. If you've written a song you'd like to perform, have a script or comedy bit to share, or want to give a short talk about a piece of art you've made, please register on our website, under Events or Fine Arts opportunities. Please also note

open mic rules, if performing. All are welcome to attend to support local artists in our area.

ANDREW RIPP TICKETS JULY 16

We are excited to welcome Andrew Ripp and Friends fall tour with Rachael Lampa and Blessing Offor 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 go on sale July 16 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

SENIOR HIGH SUMMER NIGHTS

Senior High students are invited to join us for a fun, relaxed evening of hanging out and reading through Scripture together. The last meeting will take place 7:00–9:00pm on Wednesday, July 26. Food will be provided. Keep an eye out for an email the week before for information. Contact Autumn Clark for details (aclark@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. This beautiful service will feature favorite worship anthems of the choir and orchestra in conjunction with highlighting the magnificent paintings in the Lenz Gallery. Free tickets are available at both reception desks.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

ISAIAH 117 HOUSE INFORMATION



For information on this new ministry in Greenville County, scan this QR code to sign up for the newsletter, see info about monthly meetings, sign up as a volunteer, read about the cause and mission, and learn more about other locations around the country. Check out our Moment for Missions video here (<https://vimeo.com/811028912>), or email Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

HOLLIS ACADEMY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

Save the date for our annual Hollis Back-to-School Drive, starting next week, July 13. This year, we will be collecting new playground toys and games for recess. Keep an eye out for details and Amazon wish list coming soon!

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 this 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 9, 2023

WORSHIP:

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the
Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Charlie Buchanan
Mark 2:1-12

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](https://www.firstpresgreenville.org) Watch menu

10:45am:

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

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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

JULY 6–JULY 12, 2023

07/06: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

07/07: Stan Johnson

07/08: Stan Johnson

07/09: Stan Johnson

07/10: Stan Johnson

07/11: Stan Johnson

07/12: Stan Johnson

LOOKING AHEAD

July 7:

Artist Lunch with Emma Stephens

July 16:

Tickets on sale for Andrew Ripp Concert

July 25:

Fine Arts Creative Session: Open Mic

July 28:

Buddy Break

August 27:

Celebrate Anew Concert

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Foster (Hope) on the birth of a daughter, Mary Frances Foster, on May 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Vincent Carson (Covington) on the birth of a son, Smith Reynolds Carson, on June 20.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Paul and Lisa Fedorka

Susan Still

Jason and Leslie Anzalone

Ricky and Sheree Knighton

Ross and Erica VanDyck (Pearce, Caroline, and Scottie)

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Dana Carter by The R. N. Ward Class

In memory of Bill Stover by The R. N. Ward Class; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drake

In memory of Caron Wilson by Ford and Libby Borders

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Charlene Comer by Matt and Sara Rieser

In memory of Todd Taylor by Cynthia Wynkoop

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, Michelle Dove, Tom Drake, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, **Eddie Gambrell**, 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, **Jennie Miler**, 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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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE
GIVING



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

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VBS, MUSIC CAMP, AND DAY MISSIONS

RECAP!



WATCH the VIDEO below
for all of the HIGHLIGHTS!
<https://vimeo.com/838783979>

It was a memorable week for hundreds of children and volunteers during VBS, Music Camp, and Day Missions!

During VBS, over 400 children and leaders stepped back in time to a Babylonian village each day and watched the story of Daniel and his friends come to life. The children learned that God is the same now as He was back in Babylon. Almost \$3,000 was given to purchase water filters for families who don't have access to clean water.

Music Camp served approximately 135 children led by 40 adults leaders. It was a joyful experience in drama, singing, and playing drums, xylophones, stringed instruments, and keyboards. We learned more about God's love, faithfulness, and deliverance through the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace.

During Day Missions, 130 students and adults packed over 1,000 meal bags; delivered 480 necessity bags, 250 hero packets, and 200 homeless kits; visited the homebound; and served 150 children at two local YMCA programs. We experienced first-hand the importance of giving to others, out of the abundance that God has given us.

God continues to bless our church by bringing children here to encounter Him through your donations, prayers, and time!

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