

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEMONADE STAND FOR ISAIAH 117 HOUSE



We invite you to stop by the Isaiah 117 House lemonade stand across from the nursery on Sunday, June 16. The purpose is to connect with one another around a cause, so come grab a cup of lemonade for free! When children are removed from their

homes out of concern for their safety, sometimes the wait can be a few hours to several days. Isaiah 117 House provides a comforting home for these children while they await a placement. For information on this new ministry in Greenville County, scan this QR code above to find out ways to get involved.

PRAYERS FOR SENIOR HIGH DR TRIP

Please join us in prayer for our Senior High students and leaders traveling to the Dominican Republic on July 16-22.

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 or July 23. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity on July 24.

DISCIPLESHIP

RE|ENGAGE KICK-OFF AUGUST 13

Registration for *Re|Engage*, a 14-week marriage enrichment ministry, is now open 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.

RADIANCE MINISTRY FOR WOMEN

Radiance Small Groups for young women (early 20s to mid-30s) meet each week in homes on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm–8:00pm. Registration is open on our website, under Women's Opportunities, for anyone interested in joining or leading a group in the fall. Contact dianaorders@charter.net for more information or to be placed in a small group.

EVENTS

AMERICA'S CANYONLANDS TOUR

Two additional double rooms have opened up for the America's Canyonlands Tour May 20-27, 2024. Please make your \$350 deposit by check to First Presbyterian Church and deliver to Amy Belleman in the church office. For the complete itinerary, visit FirstPresGreenville.org under Events. Questions? Contact Lindsay Graham at lindsayg@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

WORLD-FAMOUS ILLUSIONISTS

Invite friends and family to experience David and Teesha Laflin, Christian illusionists with a Gospel message, on Saturday, August 26, at 6:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. They have entertained audiences all over the world, including a live show during the NCAA Final Four and on the TEDx stage. Visit the Signature Events page on our website to purchase tickets for only \$5 each, 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

All are welcome to join us at 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.

ANDREW RIPP TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEK

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.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

OPEN PLAY GYM HOURS

The Graham Gym is open Monday through Friday for indoor pickleball, basketball, or an activity you may need to move indoors due to weather. Visit FirstPresSports.com for general hours of availability and to register for membership. Email Caleb McKisic for fun ideas at Caleb@FirstPresSports.com.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

ROOTS MINI-OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Join us for our 6th Annual Roots Mini-Open Championship, presented by Amplos Performance Psychology. The greatest miniature golfers 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. 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

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

SERVE WITH THE PASTORAL VISITATION MINISTRY

Is God calling you to serve our homebound? Please prayerfully consider joining our Pastoral Visitation Ministry (PVM) in making visits once a month to our homebound who are no longer physically able to join us for church. For more information, contact Leslie Warner at lwarner@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0966.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

PRODUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Event Operations Ministry is looking for persons interested in filling production roles for upcoming events, including the Laflin Illusionists, Celebrate Anew, and Andrew Ripp. Production roles include lighting technician, video playback (slides), camera operators, and stagehands. All training is provided; no experience is necessary. Contact productions@firstpresgreenville.org for more information.

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 16, 2023

WORSHIP:

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the
Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart
Sermon: An Attitude of Gratitude
Exodus 16:1-20

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

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

PASTOR OF THE DAY

JULY 13–JULY 19, 2023

07/13: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

07/14: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)

07/15: Charlie Buchanan

07/16: Charlie Buchanan

07/17: Claire Ripley (864.423.2064)

07/18: Claire Ripley

07/19: Claire Ripley

LOOKING AHEAD

July 16:

Tickets on sale for Andrew Ripp Concert

July 25:

Fine Arts Creative Session: Open Mic

July 28:

Buddy Break

August 26:

Illusionists David and Teesha Laughlin

August 27:

Celebrate Anew Concert

September 15:

Andrew Ripp Concert

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ July 9, 2023

Ann "Annie" DuBose Roser, daughter of Elizabeth Patrick Roser and Kyle Roser

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mr. John Vohs in the death of wife, Charlene Vohs, of Charlotte, NC, on June 14.

Dr. and Mrs. Larry Freeman (Ann) and family in the death of his mother, Nancy Freeman, on July 10.

Dr. and Mrs. Ned Freeman (Karin) and family in the death of his mother, Nancy Freeman, on July 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Freeman (Heidi) and family in the death of his mother, Nancy Freeman, on July 10.

IN MEMORIAM

Charlene Aurelia Vohs ♦ December 28, 1943 – June 14, 2023

Nancy Jones Freeman ♦ June 6, 1927 – July 10, 2023

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

John and Chelsea LaCourse, Karen Baker, Jeff and Lori Brown, Lamounte and Kamarrie Coleman (Lauryn and Logan), Nate and Lauren Cox (Lachlan and Macie), Keegan and Shelton Liff (Margaret), Nick and Mary Grace Myers (Reames and Seaton), Trey and AnneMarie Odum (Graham and Worth), Mary Frances Patrick, Brian and Stacey Shamis, Scott and Ashley Wright (Landon and Canon)

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Dana Carter by The Gospel Partners Class

In memory of Bill Stover by Lee and Bonnie Powell

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Todd Taylor by Steve and Linda Owings

PRAYER LIST

Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, **Lang Cheves**, 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, **Anne Lybrand**, Janet MacCallum, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, *Jennie Miler*, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Joann Reed, 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



WHAT'S INSIDE

JULY 13-JULY 19, 2023

Hollis Academy Back-to-School
Drive for Recess Toys

Andrew Ripp Tickets on Sale

Creative Session: Open Mic

Illusionists Coming Soon

Buddy Break July 28

Celebrate Anew Concert

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

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HOLLIS ACADEMY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

New Playground Toys & Games for Recess



Starting this week, pick an apple from the displays

in the Sturgis Gathering Space, the Loggia, Memorial Hall, & new Reception Area

Or scan QR code for Amazon Wish List

Bring items to the church by Sunday, July 30

boxes will be located in the Sturgis Gathering Space, the Loggia, Memorial Hall, & new Reception Area

Items ordered online may be shipped to:

Beth Simmons, First Presbyterian Church, 200 West Washington Street, Greenville, SC 29601

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