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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACKPACK BLESSING AUGUST 13

This Sunday, August 13, our pastors will pray over all educators, students (elementary through college), and preschoolers during our three worship services. We’d love for the younger folks to wear their backpacks as they are called forward for prayer.

GALLIVAN MILLS ENDOWMENT

The First Presbyterian Church Foundation provides scholarships from the Gallivan Mills Endowment to college students who are members of First Pres. This year, we are happy to announce the endowment awarded \$29,300 to 20 students across 10 different colleges and universities.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley GROW@FIRST STARTING SOON!

We are excited to resume our weekly Bible Study and Discipleship opportunities on Wednesday, September 6. This fall, our prayer is that you will find ways to grow and mature in your faith and in community with others at First Pres. The brochure will be available soon in the information racks and at FirstPresGreenville.org.

RADIANCE WOMEN’S SMALL GROUPS

Radiance Small Groups for young women (early 20s to mid-30s) meet each week in homes on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm–8:00pm. The kick-off event will be on Wednesday, September 13, in the Worship & Arts Center. 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

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter CARE SUPPORT GROUPS

Registration is open for GriefShare, DivorceCare, and Getting To Know Dementia, beginning in early September. Contact Leslie Warner at lwarner@firstpresgreenville.org for more details about any of these upcoming classes, or visit our website under Care Opportunities.

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. Visit the Signature Events page on our website to purchase tickets for \$5 each (plus a processing fee). A discount code is available at kking@firstpresgreenville.org for anyone needing financial assistance.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller MATTHEW WEST FALL TOUR

We are excited to welcome Matthew West with Micah Tyler for the upcoming *My Story Your Glory* Fall 2023 Tour on Monday, October 30, at 7:00pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Matthew West will bring his latest album to life with a performance that will surely inspire. Tickets are now on sale on our website. Mark your calendars, gather your friends, and get ready to experience faith and fun like never before.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser CREATIVE SESSION: INCUBATOR AUGUST 10

We are pleased to provide an opportunity for artists of all kinds to come together to share their work and celebrate what God is doing in their lives. Our next session will be held Thursday, August 10, at 11:30am in the Student Programming Room. For more information or to register, contact Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

IN OUR MIDST EXHIBIT AUGUST 11

You are invited to the opening reception for our next community exhibit, *In Our Midst: Works by First Pres Artists*, this Friday, August 11, 6:00pm-8:00pm. Drop in to meet the artists, peruse the galleries, and fellowship with us! You will be able to view this exhibit during regular

church office hours, or on Sundays before or after worship. Come celebrate the gifts of those in our church family.

ANDREW RIPP TICKETS ON SALE NOW

We are excited to welcome Andrew Ripp’s *Big Feelings 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 are available on our website under Signature Events.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

It’s time for church league basketball! Registration for the upcoming fall and winter season is now open. This will be the first church league season in our new gym! Registration is limited, so don’t miss out. Sign up at FirstPresSports.com. If you have any questions, please email caleb@firstpressports.com.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart SAVE THE DATE: MISSIONS WEEKEND

Our upcoming Missions Weekend on September 22-24 will include fun activities and opportunities to learn first-hand about missions we are involved in around the world. We will hear from Shapoor Ahmadi, a Muslim who came to Christ, as well as retired U.S. Army Brigadier General Victor Petrenko on ministering to Ukrainian soldiers on the frontlines. More details coming soon.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons ROOTS KICK-OFF AUGUST 16

All students are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 16, for our first Roots gathering of the season. Junior High starts at 5:45pm, and Senior High begins at 7:30pm.

**Worship & Music Ministry, Lori Shelton
CHILDREN’S & YOUTH CHOIRS START UP**
Wednesday, September 6, 5:30–6:15pm, C205
Covenant Choir, Grades 3-5
Wednesday, September 6, 6:15–6:45pm, C205
Cherub Choir, K4-K5
Wednesday, September 6, 6:45–7:15pm, C205
Carol Choir, Grades 1-2
Sunday, September 10, 4:00–5:00pm, Harper Chapel
Resonate! Choir, Grades 6-12
For more information, please contact Lori Shelton at lshelton@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.247.6602.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need individuals to help provide a welcoming experience to those attending events at FPC. Opportunities include event hosts, ticket takers, ushers, merchandise assistants, and trained crowd managers. If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please email events@firstpresgreenville.org.

**Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart
SPECIAL OFFERING: UKRAINE RELIEF**
As a part of our Missions Weekend, FPC is partnering with The Outreach Foundation to raise funds for Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs), the most requested items of soldiers fighting in Ukraine. Soldiers who receive these kits have an increased survivability rate nearing 90 percent over those who do not. Look for more details coming soon.

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS
For parents of new or returning college-age students, please complete a college information form to help us minister to them during this special time in their lives. Packages are sent out twice a year around exam time. Forms can be found at FirstPresGreenville.org, under Care Opportunitites, or in the literature racks. Please send completed forms to Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

WORSHIP:
8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the
Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons
Series: “What Do You Believe?
Faith & Culture”
Mark 5:21–43

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 AUGUST 10–AUGUST 16, 2023

08/10: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)
08/11: Brian Stewart (864.423.2660)
08/12: Brian Stewart
08/13: Brian Stewart
08/14: Claire Ripley (864.423.2064)
08/15: Claire Ripley
08/16: Claire Ripley

LOOKING AHEAD

August 10:
Creative Session: Artist Incubator

August 11:
In Our Midst Opening Reception

August 26:
Illusionists David and Teesha Laughlin

August 27:
Celebrate Anew Concert

September 6:
Grow@First begins

September 15:
Andrew Ripp Concert

September 15:
Daddy Daughter Dance

September 22-24:
Missions Weekend

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ August 6, 2023

Robert Rafe Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wood Banks Jr. (Callie) Peyton Jenkins

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Dr. Richard and Annetta Hewitt on their 60th Anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Ned Freeman (Karin) on the birth of a granddaughter, Margaret Lee “Maggie” Ashmore, on July 29. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ashmore (Anna) of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Pomazal (Augusta Dixon), who were married in Brevard, NC, on June 21.

PRAYER LIST

Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Rebecca Brim, 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, Eddie Gambrell, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Jim Hastings, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Vicky Hunt, Ginny Johnson, Stuart Latimer, Ron Lemley, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Janet MacCallum, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, Jennie Miler, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Lucy Owen, Don Phillips, Shari Phillips, 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

CALLED TO SERVE
IN CHILDREN’S MINISTRY?

Each Sunday, we see about 200 children in the nursery, Sunday School, and Kids Church. To give the best care, this takes 64 people to rock babies, play with toddlers and preschoolers, teach a lesson, lead worship, be a one-on-one buddy for a child with special needs, and escort children to and from the lobby and classrooms.

Most of our team serves ONE Sunday per month, and we’d love for you to join our tight-knit crew that supports and prays for one another. If you have been blessed with a gift to serve our incredible First Pres Children, please contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

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.

MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER
FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military



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

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

ONLINE
GIVING



AUGUST 10–AUGUST 16, 2023

CELEBRATE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 6:00PM

Anew

A concert of favorite worship music presented by the FPC Choir and Orchestra.

FREE TICKETS AT RECEPTION DESKS