

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL COSTS AT FPC

Our Food Ministry staff provides an amazing assortment of breakfast, lunch, and dinner options during events throughout the year. With the continuing rise in food costs, we have had to adjust the price of meals to the following: Adults—\$10, Children—\$5, Children 3 and under are free, and Family Max—\$35.

TOLLISON ENDOWMENT RECIPIENTS

The First Presbyterian Church Foundation provides two \$2,000 scholarships annually from the Tollison Endowment to help pay college tuition expenses of one male and one female high school senior who participated in the basketball program at First Pres. The students selected this year were Mae Wright and Miller Vogt. Thank you to Dr. Michael and Cheryl Tollison for providing the endowment in memory of Nancy Tollison and in honor of Lewis Tollison.

IGNITE ALBUM RELEASE: “KNOWN”

After many months of songwriting and recording, Ignite Worship is pleased to announce the upcoming album release of new worship songs called “Known.” We hope it will serve as a way to encourage you in your faith. The album release date is set for September 8 and will be available online that day to purchase or stream (Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon).

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 later this week in the information racks and at FirstPresGreenville.org.

PASTOR’S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

If you are ready to be refreshed and renewed in prayer, come and join us for the Pastor’s Wednesday Bible Study beginning September 6 at 12:30pm or 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring what is often called the greatest prayer of all, *The Lord’s Prayer*. We will discover how to resolve some of our challenges and questions about prayer by immersing ourselves in the character and nature of “Our Father.”

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 8-9

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, September 8-9. 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.

EVENTS

Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones ILLUSIONISTS TICKETS

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

FPC will 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.

ANDREW RIPP TICKETS

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.

Men’s Ministry, Charlie Buchanan DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

3GEN Ministries is hosting a Daddy Daughter Dance for men of the upstate and their daughters at 7:00pm-9:30pm on Friday, September 15 at Larkin’s Sawmill Venue. It will be a fantastic evening of desserts, fun and dancing. Register at 3genministries.org/ministry-resources/dance.

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 front lines. More details coming soon.

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.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons ROOTS ON WEDNESDAYS

Roots has started back on Wednesday evenings, with Junior High at 5:45pm, and Senior High at 7:30pm. Please encourage your student to invite a friend and join us!

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 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 children, teach a lesson, lead worship, and be a one-on-one buddy for a child with special needs. Please contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org if you are interested.

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.

HOLLIS ACADEMY HELPERS NEEDED

First Pres sends food home for 110 Hollis students each weekend to ensure they have something to eat when they’re not in school. We need people who are willing to help pack the bags once or twice each month. Bags are packed every other Tuesday morning at the church. Contact Emily Moore (em9600@aim.com) if you’re able to help.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

WORSHIP:

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the
Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Stan Johnson
Sermon: “A Case of Forgotten
Identity”
1 John 3:1-2

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

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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

AUGUST 17–AUGUST 23, 2023

08/17: Claire Ripley (864.423.2064)

08/18: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)

08/19: Charlie Buchanan

08/20: Charlie Buchanan

08/21: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

08/22: Stan Johnson

08/23: Stan Johnson

LOOKING AHEAD

September 6:
Grow@First begins

September 15:
Andrew Ripp Concert

September 15:
Daddy Daughter Dance

September 22-24:
Missions Weekend

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ August 13, 2023

Richard Mason Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Ramsey Brown (Mary Vaughan)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. David McCutcheon (Elizabeth)* on the birth of a daughter, Lydia March McCutchen, on August 9.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

AGAPE-FELLOWSHIP CLASS FUND

In memory of Nancy Freeman by Mr. Jack Whitesides

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Henry Faris, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boling
In memory of Rutledge Galloway by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boling
In memory of Emily Grace Hall by Johnny and Gene Aiken
In memory of Robert Henson by Robbins Investment Company, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boling
In memory of Joel Satterthwaite by The Tollison Law Firm, P.A. on behalf of Lewis Tollison, Sr.
In memory of Bill Stover by Joe and Marilyn Blandford; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boling

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Nancy Freeman by Richard and Krista Ligon; Mr. and Mrs. Brian Burrell

PRAYER LIST

Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Lang Cheves, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Jim Hastings, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, 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, Lucy Owen, Becky Powell, Joann Reed, Ken Rhoden, **Catherine Sandifer**, Janice Shartle, **A.B. 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.*

MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER

FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military



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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

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Grow@First Starting Soon
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For more information about
the ministries of FPC, visit
FirstPresGreenville.org

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In Our
Midst

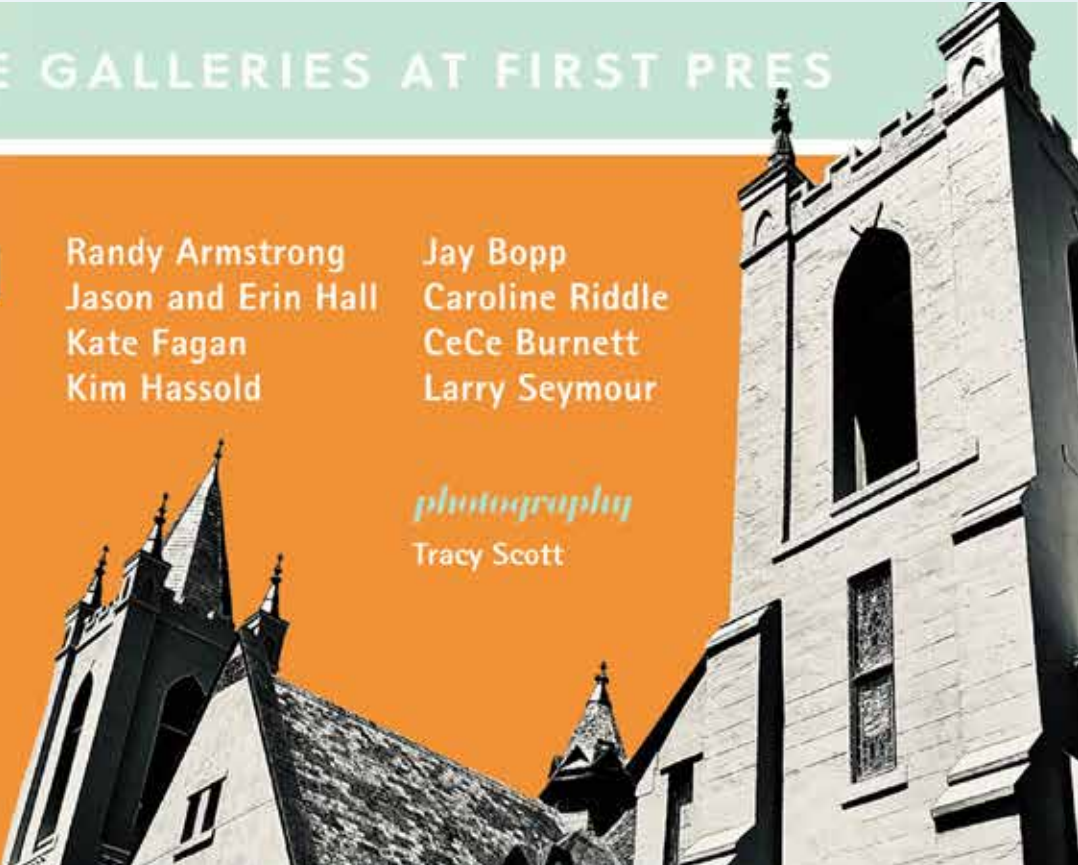
WORKS BY FIRST PRES ARTISTS

Come celebrate the gifts of those in our church family. You will be able to view this exhibit during regular church office hours.

Randy Armstrong
Jason and Erin Hall
Kate Fagan
Kim Hassold

Jay Bopp
Caroline Riddle
CeCe Burnett
Larry Seymour

photography
Tracy Scott



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