

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 adjusted our meal prices as follows: Adults \$10, Children \$5, Children 3 & under free, Family max \$35.

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).

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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 are in the literature racks and at FirstPresGreenville.org under Care Opportunities. Please send completed forms to Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

WOMEN’S FALL BIBLE STUDY SHOWCASE

All women are invited to drop in this Sunday, August 27, 9:00–11:00am in the Abbott Gathering Space for coffee and light refreshments. We will showcase the women’s fall study books, and you’ll have the opportunity to meet some of our awesome leaders. Hope to see you in between services! For a complete list of all Fall Bible studies, please visit Firstpresgreenville.org, Women’s Ministry tab.

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 as we explore *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 cripsey@firstpresgreenville.org. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org.

EVENTS

Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones

ILLUSIONISTS EVENT THIS SATURDAY

Invite friends and family to experience David and Teesha Laflin, Christian illusionists with a Gospel message, this 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.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

IN OUR MIDST EXHIBIT

Come celebrate the gifts of nine artists in our church family at the new community exhibit, *In Our Midst: Works by First Pres Artists*. You can view the artwork during regular church office hours on Levels 1 and 2 of the Worship & Arts Center.

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 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, the first season in our new gym. Practices begin October 15; games begin November 11. Register by Friday, September 8, at FirstPresSports.com. Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic at caleb@firstpressports.com.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

ROOTS ON WEDNESDAYS

Roots has started back on Wednesday evenings in Room A106, with Junior High meeting 5:45–7:15pm, and Senior High 7:30–9:00pm. Come together to eat dinner (\$5), followed by games, worship, and practical teaching. Please encourage your student to invite a friend and join us!

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

CELEBRATE ANEW CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

You are invited to the upcoming *Celebrate Anew* concert in the Sanctuary this 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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Sunday, September 10 or 17, please call Jamie Stoltz at 864.565.0901.

Men’s Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

“JOBS FOR LIFE” AT GREENVILLE RESCUE MISSION

First Pres and Greenville Rescue Mission are once again partnering to offer the seven-week “Jobs For Life” program at the Mission starting Tuesday, September 19. We are seeking a few men who have a heart to serve a man in need to act as a CHAMPION/MENTOR to a student. We will train and equip you. Please contact Dave Forry (864.380.1013) to learn more about serving in this transformational ministry.

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

WORSHIP:

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite in the
Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons
Sermon Series on Faith & Culture:
“What Do You Believe?” part 2
Ephesians 5:22-33

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

Weekly Bible Studies and meals
resume Wednesday, September 6.
GROW@FIRST brochures are available
in the information racks and at
FirstPresGreenville.org.

PASTOR OF THE DAY

August 24–August 30, 2023

08/24: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

08/25: Stan Johnson

08/26: Stan Johnson

08/27: Stan Johnson

08/28: Stan Johnson

08/29: Brian Stewart (864.423.2660)

08/30: Brian Stewart

LOOKING AHEAD

September 6:
Grow@First begins

September 8-9:
New Member Weekend

September 15:
Andrew Ripp Concert

September 15:
Daddy Daughter Dance

September 22-24:
Missions Weekend

MEMBER NEWS

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mrs. Shay Smith in the death of her husband, Bill Smith, on August 15.

IN MEMORIAM

William Douglas Smith ♦ January 3, 1937 – August 15, 2023

PRAYER LIST

Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Lang Cheves, Lyndall Kane, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Phil Gregory, 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, **Mason Powell**, Joann Reed, Ken Rhoden, Catherine Sandifer, Janice Shartle, **Donna Steeves**, **Jerry Steeves**, 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

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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TELEVISION

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

Come Grow@First!

Dear Friends,
As we look forward to this new season, we are excited to share our fall weekly Bible study and discipleship opportunities with you. I think you’ll find there is something available for everyone in every season of life. So come and grow with us! Our deepest prayer is that you will find ways to grow and mature in your faith and in community with others.
Yours in Christ,
Claire
Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley
Associate Pastor for Discipleship

**Fall 2023 GROW@FIRST
Weekly Discipleship for All Ages
resumes September 6**

Sunday Worship & Discipleship
Adult Studies & Classes
Support Groups
Worship & Music Opportunities
Children’s Ministry
Student Ministry
Women’s Circles

**Visit FirstPresGreenville.org
for details or pick up a brochure
from the information racks.**

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him,
rooted and built in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”
COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

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