

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FPC FOUNDATION LEGACY GIVING

A legacy gift, or planned gift, occurs upon death through your estate, or by adding the Foundation as a beneficiary on a retirement account or life insurance policy. The Foundation endowments are a great way to supply funding for grants. If you are interested, please contact Bobby Hoffman at 864.565.0962 for more information.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS HIRING

The Children's Ministry has opened applications for a Children's Ministry Coordinator and a Special Needs Ministry Coordinator. Both are part-time positions. For details and application, contact Tina Jones at [tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.565.0921.

### NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 3

There will be no Children's Sunday School on September 3 due to adult classes with children not meeting. Nursery and Kids Church will meet.

### VIABLE PLAY IN NASHVILLE

The Light & Life Ministry of First Presbyterian Church is excited to announce that, thanks in large part to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation, *Viable: The Truth of Christ's Love in One Act*, will be performed September 15 at the American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference this year in Nashville, TN.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

#### GROW@FIRST BEGINS

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 is available in the information racks and at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org).

### INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN FAITH CLASS

Join us for *Just Getting Started*, a practical introduction to the Christian faith led by Claire Ripley, Brian Stewart, and team. Using the Discovery Bible method, we'll discuss such topics as "Who is Jesus?" "Why did He come?" and "What does it mean to be a disciple?" Join us Wednesday nights, starting September 6 at 6:15pm in Room B311.

### 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 or to register, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org).

## EVENTS

### Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

#### 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.

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

#### ARTIST LUNCH THIS FRIDAY!

Our next Artist lunch will be Friday, September 1, at 12:00pm in our Formal Dining Room. Bring your own lunch. Jay Bopp (MFA)—graphic designer, painter, art professor, and musician—will be sharing about an art and

faith exhibition he visited this summer in Italy.

### First Presbyterian Academy, Jaimee Arthurs

#### FPA FALL FESTIVAL

First Presbyterian Academy invites you to enjoy family fun at our Fall Fest! We will have food, music, games for all ages, a silent auction, face painting, and more. Join us for a night of fall festivities on Friday, October 27 beginning at 5:30pm, at the Shannon Forest Campus.

### Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

#### MISSIONS CONFERENCE WEEKEND

Our upcoming Missions Conference 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.

### 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](http://FirstPresSports.com). Questions? Contact Caleb McKisic at [caleb@firstpresports.com](mailto:caleb@firstpresports.com).

### Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley

#### FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

Join us on Thursday, October 5, for Fearfully & Wonderfully Made in the Worship & Arts Center for an evening of fashion, fellowship, and fun to celebrate our friends with special abilities. Pre-show reception starts at 5:30pm, followed by the event at 6:30pm. Tickets will be available on Friday, September 1, on our website.

### Worship & Music Ministry, Lori Shelton

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS START UP

Sunday, September 10, 4:00–5:00pm, Harper Chapel

Resonate! Choir, Grades 6-12

Wednesday, September 13, 5:30–6:15pm, C205

Covenant Choir, Grades 3-5

Wednesday, September 13, 6:15–6:45pm, C205

Cherub Choir, K4-K5

Wednesday, September 13, 6:45–7:15pm, C205

Carol Choir, Grades 1-2

Registration is open on our website, or contact Lori Shelton at [lshelton@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lshelton@firstpresgreenville.org) for more information.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### 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

During Missions Weekend, we will take an offering for IFAKs (Individual First Aid Kits) for Ukrainian soldiers serving on the frontlines. More details coming soon.

### CALLING ALL BAKERS FOR HOLLIS ACADEMY

Several times throughout the year, we have a need for men and women who love to bake homemade treats for our Hollis staff. If you are interested in being placed on our Hollis Bakers List, please contact Beth Simmons [simmonsfam@charter.net](mailto:simmonsfam@charter.net).

### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

#### COME SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Join us as we begin rehearsing for Christmas services each Sunday, 4:00–5:15pm, in the Choir Room. The dates for our Christmas@First concerts are Saturday and Sunday, December 9-10. Regular Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin in October. Contact Susan at [smesser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:smesser@firstpresgreenville.org) for further details.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 3  
Psalms 139:13-16

8:30am Nursery  
9:30am Student Life Groups  
9:45am Adult Life Groups  
10:30am Kids Church

## LIVE STREAMING

8:30am & 11:00am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)  
[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu

10:45am:

[Facebook.com/firstpresignite](https://Facebook.com/firstpresignite)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship)  
[FirstPresgreenville.org](http://FirstPresgreenville.org) Watch menu  
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## THIS WEDNESDAY

September 6, 2023

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### WEDNESDAY LUNCH MEAL

11:45am • Fellowship Hall

### MENU:

(Pick 1) Fried Chicken OR Beef Steaks  
with Onions & Peppers  
Steamed Vegetable Melody  
Stewed Tomatoes & Okra  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Sweet Potatoes  
Brown Rice  
Green Beans  
Salad, Roll, and Dessert

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10 • Children ages 4-12: \$5  
Children ages 0-3: Free  
Family max: \$35

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

August 31–September 6, 2023

08/31: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

09/01: Stan Johnson

09/02: Stan Johnson

09/03: Stan Johnson

09/04: Stan Johnson

09/05: Stan Johnson

09/06: Stan Johnson

## LOOKING AHEAD

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 Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Thomas (Liz) in the death of his father, M. Reid Thomas Jr., on August 18.*  
Mrs. Lisa Henson in the death of her husband, Bob Henson, on July 20.

### IN MEMORIAM

Robert Lee Henson III ♦ *May 7, 1939 – July 20, 2023*

### MEMORIALS & HONORS

#### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Dana Carter* by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boling

*In memory of Bill Smith* by Jim and Toni Childers

#### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

*In memory of Bill Smith* by Muff Harner

### PRAYER LIST

Andy Anderson, Bill Anthony, **Sheila Bolick**, 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, 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, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Beryl Wickliffe, Thomas Wilcox, Jan Zimmermann  
Bold = New    Italics = In Hospital

## 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.

### 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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military)



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facebook | [facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville)

instagram | [@FPCGreenville](https://www.instagram.com/FPCGreenville)

mobile app | FPC Live

### TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



### WHAT'S INSIDE

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Ignite Album Release: *Known*

Grow@First Fall Schedule

*In Our Midst* Exhibit

New Member Weekend

Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study

Matthew West Fall Tour

For more information about  
the ministries of FPC, visit  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

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## IGNITE ALBUM 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).

COMING SEPT 8



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