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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or 864.565.0921.

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.

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.

THANK YOU FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to all who prayed over, served at, and came to the *David & Teesha Laflin Illusionists* event. It was a great evening filled with joy, laughter, amazement, and most importantly, the presence of the Lord!

DISCIPLESHIP

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. STILL OPEN?

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

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.

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.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

NEW MEN'S SMALL GROUP ON WEDNESDAYS

This men's group seeks to provide a place of community and intentional discipleship designed specifically for men (post-college–40) who desire to grow in their relationship with Christ and take steps toward biblical manhood. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:15pm in B305.

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.

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. Tickets are now on sale on our website.

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.

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.

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

MISSIONS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

September 22 Roots & Rhythms Concert

As part of Missions Conference Weekend, FPC will host a concert with DR band, Revelación Marantha, on Friday evening at 6pm. Tickets are \$5 on our website.

September 24—Guest Speaker: Shapoor Ahmadi

Shapoor Ahmadi leads a dynamic ministry to Persian and Dari speaking refugees in Liverpool, England. He will also share about the dramatic response among Iranians to the Gospel.

September 24—Life Group Speaker: Our guest speaker, Victor Petrenko will share details about his trip to Ukraine as well as how he saw God use these kits as a witness to the Gospel.

September 24—Special Offering: Ukraine Relief

During all worship services, we will take an offering for IFAKs (Individual First Aid Kits) for Ukrainian soldiers serving on the frontlines.

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR BASKETBALL

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.

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 for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

CALLING ALL BAKERS FOR HOLLIS ACADEMY

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.

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

COME SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

On Sunday, October 1, at 4:00pm, you are invited to join the Christmas Choir to prepare for the Christmas at First concerts on December 9-10. Regular Christmas Choir rehearsals will be held at 4:00pm on Sundays in October and November. Contact Susan at smesser@firstpresgreenville.org for further details.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 4
Psalms 139:13-16

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

September 13, 2023

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC
FirstPresGreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

(Pick 1) Spinach Stuffed Chicken
OR Fried Flounder
Steamed Broccoli
Oven Baked Eggplant
Green Beans
Whole Kernel Corn
Baked Potatoes
French Fries
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

September 7–September 13, 2023

09/07: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)
09/08: Brian Stewart (864.423.2660)
09/09: Brian Stewart
09/10: Brian Stewart
09/11: Stan Johnson
09/12: Stan Johnson
09/13: Stan Johnson

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*

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



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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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Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

Ignite Album Release: *Known*

New Men's Ministry Class

New Member Weekend

Andrew Ripp Concert

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

SEPTEMBER 7–SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



*Come celebrate our friends with special abilities
and give them a night to shine!*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 | TICKETS \$25 AT FIRSTPRESGREENVILLE.ORG
5:30PM • PRE-SHOW RECEPTION WITH MUSIC AND FOOD
6:30PM • EVENT BEGINS | FPC WORSHIP & ARTS CENTER

Based on God's truth from Psalm 139:14, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* is an evening that God has used to create and connect a missional community with our friends with special abilities. The fashion show and event celebrates God's indescribable love for each of His children and how we are all created in His image for His purposes.

Beneficiaries: David's Table, Roger C. Peace Rollin' Tigers, FPC Buddy Break, KIND of the Upstate, and FPC Special Needs Ministry



FPC is now sensory inclusive certified through KultureCity. Sensory bags are available where you see this symbol or see an usher for assistance. For more information on invisible disabilities, visit KultureCity.org.

PERFORMANCE BY SHOCK DANCE COMPANY, FPC WORSHIP TEAM AND SPECIAL GUESTS!
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