

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VBS, DAY MISSIONS, & MUSIC CAMP 2024

Please save the date for next year's Vacation Bible School, Day Missions, and Music Camp: June 10-13. Watch for details coming next spring.

### 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, or visit our website for Job Openings under the About Us menu.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter GETTING TO KNOW DEMENTIA

There is still room to join us for *Getting to Know Dementia*, an educational series for caregivers, friends, and family members that meets on Wednesday nights, 6:15–7:15pm in Room B301. Learn about the various symptoms of dementia and practical ways to love, help, and support a person living with brain change in a positive and respectful way. Please contact Leslie Warner for more information at 864.565.0966.

### Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

#### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: SPECIAL GUEST

Come and join us for the Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study on September 27, at 12:30pm or 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will welcome Shapoor Ahmadi as our guest speaker. Shapoor, and his wife Yasamin, are Iranian, Muslim-background believers who lead a dynamic ministry to Persian and Dari speaking refugees in Liverpool, England.

### Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud

#### WOMEN'S STUDY ON THURSDAY MORNINGS

Join Tina Jones on Thursdays as she leads a Bible study with Lisa Harper's new book, *Luke—Gut-Level Compassion*. You will hear the great news woven throughout the Gospel according to Luke that perfection is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Participants can purchase books from Books & Gifts @First in the Worship & Arts Center. Join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30am in B311. For a complete list of Bible studies this fall, pick up a Grow@First brochure in the literature racks, or visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

## EVENTS

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

#### 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. 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 celebrate God's indescribable love for each of His children. Pre-show reception starts at 5:30pm, followed by the event at 6:30pm. Tickets are available on our website under Signature Events.

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

#### ART & FAITH LUNCH OCTOBER 6

Our next Art & Faith Lunch is Friday, October 6, at 12:00pm in the Formal Dining Room. Our speaker, Chelsea LaCourse, is a professional singer and music educator who holds a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance. Chelsea teaches private voice lessons and coachings, and also works as a teaching artist and music director at South Carolina Children's Theatre.

#### CREATIVE SESSION: INCUBATOR

Save the date for our next Creative Session on Thursday, October 12, at 12:00pm in the Formal Dining Room. Writers are encouraged to bring something they have recently written, are working on, or have been inspired to share with the group. Bring your own lunch!

### MYSTERION EXHIBIT COMING SOON

The Lenz Gallery will present *Mysterion: Works by Makoto Fujimura* beginning November 13. Fujimura is a leading contemporary artist whose work has been featured in galleries and museums around the world, including The Museum of Contemporary Art in Tokyo.

### 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, renowned for his impressive songwriting abilities with hits like "The God Who Stays," "Truth Be Told," and "Hello My Name Is," will bring his latest album "My Story, Your Glory" to life with a performance that will inspire. Tickets are now on sale on our website.

### First Presbyterian Academy

#### FALL FEST AT THE ACADEMY

First Presbyterian Academy invites families from both campuses (Downtown and Shannon Forest) to our Fall Fest! Join us for a night of fall festivities on Friday, October 27, beginning at 5:30pm on the Shannon Forest Campus.

### Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

#### ROOTS & RHYTHMS CONCERT

We are kicking off Missions Conference Weekend with an FPC parking lot fiesta and concert, "Roots & Rhythms," Friday, September 22, at 6:00pm. There will be food trucks, dance troupe performances, face painting, and balloon artists. The concert will be free to local Hispanic churches, with a performance by our DR partners, Revelación Maranatha, beginning at 7:30pm. A limited number of concert tickets (\$5) are available to the congregation at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

### Worship & Music Ministry, Graydon Tomlinson

#### IGNITE NIGHT OF WORSHIP

On Thursday, October 26, at 7:00pm, the Ignite Worship Team will host a *Night of Worship* at the Worship & Arts Center. It will feature songs from the latest Ignite Worship album, *Known*, as well as familiar songs from other artists. We will also be filming and recording the concert, for later release as a live album along with video clips. Thank you in advance for being an active participant during this event! Nursery up to age 3 will be provided, so bring your family, invite your friends, and join us. Visit our website under Signature Events for more information.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

#### 2024 MISSION TRIPS

Join us for upcoming 2024 Mission trips with First Pres! We will be taking groups to the Dominican Republic (medical) in the winter, Egypt (medical) in the spring, Liverpool, England (young adults) in the summer, and Richmond/Harrisonburg, VA (all ages and families) in the summer. For more information, contact Joy Sturgis at [jsturgis@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:jsturgis@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.423.6798.

#### 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. Each new kit costs \$90. Your gift of any amount will help save lives. Write checks to FPC and earmark your gift "Ukraine."

### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

#### COME SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Beginning Sunday, October 1, at 4:00pm, you are invited to join the Christmas Choir to prepare for the Christmas @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](mailto:smesser@firstpresgreenville.org) for further details.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
MISSIONS SUNDAY

### WORSHIP:

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite (with DR Band)  
in the Worship & Arts Center

Guest Speaker: Shapoor Ahmadi  
Sermon: "God Can Use Nobody"

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](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 27, 2023

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall  
Guest Speaker: Shapoor Ahmadi

## LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall

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[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)  
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### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

### MENU:

Lunch and dinner are prepared by our chef each Wednesday, serving a selection of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

### MEAL PRICES:

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

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

September 21–September 27, 2023

09/21: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)  
09/22: Stan Johnson  
09/23: Stan Johnson  
09/24: Stan Johnson  
09/25: Stan Johnson  
09/26: Stan Johnson  
09/27: Stan Johnson

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ September 17, 2023

Isla Eleanor Fagan and Hart Alexander Fagan, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander Fagan (Kate)  
Lila Helen Kittredge and Murray Susan Kittredge, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson Kittredge Jr. (Maggie)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Bignon (Riley) on the birth of a son, Mack Treadwell Bignon, on September 8.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Michael (Kelsey) Johnson on the birth of a daughter, Tapscott “Scottie” Cline Johnson, on September 3, and to the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Johnson (Becky).  
Mr. and Mrs. Zay Kittredge (Jennifer) on the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Graham Kittredge, on September 12, and to the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Kittredge (Susan).

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mrs. Wendy Burnett in the death of her husband John Walker Burnett Jr. of Travelers Rest, SC, and to Ella Grace, Emme, Eliza, and John Walker in the death of their father, on September 14.  
Mrs. Marian Dameier in the death of her brother, Randy Fear of Welsh, LA, on September 11.

IN MEMORIAM

John Walker Burnett Jr. ♦ February 15, 1975 – September 14, 2023

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Johnathan and Samantha Burgess, Chris and Jennifer Bramley, Cameron and Magdalena Fellers, Vail Fortson, Drew and Mary Elise Greenway, Grice and Caitlyn Hunt (Helen and Hollis), Andrew and Haley Medbary (Margaret), Felix and Anna Grace Mirando

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Sheila Bolick, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Pat Burns, Susan Cable, Lang Cheves, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, **Susan Findley**, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Jim Hastings, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Janet MacCallum, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, Jennie Miler, Mozelle Moore, **Jerry Murdock**, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Lucy Owen, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Joann Reed, Ken Rhoden, Catherine Sandifer, Roy Seaver, Janice Shartle, 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.



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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



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FALL  
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WINTER  
EVENTS

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Operation Christmas Child | October 15  
Ignite Night of Worship | October 26  
Matthew West Concert | October 30

Fujimara Mysterion Exhibit | November 13  
The People Sing! Messiah | November 26  
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Christmas Eve Services | December 24

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