



CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UKRAINE RELIEF FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated funds to the Ukraine relief fundraiser. We received over \$7,700 over the weekned. You are still able to give toward the Ukraine Relief Fundraiser. Pick up an envelope in the literature racks to support The Outreach Foundation, purchasing Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs), the most requested items of soldiers fighting in Ukraine. Each new kit costs \$90. Your gift will help save lives of both soldiers and civilians. Write checks to FPC and earmark your gift “Ukraine.”

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley 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 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.”

SUNDAY LIFE GROUPS

The primary focus of Sunday Life Groups is to help Christians learn how to live with God’s Word shaping everything they think and accomplish in every aspect of life, enabling them to grow into maturity as disciples. There are groups for all ages and stages of life. If you are looking for a place to start, join us at Next Steps on Sundays at 9:45am in B312. For a complete list of Life Groups this fall, pick up a Grow@First brochure in the literature racks, or visit 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. 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, soprano, teaches voice at Anderson University, Musical Theatre classes at South Carolina Children’s Theatre, and has a private studio teaching all ages. She is also the Soprano I section leader for the worship choir at First Presbyterian Church. Chelsea has been blessed to perform at SCCT and Spartanburg Little Theatre, and she serves as a guest Music Director at SCCT.

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. Makoto Fujimura is a leading contemporary artist whose process driven, refractive “slow art” has been featured widely around the world. His bicultural arts education led his style toward a fusion between fine art and abstract expressionism, together with the traditional Japanese art of Nihonga and Kacho-ga (bird-and-flower painting tradition). Visit MakotoFujimura.com to learn more about his process.

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 MINISTERING TO MUSLIMS SEMINAR

Join FPC missions partner, Georges Houssney, President of Horizons International, in a dynamic presentation on how to begin a discussion of faith with the Muslim community. The seminar will be Thursday, October 19, at 7:00pm, via Zoom. Horizons International exists to equip the global church to reach those that don’t know Jesus, especially in the Muslim world. For information or a Zoom link, contact Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart PERSPECTIVES COURSE

Registration will open on Sunday, October 1, for the Perspectives Course on the Grace Church Taylors campus on Tuesday evenings, January 16–April 30. God has a unique role for each Christian in His global purpose of evangelizing the nations. This study program is rooted in Scripture, clarifying each believer’s remarkable opportunity to join God in His global purpose. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit Perspectives.org or reach out to Kelli Morrison at kellimorrison73@gmail.com. Scholarships are available.

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons 7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is offered for 7th and 8th grade students who would like to become Covenant Partners of First Pres. This year the class will take place at the church the weekend of January 19-21, 2024. Discussion topics will include our view of God, the Trinity, salvation, eschatology, how we view the Bible. For information, contact Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org. To register, visit FirstPresGreenville.org under Student Opportunities.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need individuals to help provide a welcoming experience to those attending events during the fall and winter season. Opportunities include event hosts, ticket takers, ushers, merchandise assistants, and trained crowd managers. If you are interested in serving, please email events@firstpresgreenville.org.

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 or 864.423.6798.

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 for further details.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023
COMMUNION SUNDAY

WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Sermon Series on Faith & Culture:
“What Do You Believe?” part 6
John 15:1-11

10:45am Ignite
in the Worship & Arts Center
Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley

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

October 4, 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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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Entree: Blueberry Balsamic Pork Chops
Steamed Rice
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Beans w/ Pimento & Onions
Broccoli Casserole
Steamed Cabbage
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 28–October 4, 2023

09/28: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)
09/29: Brian Stewart (864.423.2660)
09/30: Brian Stewart
10/01: Brian Stewart
10/02: Stan Johnson
10/03: Stan Johnson
10/04: Stan Johnson

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to* Mr. and Mrs. John Loft (Pat) on their 70th wedding anniversary on September 6.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to* Mr. and Mrs. Jack Key (Mary Sue) in the death of their son-in-law, Stuart Gregg Anderson III of Greenville, on September 19.

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 Miranda

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

In memory of John Burnett, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Sykes; Monte and Jan McKinney; Janell Haygood; Richard E. Haigwood; BYKOTA | Eppes | Jones Sunday Connect Grp; Pam and Reggy Batson; Shadow Oak Plantation

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bettina Hensinger by Cindy Smith

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of T. G. Hanner by Brenda Busby; Ann Towery; Annie and Mike Harding; Carroll and Jimsie Hart; Dr. and Mrs. David Williams, III; Mr. and Mrs. William B. Sykes; Lou and George Creswell; Mrs. Mary Jane Myers; Karen Lowe;

Bob and Bootsie Efird; Betty and John O'Brien; Dr. and Mrs. C. Allen Bruce; Circle 6

YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Bailey Baker by Lamar and Deborah Jordan

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Sheila Bolick, Tom Brissey, 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, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, 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, 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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TELEVISION
First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am



WHAT'S INSIDE

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Ignite Night of Worship
Fearfully & Wonderfully Made
Women’s Thursday Group
Art & Faith Lunch October 6
Sing in the Christmas Choir

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

SEPTEMBER 28–OCTOBER 4, 2023



IGNITE WORSHIP PRESENTS
**NIGHT OF
WORSHIP**
OCTOBER 26 | 7:00PM | DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
FPC WORSHIP AND ARTS CENTER

FREE
ADMISSION
NURSERY
PROVIDED

LIVE
FILMING &
RECORDING
DURING THE
EVENT



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