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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PONDER ANEW EXHIBIT ENDS OCTOBER 12

Less than two weeks remain to view the *Ponder Anew* exhibit in the Lenz Gallery. We have been blessed to share this historical artwork with our city. Thank you to M&G for the opportunity to spread the love of Jesus through the arts. You may view the artwork on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am–1:30pm, through October 12.

UKRAINE RELIEF FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated funds to the Ukraine relief fundraiser. You still have an opportunity to donate! 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 on Wednesdays at 12:30pm or 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We are 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.”

Men’s Ministry, Charlie Buchanan “REAL MEN” INTEREST MEETING

“Real Men,” a new discipleship opportunity for fathers of sons, begins soon. This small group will equip fathers to help their sons grow into maturity in Christ. Two interest meetings will be held: Sunday, October 8, and Sunday, October 15, 9:45–10:30am in B202 (meeting room off the Abbott Gathering area). Contact Lyon Bixler at lbixler@babbandassociates.com for more details.

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 is now open for the Perspectives Course on Tuesday evenings, January 16–April 30, on the Grace Church Taylors campus. 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 contact Kelli Morrison at kellimorrison73@gmail.com. Scholarships are available.

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

Confirmation class 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, and how we view the Bible. For information, contact Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org. To register, visit FirstPresGreenville.org under Student Opportunities.

EVENTS

Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones BUDDY BREAK OCTOBER 27

Do you know of a family raising a child with special

needs? Once a quarter we hold Buddy Break to give these parents a respite. Our next Buddy Break is Friday, October 27, 5:30–8:00pm. Please share this information and consider serving as a “Buddy.” Training is provided. Contact Tina Jones with questions or to register at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser ART & FAITH LUNCH OCTOBER 6

Bring your lunch to our next Art & Faith Lunch on 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: WRITERS’ INCUBATOR

Join us for our next Creative Session: Writers’ Incubator on Thursday, October 12, at 11:00am in the Student Program Space. 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 work.

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 FOREST

First Presbyterian Academy invites all families and friends to a night of fun and festivities on Friday, October 27, beginning at 5:00pm on the Shannon Forest Campus. We will have food, music, games, a silent auction, face painting, and more. More details at FirstPresAcademy.com/school-life/fall-fest-at-the-forest.

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

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer COME SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Join us on Sunday, October 8, at 4:00pm 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 8, 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 7
2 Corinthians 8:1-11

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:

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YouTube.com@FirstPresGreenvilleSC
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

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WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 11, 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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WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Entree: (Pick 1) Grilled Hamburger
Steaks OR Chicken Bruschetta
Garlic & Herb Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Mixed Vegetable Blend
Squash Casserole
Steamed Red Potatoes
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

October 5–October 11, 2023

10/05: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)
10/06: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)
10/07: Charlie Buchanan
10/08: Charlie Buchanan
10/09: Stan Johnson
10/10: Stan Johnson
10/11: Stan Johnson

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harper (Jennifer)* on the birth of a granddaughter, Lily Vienna Brim, on October 2. Parents are Dr. Rebecca and Mr. Matt Brim of Colorado Springs, CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Towler (Hannah Tinkey), who were married on September 29 in Marietta, SC.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Jones (Mollie Michel), who were married on September 29 in Athens, GA.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to The family of Sylvia Soule.* Mrs. Soule died on September 29.

IN MEMORIAM

Sylvia S. Soule ♦ September 24, 1937 – September 29, 2023

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

In memory of John Burnett Jr. by Ginger and Sandy McLean; Jim and Lynn Gilreath

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of T. G. Hanner by Dr. Robert H. Blease; Jo and Harry Ussery; Dick Brennecke; Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Stokes Jr.; Beth and Chuck Simmons

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, **Bette Ann Phillips**, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Joann Reed, Ken Rhoden, Catherine Sandifer, Janice Shartle, Carrie Stringer, **Jude Smith**, 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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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

October 5–October 11, 2023

Transforming the Heart of the City

Ignite Night of Worship

Art & Faith Lunch October 6

Fall Fest at the Forest

Perspectives Course

Sing in the Christmas Choir

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

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Capital Campaign
Phase 2 Update

“Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.”

2 Corinthians 8:11

Do you know how First Presbyterian Church is impacting the heart of the city with our new building? This Sunday, you will see a short video about how God is using our new facilities to do just that. We seek to impact not only Greenville, but other cities as well. You will learn more about the ministries that are benefiting from the generosity of those who have given or pledged to Phase 2.

To be a part of reaching others in our city, please visit FirstPresGreenville.org > Give > Give To Building Campaign.