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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF UPDATES



Jamie Stoltz has been promoted to Congregational Care Administrative Assistant. We're so excited to have Jamie as part of the Care Ministry and look forward to what God has in store for us!



We also welcome Clarimer Ortiz to the Facilities Staff and greatly appreciate all she has done for our facilities. She is married, has two older children, and is originally from Puerto Rico. In her free time, she enjoys decorating.

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY

Last Sunday, we presented a video about how God is using our new facilities to impact not only Greenville, but other cities as well. To watch the video, go to [Vimeo.com/121434](https://vimeo.com/121434). Thank you for your generosity and support as we continue on toward this mission and complete Phase 2 of the capital campaign. If you have not yet made a commitment, please prayerfully consider your gift. For more information, visit the Give page at FirstPresGreenville.org.

LAST CHANCE TO VIEW PONDER ANEW EXHIBIT

Today is the last day to view the Ponder Anew exhibit in the Lenz Gallery. We have been blessed to share this historical artwork with our city, and thank M&G for the opportunity to spread the love of Jesus through the arts. You may view the artwork today, 9:30am–1:30pm.

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."

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons ROOTS ON WEDNESDAYS

Roots meets on Wednesday evenings, with Junior High at 5:45pm, and Senior High at 7:30pm. Please encourage your student to invite a friend and join us!

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter HONORING OUR VETERANS

The Military Ministry is sponsoring a concert by the Upstate Men's Choir to celebrate our heritage and honor our veterans. Please plan to join us on Veteran's Day, Saturday, November 11, at 11:00am in Harper Prayer Chapel. The Upstate Men's Choir, founded in March 2018 by Loren Pinkerman, includes our very own Harry Bolick as a Tenor 1. Their patriotic songs and readings are sure to be a blessing to you. For free tickets, please visit FirstPresGreenville.org under Signature Events. Seats are limited.

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 NOVEMBER 3

Bring your lunch to our next Art & Faith Lunch on Friday, November 3, at 12:00pm in the Formal Dining Room. Our speaker, Zac Buser, is a professor of art at North Greenville University. He studied both ceramics and music

theory at the Fine Arts Center, and later received a BA from the College of Charleston and an MFA from Clemson University. His BA artwork focused primarily on painting and drawing while his MFA thesis incorporated painting, sculpture, and printmaking.

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. As well as being a leading contemporary painter, Fujimura is also an arts and faith advocate, writer, and speaker who is recognized worldwide as a cultural influencer. He has released several books that reflect his thesis on the arts.

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.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart SWITCH GALA: "BE THE CHANGE"

You are invited you to the annual Switch Freedom Gala on Friday, October 27, at 6:00pm at the Greenville Convention Center. Switch is a nonprofit in the upstate that fights against sex trafficking and sexual exploitation by serving survivors and raising awareness in the community. Visit SwitchSC.org to find out more.

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. 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

College Ministry, Brian Stewart CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Parents of new or returning college-age students, please complete a college information form to help us minister to them during this special time in their lives. Packages are sent out twice a year around exam time. Forms can be found at FirstPresGreenville.org, under Care Opportunities or in the literature racks. Please send completed forms to Autumn Clark at aclark@firstpresgreenville.org.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart VOLUNTEER WITH HOLLIS ACADEMY

There are many ways to volunteer with Hollis Academy. Visit our website under Mission Opportunities and look for the Hollis Academy icon, or pick up a Hollis Volunteer Opportunities card in our literature racks. Questions? Contact Beth Simmons at simmonsfam@charter.net.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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 8
John 3:1-8

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

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 18, 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
Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville
YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU:
Entrees: (Pick 1) Double-Crusted
Honey Garlic Chicken Breast
OR Stuffed Flounder
Corn Cobblets
Bacon Macaroni and Cheese
Brussel Sprouts
Broccoli & Cauliflower
Baked 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 12–October 18, 2023

10/12: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)
10/13: Stan Johnson
10/14: Stan Johnson
10/15: Stan Johnson
10/16: Brian Stewart (864.423.2660)
10/17: Brian Stewart
10/18: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ October 8, 2023

Reagan Lee Basnight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brett Basnight (Allison)
Joan Alyce Doriot, daughter of Kate and Alex Doriot
Mr. Paul McGahee

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to
Mr. and Mrs. Benton Kribbs (Caroline Dillard), who were married on
October 7 in Greenville, SC.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to
Mrs. Kathleen McAllister in the death of her mother on October 6.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

In memory of John Burnett Jr. by Andy and June Anderson; Dr. and Mrs.
Charles S. West; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banks

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of T. G. Hanner by Rip and Evelyn Penkert; The Ingram Family:
Nancy, Charles, Gerri, Emily, and Grace; Monarch Builders LLC; First
Reliance Bank
In memory of Sandor Szekely by Circle 6

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

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

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Operation Christmas Child
Transforming the Heart
of the City–Phase 2
Buddy Break October 27
Ignite Night of Worship
Volunteer With Hollis Academy

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

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Send a Gift-Filled Shoebox
in Jesus’ Name

SHOEBOX
PICK-UP INFO

Start Date:
October 15

Locations:
Worship & Arts Center
Nursery Check-in



DROP OFF AT THE FPC WASHINGTON
STREET PARKING LOT COLLECTION SITE.

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| MON, NOV 13: | 4:00 - 6:00PM |
| TUE, NOV 14: | 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| WED, NOV 15: | 5:00 - 7:00PM |
| THU, NOV 16: | 12:00 - 2:00PM |
| FRI, NOV 17: | 11:00AM - 1:00PM |
| SAT, NOV 18: | 10:00AM - 12:00PM |
| SUN, NOV 19: | 10:00AM - 12:00PM |
| MON, NOV 20: | 1:00 - 3:00PM |