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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, and we will hold morning services at our usual times: 8:30am, 10:45am, and 11:00am. The 11:00am service will feature a live nativity pageant. On the evening of Christmas Eve, we will have one service only, at 7:00pm or 11:00pm. This Sunday during all worship services, please fill out a survey selecting the evening time that works best for your family.

DISCIPLESHIP

LECTURE AT MONTREAT COLLEGE

You are invited to attend Dr. Gibbons' lecture, "Rediscovering Redeeming Love: Reformation Principles in a World of Social Media," at Montreat College on Friday, October 27, at 7:00pm. He will address what a gospel of love and grace has to offer in a digital society.

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: GRIEF SHARE

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. We invite you to a two-hour seminar to help you prepare for the holidays and discover hope for the future on Sunday, November 5, 3:00pm–5:00pm in the Formal Dining Room. Online registration begins next week! Contact Jamie Stoltz (jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org) if you have any questions. Class size is limited, so register early.

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

CONCERT 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 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. For free tickets, please visit FirstPresGreenville.org under Signature Events. Seats are limited.

VETERANS LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 9

The Military Ministry will host a Veterans Appreciation luncheon on Thursday, November 9, 11:30am–1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. If you are a member of FPC who served in the armed forces, we would love for you and your spouse to join us. Space is limited. Contact Jamie Stoltz at jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org by Monday, October 30 to register.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL

Join us for the Family Advent Festival on Wednesday, November 29, 5:30–7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to kick off the Advent season with your whole family by making a fun craft together! We'll have Christmas music, cookies, hot chocolate, and Karen's much sought-after iced coffee. Please visit our website under Children's Opportunities to register for \$25, which covers dinner and a Christmas craft. Limited to 40 families.

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. The 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 (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) to register.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX DRIVE

Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through a simple gift! Pick up a shoebox with instruction/label pamphlet from the nursery check-in area or the Worship & Arts Center, or use a regular shoebox. Return shoebox to the church November 13–20. Questions? Contact Karen King, kking@firstpresgreenville.org.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

ART & FAITH LUNCH NOVEMBER 3

Our next Art & Faith Lunch on Friday, November 3, at 12:00pm in the Formal Dining Room. (Bring your own

lunch.) 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.

MYSTERION EXHIBIT COMING SOON

The Lenz Gallery will present *Mysterion: Works by Makoto Fujimura* in the Galleries at First Pres from November 13, 2023 through May 31, 2024. Makoto Fujimura is a leading contemporary artist and author who creates from an overflowing of art and faith. All are welcome to join us for an opening reception on Monday, November 13, at 5:30pm. Visit MakotoFujimura.com to learn more about his work.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

LAST CHANCE: MATTHEW WEST TICKETS

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. Limited tickets are still available.

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 learn more.

Worship & Music, Susan Messer

THE PEOPLE SING! MESSIAH

Glorify our Savior's birth through music of the Christmas season. Join us Sunday, November 26, at 6:00pm for *The People Sing! Messiah*. Sing along with the FPC Sanctuary Choir, a Baroque orchestra, pipe organ, harpsichord, and four outstanding local soloists. Tickets will be available on sale Sunday, October 22, for \$15 each.

CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERTS

Mark your calendar for Christmas@First, "Good Tidings of Great Joy," on Saturday, December 9, at 3:00pm and 7:00pm; or Sunday, December 10, at 3:00pm. This popular event features members of the Sanctuary Choir and Ignite Worship team, a piano quartet, full orchestra, our Children's Choirs, and the Resonate! student ensemble. Tickets will be available on Sunday, October 22 at 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, featuring songs from the latest Ignite Worship album, *Known*, as well as familiar songs from other artists. Nursery up to age 3 will be provided. Visit our website under Signature Events for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER

On Sunday mornings, you may have noticed many new faces joining us for worship. So many young families are attending that our Children's Ministry needs more greeters, assistant teachers, one-on-one buddies, and nursery assistants. If you can help by volunteering, please contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

College Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

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. 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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 9

John 3:1-15

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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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

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WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 25, 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:

Entrees: (Pick 1) Grilled Chicken

with peaches OR Country Style

Steak with onions

Wild Rice

Mashed Potatoes with Bacon

Green Beans

Squash & Onions

Vegetables Blend

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 19–October 25, 2023

10/19: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)

10/20: Charlie Buchanan

10/21: Charlie Buchanan

10/22: Charlie Buchanan

10/23: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

10/24: Stan Johnson

10/25: Stan Johnson

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ October 15, 2023

Mary Frances Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Craig Foster (Hope)

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Walsh (Debbie) in the death of his father, Mark Anthony Walsh of Alexandria, MN, on September 29.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

In memory of John Burnett Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Austell

CHURCH MEMORIAL AND HONOR FUND

In memory of E. H. Deadwyler by Nancy Deadwyler; David Tackett

In honor of Nancy Deadwyler by David Tackett

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of T. G. Hanner by Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Austell

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Betty Biggers, Sheila Bolick, Tom Brissey, Pat Burns, Susan Cable,

Lang Cheves, **Janet Collins**, Marian Dameier, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Becky Dueben, **Barbara Ellison**, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, **Doug Gilstrap**, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys "Hap" Henderson, Ginny Johnson, 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, Shari Phillips, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, **Courtney Prosise**, **Ed Reed**, Joann Reed, Ken Rhoden, Catherine Sandifer, Janice Shartle, Jude Smith, 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

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

October 19–October 25, 2023

Hollis Academy Angel Trees

Operation Christmas Child

Veterans Luncheon

Buddy Break October 27

Ignite *Night of Worship*

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

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Hollis Academy

Angel Trees

Beginning November 5, choose an angel from a tree at the church or virtually, and return unwrapped gifts by November 22.

Tree Locations: Worship & Arts Center, Loggia, Fellowship Hall, and Memorial Hall

Online angels are available at FirstPresGreenville.org or scan the QR code to purchase from an Amazon list and ship to: First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Washington Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Please contact Beth Simmons at simmonsfam@charter.net for any questions.



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