

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMMITMENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

During services next week, we will commit our tithes to honor the Lord. Watch for your Commitment letter and card in the mail (October 31–November 4) and be in prayer as you prepare your hearts to make your commitment for 2024.

### FUNERALS AT FIRST PRES: NEW ONLINE LISTING

To keep you informed of upcoming funerals and memorial services at First Pres, we have created an online page that lists service dates, times, and locations. Please visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) under the Care drop-down menu to see the new “Funerals at First Pres” page. Updates will be made frequently.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 12

The Session has approved a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 12, at 12:00noon in the Sanctuary and Worship & Arts Center for the purposes of approving changes in Pastors’ Terms of Call, and electing church officers: Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2026. We will also hear the report of the Executive Pastor Nominating Committee and vote on their recommendation for a new Executive Pastor. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Election Procedures brochures containing the slate of nominees will be available soon in the literature racks.

## DISCIPLESHP

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. Contact Jamie Stoltz ([jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto: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. For free tickets, please visit [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/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](mailto: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! Please visit our website under Children’s Opportunities to register for \$25, which covers dinner and a 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](mailto: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 shoeboxes to the drop-off location in the Washington Street parking lot November 13–20. Questions? Contact

Karen King, [kking@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kking@firstpresgreenville.org).

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

### ART & FAITH LUNCH NOVEMBER 3

You’re invited to 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.

### 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](http://MakotoFujimura.com) to learn more about his work.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

### SWITCH GALA: “BE THE CHANGE”

You are invited 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](http://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 are available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events), for \$15 each. You may also purchase tickets at the First Pres box office located at the main reception area during normal business hours or Sundays before or after worship.

### 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 are available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events) or at the First Pres box office located at the main reception area during normal business hours or Sundays before or after worship.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children’s Ministry, Tina Jones

### CHILDREN’S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

### HOLLIS ACADEMY ANGEL TREES

Please choose an angel from trees around the church beginning November 5. The gifts you purchase will be placed in our Christmas Store, where parents of Hollis students will shop for their children’s Christmas gifts. Online angels are also available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/Events](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/Events).

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MATTHEW WEST

The Matthew West concert is completely sold out! We need 25 more volunteers throughout the day and evening to ensure the event runs smoothly. Please email Linda Sholtis ([lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org)) for the current list of needs. Share this opportunity with friends!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

Stewardship Sunday

### WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite

in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

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:

[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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## WEDNESDAY

November 1, 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](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)

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### WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

#### MENU:

Entree: Fried Chicken

Turnip Greens

Buttered Carrots

Broccoli Casserole

Rice Pilaf

Steamed Corn

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 26–November 1, 2023

10/26: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

10/27: Stan Johnson

10/28: Stan Johnson

10/29: Stan Johnson

10/30: Stan Johnson

10/31: Stan Johnson

11/01: Stan Johnson



MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ October 22, 2023

**William Hayes Hilderbran**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jeffrey Hilderbran (Lauren)  
**Price Henry Story**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dale Story (Hannah)

**CONGRATULATIONS** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Bryan Poe Jr. (Addison Irene Byrd)*, who were married on October 21 in Bald Head Island, NC.

**SYMPATHY** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*  
**To the family of Carol Jean Taylor.** Mrs. Taylor passed away on October 17.  
**To the family of Jane W. Coleman.** Mrs. Coleman passed away on October 18.  
**Mr. Kenneth MacCallum** in the death of his father, Bob MacCallum, on October 19.  
**Mr. Doug Troyer (Kim) and Mr. Ryan Troyer (Stephanie)** in the death of their mother, Cynthia Ann Troyer, on October 20, and to Will, Drew, Charlie, and Ava Rose Troyer, in the death of their grandmother.  
**Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wier (Tomi)** in the death of her brother, Jeffrey Eldon Fish of Beech Mountain, NC, on October 23.

IN MEMORIAM

**Carol Jean Taylor** ♦ May 28, 1937 – October 17, 2023  
**Jane W. Coleman** ♦ December 25, 1930 – October 18, 2023  
**Bob MacCallum** ♦ December 10, 1937 – October 19, 2023

PRAYER LIST

**June Anderson, Waddy “Andy” Anderson**, Bill Anthony, 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, Holt Family, 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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WHAT'S INSIDE

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Operation Christmas Child

Veterans Luncheon

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



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the ministries of FPC, visit  
FirstPresGreenville.org

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