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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Your giving matters! Because of the generous stewardship of our congregation, organizations like CDS (Center for Developmental Services) and the National Christian College Athletic Association can utilize available FPC facilities at no charge. These organizations serve our community and make a huge impact in the lives of others. Thank you for honoring the Lord with your tithes in 2023, and we look forward to providing support to ministries in 2024.

FALL BACK NOVEMBER 5

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, November 5. Don't forget to turn back your clocks on Saturday night.

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 under the Care drop-down menu to see the new "Funerals at First Pres" page.

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, electing church officers (Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2026), and the annual meeting of the corporation. 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 and online.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Sunday, November 5, 12, 19, or December 3, please call 864.235.0496.

DISCIPLESHIP

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) for details and to register. 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. 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. Contact Jamie Stoltz at jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org by Friday, November 3, 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 Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to kick off the Advent season with your whole family by making a fun craft and enjoying dinner together! Please visit our website under Children's Opportunities to register for \$25, which covers dinner and a keepsake craft.

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 from the nursery check-in area or the Worship & Arts Center, or use a regular shoebox. Return shoeboxes to the First Presbyterian collection site (located in the Washington Street parking lot) November 13–20 during the hours noted on the information sheet inside the shoebox. If you would like to serve during one of the shifts at the collection site, please contact Teresa Hannon at twhannon@aol.com.

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 OPENING JANUARY 5

Mysterion is postponed until January 5. It will run from January 5–July 26. We look forward to sharing these amazing pieces with you!

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, 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 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, Beth Plyler

MEALS FOR DSS OFFICE

The Greenville Foster Parent Association assists the Department of Social Services each weekday by providing lunch and dinner to the kids who do not have a placement yet, and for the staff who cares for them. These children spend nights in short-term homes or at the DSS office. To sign to prepare a meal, please contact Beth Plyler at bpilyler@firstpresgreenville.org. Meals need to serve at least eight people.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

HOLLIS ACADEMY ANGEL TREES

Please choose an angel from trees around the church beginning this Sunday, 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 by clicking the icon at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

EVENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we are in need of several guest services volunteers for day and evening shifts to ensure that all events runs smoothly. You can serve as a host, ticket-taker, usher, or merchandise sales assistant. Please email Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org) to help during this busy season. We also have a need for those interested in running video, audio, and lighting during an event. No experience is required; training is provided. If interested, please email productions@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Commitment Sunday

WORSHIP

8:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite

in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Sermon Series: Jacob–God's

Wee Rascal

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:

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WEDNESDAY

November 8, 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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[@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://FirstPresGreenvilleSC)

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Entree: Baked Pork Chops with Apples

OR Glazed Chicken with sauce

Steamed Squash with Onions

Prince William's Vegetables

Au Gratin Potatoes

Baked Potatoes

Blackeyed Peas

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

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For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ October 29, 2023

Vivion Anderson Collins, Margaret Elliott Collins, and Hampton Wade Collins V, daughters and son of Dr. and Mrs. Hampton Wade Collins IV (Meagan)
Rollins Harrison Hewlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison Hewlett (Natalie)
Margaret Crane Liff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keegan Timothy Liff (Shelton)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Carter (Kellee) on the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Ann Carter, on October 26; and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Mike Carter (Debbie) and great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carter (Becky).

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Wood (Gretchen Horwath) who were married on October 28.

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

Mrs. Janine Shamey in the death of her son, Atticus Lindsay, on October 15.
Mrs. Avery Moser in the death of her mother, Ruth Avery Moss Moore, on October 23.
Mrs. Marcella Franklin in the death of her father, Ricky Anderson, on October 25.
Mr. Kenneth MacCallum in the death of his wife, Janet MacCallum, on October 27.
Mr. and Mrs. John Ellison (Ann) in the death of his mother, Barbara Ellison, on October 29.

IN MEMORIAM

Janet Parker MacCallum ♦ October 7, 1960 – October 27, 2023
Barbara Jean Welborn Ellison ♦ April 15, 1939 – October 29, 2023

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Chris and Kim Brice (Averi)
Mike and Karla Schulz

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN’S MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of John Burnett, Jr. by Liza and Marshall Barron

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Vicki Dailey by Julie Burroughs

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of T.G. Hanner by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutherland

PRAYER LIST

June Anderson, Waddy “Andy” Anderson, Bill Anthony, Sheila Bolick, Tom Brissey, Bob Browning, Pat Burns, Susan Cable, Lang Cheves, Janet Collins, Marian Dameier, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Becky Dueben, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Doug Gilstrap, Pam Goldman, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Holt Family, Ginny Johnson, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, 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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For more information about
the ministries of FPC, visit
FirstPresGreenville.org

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THIS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5
COMMITMENT SUNDAY



But since you excel in everything—in faith, in
speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness
and in the love we have rekindled in you—
see that you also excel in this grace of giving.
2 Corinthians 8:7

This Sunday, we make our financial
commitment toward the ministry priorities
God has called us to for 2024.

Bring your commitment card to worship
as we honor the Lord with our tithes.

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