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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 10 SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In order to prepare for the Christmas@First concert on December 10, we will have two identical Sunday services at 8:30am and 10:45am in the Worship & Arts Center. Please mark your calendar and share with your friends and family.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Help decorate our church for Christmas by ordering poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. Order online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events, or fill out a form from the literature racks. Cost is \$20 each; orders are due by Monday, December 11.

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE CHANGES

We will not be holding the Tuesday Healing and Prayer Services on December 26 or January 2. Starting January 9, the Healing and Prayer Service will be in the Harper Chapel from 6:30–7:30pm.

FPC FOUNDATION UPDATE

As you think about your 2023 year-end giving, prayerfully consider a gift the FPC Foundation designated to the International Missions and First Presbyterian Academy endowments and have your gift amount doubled. These earnings will impact ministries on an annual basis for many years to come. If you want more information, contact Bobby Hoffman at bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUGGEST OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

To help build a slate of church officers for election next year, members of the congregation are invited to suggest individuals you believe would serve FPC well as Elders or Deacons. The Officer Nominating Committee will contact those recommended and invite them to explore a possible call to leadership through the FPC Ministry Development Course beginning in January. Please submit your recommendation(s) by filling out the paper form and placing in the white collection boxes as you leave. You can also mail to the church office (Attention: Autumn Clark).

DISCIPLESHIP

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The MDC course is open to all covenant partners and is great preparation for any church leadership role and a prerequisite for officer nomination. You are invited to attend one of the two orientation meetings on Sunday, January 7, at 9:00am in the Formal Dining Room or Wednesday, January 10, at 6:00pm in Room B301. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. For more details, contact Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org.

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All women are invited to the annual Women's Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 7, at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a Christmas program featuring a short devotional by FPC Covenant Partner Libby Dalton, author of *Libby's Christmas Letters*. A delicious lunch will be catered by Jasmine Kitchen. Cost is \$15 at the door. RSVP by Friday, December 1, to Charlotte Joye at cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0956. Please contact Evelyn Penkert at epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org to reserve childcare.

PREPARE HIM ROOM: CHRISTMAS EVENT FOR WOMEN

Join us at FPC on Friday, December 1, at 6:30pm as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and embrace the true meaning of Christmas. Kristi McLelland, speaker, teacher, and college professor will present this free event via video stream. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Please register on our website under Women's Opportunities.

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE DECEMBER 5
On Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30pm in Harper Chapel,

all are invited to a beautiful candlelight service to honor and remember loved ones who will be especially missed during the Christmas season. There will be refreshments served in the Gathering Space for a time of fellowship immediately following the service.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser CREATIVE SESSION: WRITERS' INCUBATOR

Our next Creative Session: Writers' Incubator will be Tuesday, November 28, at 11:00am in the Student Programming 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.

ART AND FAITH LUNCH: CAROLS AND TESTIMONIES

Join us on Friday, December 1, at 12:00pm in the Formal Dining Room to sing carols and share testimonies of God's work in your life, and maybe even in your art. Bring your lunch or eat ahead of time. We can't wait to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE: MYSTERY OF BEAUTY ARTS CONFERENCE

The FPC Fine Arts Ministry will host a half-day conference, *Mystery of Beauty*, for the arts community on March 1, 2024, in the Worship & Arts Center. We will have more exciting details to share soon, so please mark your calendar to save the date and spread the word.

Worship & Music, Susan Messer THE PEOPLE SING! MESSIAH CANCELED

The People Sing! Messiah scheduled for November 26 has been canceled. Ticket purchases will be refunded to credit cards through TicketSpice. We encourage you to attend one of our Christmas at First concerts.

CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERTS

Purchase tickets now 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 and after worship.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

JOIN US FOR THE FAMILY MISSION TRIP

We are looking for families to share the Gospel with refugees from Sudan, Ukraine, and other countries during the family mission trip to Richmond, Virginia from July 7–14, 2024. Children ages 10 and older may participate. Contact Karen King at kking@firstpresgreenville.org for more details.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller ECO CONFERENCE COMING TO FPC

We are excited to host over 1500 guests from all over the country to the ECO Conference the week of January 29–February 1. We need several event and guest service volunteers to provide a welcoming experience for those attending. Please email Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org) if you are interested.

HELP WITH CHRISTMAS EVENTS

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we are in need of more production volunteers for upcoming Christmas concerts and Christmas Eve services. No experience is required; training is provided. Please email productions@firstpresgreenville.org if interested.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones ISAIAH 117 HOUSE INFORMATION

To serve as a volunteer or learn more about the cause and mission of Isaiah 117 House in Greenville County, check out our Moment for Missions video here (<https://vimeo.com/811028912>), or email Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

WORSHIP

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

10:45am Ignite
in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley
Scripture: Colossians 3:15-17

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

PLEASE NOTE:

Wednesday Bible Studies and meals
have ended for the Fall season. Watch
for new studies coming in January 2024.

LOOKING AHEAD

November 28:

Creative Session: Writers

November 29:

Family Advent Festival

November 30:

Open Mic Hosted by Eleventh Hour

December 1:

Prepare Him Room

December 1:

Art and Faith Lunch

December 5:

Service of Remembrance

December 7:

Women's Christmas Luncheon

December 9 & 10:

Christmas@First Concerts

December 10:

Sunday Worship changes:

8:30am and 10:45am

December 24:

Christmas Eve Services

8:30am | 10:45am |

11:00am (with live nativity) |

7:00pm (candlelight service)

PASTOR OF THE DAY

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For Pastoral emergencies,
please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. Ed Reed* in the death of his wife, Joann Reed, on November 16; and to Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson (Anne) in the death of her mother.

IN MEMORIAM

Joann Hampton Reed ♦ *November 4, 1933 – November 16, 2023*

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jane Coleman by Bradshaw, Gordon & Clinkscales, LLC; Paul and Susan Grier; Fielding and Gally Gallivan

TRANFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Janet MacCallum by Jim and Susie Rivet

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Janet MacCallum by Andy and June Anderson
In memory of Robert MacCallum by Andy and June Anderson

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Tom Brissey, Pat Burns, Susan Cable, Lang Cheves, **Joe Cole**, 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, Ginny Johnson, **Ron Lemley**, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Bette Ann Phillips, Shari Phillips, Lois Pick, 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, Margaret Thornton, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Beryl Wickliffe, Thomas Wilcox, Jan Zimmerman

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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Service of Remembrance
Ministry Development Course
Christmas@First Concerts
Women’s Christmas Luncheon

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

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

ONLINE
GIVING



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Welcome

Rev. Dr. Mark Hutton, Executive Pastor

Dr. Hutton has a love for Jesus and a heart for His people. His mission in life is to know Jesus and to make Him known.



A 1992 graduate of Carson-Newman University, Mark began working in full-time ministry in 1993 with Young Life, where he learned the value of in-depth, lifelong relationships centered on and around Jesus.
He earned his Master of Divinity from Samford University Beeson Divinity School (Birmingham, AL) in 2006 and his Doctorate from Covenant Theological Seminary (Saint Louis, MO) in 2013. Seminary and working in a variety of churches have continued to shape his pastoral life.
During his years as a pastor, he has had extensive training and experience in leading churches, equipping leaders, navigating changes, teaching, writing, and building relationships.

We’re so glad you’re here!