

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF NEWS

We welcome Jean Moore to our staff as the new Special Needs Coordinator. Jean is married to Rich and has two grown children, Ivy and Nathan. She grew up in Tallahassee, FL, and moved to Greenville three years ago. She enjoys reading, exploring new places, and spending time with her family. Jean is working on her Children's Ministry degree, with additional training in Special Needs Ministry. She has always been active in the special needs community and is looking forward to growing our ministry here.



Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

REGISTER NOW FOR MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

This year's PURSUIT Men's Discipleship Weekend is April 21-23 at Awanita Valley Christian Camp & Retreat Center in partnership with 3GEN Ministries. Register at 3GENministries.org. The first 50 men who register from FPC can enter "FPC50" at checkout for a \$50 discount. Questions? Contact Michael Trotter (trottermichael1@gmail.com, 803.984.5242) or Russell Guest (russellguest@guestbrady.com, 864.380.4185).

Music & Worship Ministry, Susan Messer

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE APRIL 6

Please join us for our Maundy Thursday communion worship service on April 6 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

HYMNS@FIRST CONCERT AND CD

On Sunday, April 30, at 3:00pm, Hymns@First, a concert featuring the soloists of our First Presbyterian Church-produced CD, will premiere many hymns from this new "Hymns at First" album in our new Worship & Arts Center. Each soloist will sing a hymn from the album, with accompaniments performed and arranged by Stephen Griner, our church pianist. Invite family and friends to this premiere event! Watch for the release of the album "Hymns@First" soon!

"SING OUR FAITH" RESONATE! CONCERT MAY 7

Resonate! Youth Choir will present a concert, "Sing Our Faith," on Sunday, May 7, at 1:30 in Harper Chapel. You are invited to join us for this program of beautiful songs by Steven Curtis Chapman, Mark Schultz, Laura Story, and others. Enjoy light refreshments in the Loggia afterward.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR DAY MISSIONS

Please donate "necessity items" for the homeless and for Greenville Summit, Towers East, and Garden Apartments. A list of items is on the Children's page of the website. Bring items to the Children's Ministry check-in area by Sunday, June 4. Questions? Contact Karen King, kking@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.884.9824.

SERVE WITH OUR CHILDREN JUNE 19-22

Have you thought about how you might serve others this summer? The number of adults participating determines the number of children who can attend VBS (K5–4th grade) and Day Missions (5th–12th grade), June 19-22, 9:00am-12:00pm. We can find a place for you! Contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org, 864.565.0921).

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

SERVE WITH THE FIRST PRES WEDDING GUILD

Do you love weddings? The Wedding Guild is seeking volunteers who are interested in learning to direct and assist at rehearsals and weddings. Training is available for serving in this special ministry. Contact Dawn Stewart at 864.270.6801 for more information.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need individuals to provide an outstanding experience to those attending events at FPC. If you are interested in Event and Guest Services, which include Hosts, Ticket takers, Ushers, Merchandise, and Trained Crowd Managers, please email events@firstpresgreenville.org.

If you are interested in Production Services, which include Audio Technician, Lighting Technician, Camera Operator, and Video Playback, please email productions@firstpresgreenville.org. Further details will be sent regarding scheduling and training.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

HOLLIS CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hollis Carnival is on Friday, April 28, and we need volunteers to help during the event. This is a fun time to interact with students, teachers, families and the community. It's Missional Ministry at its finest! To sign up for a shift (3:30–5:45pm or 5:45–8:00pm), contact Beth Simmons at simmonsfam@charter.net.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

NOTE SPECIAL SERVICE TIMES AND LOCATIONS

8:00 & 11:00am **Worship in Sanctuary**
9:30 & 10:45am **Worship in
Worship & Arts Center**

Easter Sunday Message

Luke 24:36-47

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

8:00am Nursery

9:30am Children's Sunday School

10:30am Kids Church

LIVE STREAMING

8:00am & 11:00am:

Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville

YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

9:30am & 10:45am:

Facebook.com/firstpresignite

YouTube.com/@FirstPresIgniteWorship

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

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THIS WEDNESDAY

APRIL 12, 2023

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • *Fellowship Hall*

6:30pm–7:15pm • *Fellowship Hall*

PSALMS & PROVERBS FOR TODAY

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

LIVE STREAMING

6:30pm–7:15pm • *Fellowship Hall*

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CLASSES & CHOIRS *for all ages**

6:15pm–7:15pm

***Grow@First Weekly Discipleship**

brochures are available online or from the literature racks.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • *Fellowship Hall*

Lunch and dinner are prepared by our chef each Wednesday, serving a selection of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$8 • Children ages 4-12: \$4

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$30

PASTOR OF THE DAY

APRIL 6–12, 2023

04/06: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

04/07: Stan Johnson

04/08: Stan Johnson

04/09: Stan Johnson

04/10: Stan Johnson

04/11: Stan Johnson

04/12: Stan Johnson

SUMMER@1ST HIRING STAFF

First Pres Summer@1st is hiring energetic, flexible, responsible, loving staff for seven weeks this summer. For Nursery School positions to work with children age 3 months–4 years old, contact Beth Plyler, bpilyer@firstpresgreenville.org. For Sports Camp positions to work with K5–8th grade students, contact Caleb McKisic at caleb@conquerorssportsacademy.com.

BOOKSTORE SCHEDULE

The Vineyard bookstore will be closed April 10-14 in order to move the shop to the new location.

DISCIPLESHIP

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND APRIL 21-22

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next Discover First New Member Weekend Friday–Saturday, April 21-22. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org.

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud

APRIL CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 11

#6 10:30am • FPC Room B303

#7 10:30am • Cascades Verdae Community

Thursday, April 13, 4:00pm

#3 Women's Tea, Fellowship Hall

#10 Women's Tea, Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 14, 10:00am

#9 Rolling Green Village Blue Ridge Room C

Tuesday, April 25, 11:30am

#1 Foothills Retirement Community

EVENTS

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

ACTS THE 3-MAN SHOW COMING APRIL 14

Acts the 3-Man Show, a full-length action drama based on the powerful New Testament book, is coming to First Presbyterian Church on Friday, April 14, at 7:00pm in the new Worship & Arts Center. Armed with one of the great dramatic narratives in the Bible, three men take the stage to play all the roles—Peter, Paul, Stephen, Herod, Nero, and dozens of others. Come and experience the story of the early church as you've never seen it before! Purchase tickets for \$17 including fees on the EVENTS page of the website; \$20 at the door. *Parental discretion advised.*

THE GALLERIES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

You're invited to visit our newly opened Galleries! *Ponder Anew*, Baroque Masterworks on loan from the Museum & Gallery at Bob Jones University, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am–1:30pm in the 3rd floor Lenz Gallery.

All Things New, A Local Response, is open during Church Office Hours in the 1st & 2nd floor Galleries. This is an exhibition of pieces by local artists who were all influenced by the collection of the Museum & Gallery during their education.

First Pres Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

SUMMER@1ST CAMP

Looking for fun activities for your K5–8th graders this summer? We are offering six weeks of Youth Camp and Junior Camp, June 5–July 28. Daily activities include Bible study, sports, outside play, and crafts. Register at FirstPresSports.com.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISM ♦ March 26, 2023

Benjamin Turner Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Price Ellis (Brittany)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fagan (Kate) on the birth of a son, Hart Alexander Fagan, on April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Russey Williams (Amy Elizabeth Daniels), who were married in the Sanctuary on March 25.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Rutledge Galloway by Blanche Stewart; Sally Russell

In memory of Bill Thomas by Sue Wilson

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Bill Thomas by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sykes

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF GREENVILLE FUND

In memory of Todd Taylor by Sally Russell; Jim Glynn; Bob and Amy Monroe;

Bill and Barbara Henry; Dr. and Mrs. Michael Tollison; Charlie and Kathy Parke

In memory of Bill Thomas by Peggy and Craig Carver

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Doane August, Becky Barron, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., **Pat Burns**, Becky Carter, Dave Carter, Luke Chapman, Sarah Chapman, Joy Clawson, Annie Cobb, Joe Cole, Charlene Comer, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Collin Etheridge, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys "Hap" Henderson, Dan Hoover, Vicky Hunt, Amy Hunter, Gerald Huskamp, Art Jeffrey, Sherry Jenkins, Ginny Johnson, Craig Jones, Mac Kears, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Janet MacCallum, Kenneth MacCallum, *Geoff Marsh*, Polly Martin, Seth McCullen, Megan McCommons, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, Alex Olyarchuk, Jane Petrilli, Joe Petrilli, **Shari Phillips**, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, *Robyn Rush*, Pete Russell, Fran Sanders, Janice Shartle, Libby Stewart, Cole Swartwood, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Beryl Wickliffe, Jan Zimmermann

Bold = New *Italics* = In Hospital

PRAYER RESOURCES

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter: 864.565.0943

Prayer Appointments: 864.565.0960 | Prayer Requests: 864.565.0970

If you would like a Prayer Minister or Cancer Caring Ministry member to contact you, email Tammy Burkhalter at tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org.

If you need prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the website calendar).

MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER

FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military



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mobile app | FPC Live

TELEVISION

First and Foremost Program

on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina

Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

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Celebrate Easter!

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"Sing Our Faith" Resonate! Concert

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

Celebrate *Easter* with Us!

Details and Livestreaming at FirstPresEaster.com

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

8:00am

11:00am

Ignite Contemporary Worship in the Worship & Arts Center

9:30am

10:45am

On this joyous day of celebration, we give God glory for the Resurrection and victory over death.

Each of the four services will have special music by the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra or the Ignite Worship Team, as well as a message by Dr. Gibbons.

Gather your family and friends and join us for Easter worship.

A nursery is available for all services.

Two flower-covered crosses will be available on Easter Sunday morning for family photos. Before and after each service, photographers will be at the corner of Washington and Richardson Streets, and in the Washington Street courtyard in front of the new building. We will share a link for you to download your photos the week after Easter.

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