

Winter/Spring 2025

GROW@FIRST

Weekly Discipleship

*I am the Light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will not walk in darkness,
but will have
the light of life.*

John 8:12



Come Grow@First!

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are excited to share with you our upcoming discipleship opportunities for the next semester! These offerings are designed to help you grow deeper in your faith, strengthen your relationship with Christ, and connect with others on the journey of discipleship.

Within this brochure, you'll find a variety of classes, small groups, and workshops tailored to meet the spiritual needs of our church community. Whether you're seeking to dive into Scripture, or you would like to build deeper relationships, there's something for everyone.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to engage this semester. Together, let us continue to pursue a vibrant and transformative walk with Christ.

In His love,

Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2

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BOOKS & GIFTS@FIRST

Sunday • 9:00am–12:30pm

Monday–Thursday • 9:00am–2:00pm

Wednesday Evening • 5:30–7:30pm

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Worship & Discipleship

SUNDAY MORNING

At First Presbyterian Church, our pastors and music staff plan and organize services that cultivate and nurture worship that is modeled on biblical and reformed principles. We invite congregants to encounter God through engaging in musical worship, Scripture reading, biblical sermons, and moments of prayer.

From newborns to 100-year-olds, there is a place for you! We want you to feel welcomed as you worship, learn, grow in your faith, and share the love of Christ with others.

Traditional Worship

In our traditional service, you'll find a worship experience that is engaging, vibrant, and life-transforming.

- ♦ **Sunday** • 8:30–9:35am and 11:00am–12:10pm • Sanctuary
- ♦ **Live Streaming** • FirstPresgreenville.org/watch

Ignite Contemporary Worship

Whether you're new to the faith or grew up in the church, you'll feel right at home in Ignite, our worship service that has a more informal setting and modern worship style, while still honoring our timeless traditions.

- ♦ **Sunday** • 10:45–11:55am • Worship & Arts Center
- ♦ **Live Streaming** • FirstPresgreenville.org/watch

Sundays for Children ♦ See page 5 for details

- ♦ **Early Service** • 8:15am–9:30am • Infants to K4 • Children's Wing
- ♦ **Nursery** • 8:15am–12:10pm
- ♦ **Sunday School** • 9:30–10:30am (K2–5th grade)
- ♦ **Kids Church** • 10:30am–12:10pm (K2–K5*)

**Children 1st grade and older should attend worship with their families. There are exceptions for children whose parents are serving that day and children with special needs.*

Sundays for Students: Grades 6-12 ♦ See page 6 for details.

- ♦ 9:30–10:35am • Room A106

Sunday Life Groups for Adults ♦ See page 7 for details.

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home?

We invite you to attend one of our **Discover First** New Member Weekends. Come find out 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 (Events tab).

2025 Discover First New Member Weekends

January 31–February 1 • April 11–12 • July 11–12 • October 3–4



Children's Ministry

We desire to demonstrate to children of all ages that a relationship with Jesus Christ is an essential part of even a very young person's life. Through Bible teaching and relationships with their teachers, children are taught that they have the opportunity to begin a spiritually abundant life at an early age, to live daily in grateful dependence upon the Lord God, and to learn what it means to glorify God and enjoy His presence forever.

Sunday

- ◆ **Early Service** • 8:15am–9:30am • Infants to K4 • Nursery Suite, Children's Wing
- ◆ **Nursery** • 8:15–12:10pm • under 2 as of September 3, 2024 • Nursery Suite
- ◆ **Sunday School** • 9:30–10:30am • K2–5th grade • Children's Wing (two check-in locations)
- ◆ **Kids Church** • 10:30am–12:10pm • K2–K5 • Children's Wing (two check-in locations)

Children 1st grade and older should attend worship with their families. There are exceptions for children whose parents are serving that day and children with special needs.

Wednesday GROW For Kids *Resumes January 8*

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| ◆ Age 0-24 months | Nursery • 6:00–7:15pm • Nursery Suite |
| ◆ Ages 2K & 3K | Bible Lesson and Play • 6:15–7:15pm • Children's Wing |
| ◆ Ages 4K & 5K | Cherub Choir • 6:15–6:45pm • Children's Wing |
| | Bible Lesson • 6:45–7:15pm • Children's Wing |
| ◆ 1st–2nd grade | Bible Lesson • 6:15–6:45pm • Children's Wing |
| | Carol Choir • 6:45–7:15pm • Children's Wing |
| ◆ 3rd–5th grade | Covenant Choir • 5:30–6:15pm • Choir Room B108 |
| | Bible Lesson • 6:15–7:15pm • Children's Wing |

Special Needs Ministry

If you have a child with special needs and would like assistance on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, please contact Tina Jones to discuss how we can best assist your family (864.565.0921 or tjones@firstpresgreenville.org). You may also fill out the Special Needs Care form ahead of time on the church website at FirstPresGreenville.org/connect/ministries/children.

Need Assistance?

- **Tina Jones:** tjones@firstpresgreenville.org • 864.565.0921 (for K5 & under)
- **Evelyn Penkert:** epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org • 864.565.0963 (for K5 & under)
- **Karen King:** kking@firstpresgreenville.org • 864.565.0936 (for 1st–5th grade)
- **Dr. Susan Messer:** smesser@firstpresgreenville.org (for choirs)



Student Ministry

Here at First Presbyterian Church, we believe that the middle and high school years are a vital time for spiritual development in the lives of our students. It is a time when students have legitimate, real questions about life, who they are, and even their own faith. It is a time of searching for their own identity in society, finding where they fit in, and sorting out their beliefs. Some students truly thrive at this age, while others hold on for dear life.

The Roots Student Ministry objective is to show our students Christ and to teach them that through Him, we can find our identity, we can find our calling, and we can share that message with others. We encourage students to put down deep ROOTS to enable them to grow strong and flourish.

Sunday Life Groups

♦ Junior High and Senior High Combined Sunday Life Group

Junior High and Senior High students meet together to join in fellowship and teaching.

♦ Sunday ♦ 9:30–10:35am ♦ Room A106

Wednesday

♦ Junior High (grades 6-8) ♦ Resumes January 8 ♦ 5:45–7:15pm • Room A106

♦ Senior High (grades 9-12) ♦ Resumes January 8 ♦ 7:30–9:00pm • Room A106

Retreats and Mission Trips

♦ Junior High

♦ Spring Retreat ♦ April 25–27

♦ Fuge Summer Camp ♦ June 23–28

♦ Senior High

♦ Winter Retreat ♦ February 14–17

♦ Dominican Republic Mission Trip ♦ July 20–26

Need Assistance?

Mason Simmons ♦ msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org



Adult Sunday Life Groups

The primary focus of Sunday Life Groups is to help Christians learn how to live with God's Word shaping everything they think and accomplish in every aspect of life, enabling them to grow into maturity as disciples. There are groups for all ages and stages of life.

Do you need help finding your place or a starting point while looking for a Sunday Life Group? Start with the Next Steps Sunday Life Group.

Young Adult Sunday Life Groups ♦ 9:45–10:35am

- ♦ **Cornerstone** (singles, post high school–late 20s) ♦ Room B401
(contact Catherine Culler, catherine@godshall.com)
- ♦ **The Gathering** (singles & couples, 20s & 30s) ♦ Room B304 & Zoom
(contact Margaret Dixon, mdixon21@charter.net)
- ♦ **Journey** (couples & singles, 30s) ♦ Room B305
(contact Rev. Charlie Buchanan, cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org)

Adult Sunday Life Groups ♦ 9:45–10:35am

- ♦ **Agape Fellowship** (mature couples & singles) ♦ Room B206
(contact Ed Reed, edreed@bellsouth.net)
- ♦ **Covenant** (mixed ages) ♦ Room B315
(contact Dixon Cunningham, dixon4@charter.net)
- ♦ **Ecclesia** (couples & singles) ♦ Formal Dining Room
(Andy Douglas, adoug41@att.net; Don Nickell, donald20@charter.net)
- ♦ **The Flock** (50s & up) ♦ Room D305
(contact Tom Angermeier, tgangermeier@gmail.com)
- ♦ **Flourish** (single women, 40 & up) ♦ Room B313
(contact Leila Dudley, leiladdudley@yahoo.com)
- ♦ **Foundations** (couples & singles, 40s) ♦ Room B306
(contact Adam Bach, adamcbach@yahoo.com)
- ♦ **Gospel Partners** (mixed ages) ♦ Room B302 & Zoom at 9:30am
(contact Don Phillips, dkpslp@bellsouth.net)
- ♦ **GRACE** (all ages welcome) ♦ Room B314
(contact Ken Chapman, kchapman360@yahoo.com)
- ♦ **Joyful Noise (choir & orchestra members)** ♦ Choir Room B108
(contact Grace Abrams, graceabrams@me.com, or Amy Murray, hello2amymurray@gmail.com)
- ♦ **Koinonia** (couples & singles, all ages) ♦ Room B303
(contact David Dykes, davidpdykes201@gmail.com)
- ♦ **Next Steps** (new members & visitors) ♦ Room B312
(contact Karen Van Galder, vangalderkaren@gmail.com)
- ♦ **Prime Time** (adults of all ages) ♦ Room D302
(contact Richy Milligan, richy.milligan@easternfirst.com)
- ♦ **S.A.L.T.** (couples & singles, all ages) ♦ Room B311 & Zoom
(contact Jessica Goodwin, jycg2006@yahoo.com)
- ♦ **The Road** (singles & couples, mid 40s–early 60s) ♦ Room B307
(contact Anne Williams, awilliams1124@att.net)
- ♦ **Ward** (50s plus) ♦ Room B301 & Zoom
(contact John Bearden, johnhbearden@charter.net)





Adult Weekly Studies & Groups

SUNDAY

Biblical Financial Stewardship

Dates: January 12, 19, 26 ♦ 9:45–10:30am (Sunday Life Group hour)

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Bobby Hoffman ♦ bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org ♦ 864.565.0962

If money, wealth, and possessions appear in 2,350 Bible verses and 16 of Jesus' parables, it is safe to say God views these topics critically important. Learn more about biblical financial stewardship.

January 12 ♦ Estate Planning, by Bob August ♦ God calls on us to be good stewards of every area of our lives, including our families, especially when it comes to caring for and protecting them once we are gone. Learn the importance of proper estate planning in caring for our spouses, children, and aging parents.

January 19 ♦ Saving and Investing, by Mark Clary ♦ Saving money is important for two reasons: 1) to create an emergency fund for unexpected expenses and to cover 3 to 6 months of living expenses in the event of a job loss or serious illness; 2) to save for retirement, beginning as soon as possible to benefit your future.

January 26 ♦ Budgeting and Debt, by Tripp Welch ♦ Learn the importance of budgeting so you don't spend more than you make and know how to manage the critical area of debt.



MONDAY

Community Bible Study: Matthew

Dates: Resumes January 6–April 28 ♦ 7:00–8:30pm
(not meeting March 17)

Location: Room B302

Register: GreenvilleEve.CBSclass.org

Community Bible Study invites you to study the book of Matthew this year on Monday evenings. Matthew wrote by the power of the Holy Spirit, primarily to his fellow Jews, proving through Scripture that Jesus' life and ministry fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah. In studying this gospel, you can clearly hear Matthew's message: Jesus is indeed the long-awaited Jewish Messiah, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Immanuel, God with us! Register when you arrive or online at GreenvilleEve.CBSclass.org.

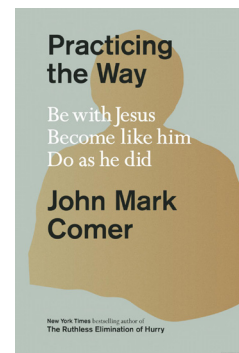


TUESDAY

Women's Study: *Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus. Become like him. Do as he did.* by John Mark Comer

Dates: January 14–May 6 ♦ 9:00–11:00am
Location: Room B206
Contact: Gloria Kohler ♦ bordeaux301@gmail.com ♦ 864.642.7042
Brenda Evans ♦ brendaot313@gmail.com ♦ 864.325.1070

Following Jesus has been likened to a spiritual journey. When Jesus invited His first disciples to “follow” Him on the “way,” He was simultaneously saying that to follow Him is a lifelong path of discipleship. This course is designed to start you on the journey of spiritual formation, help you get unstuck, or guide you into taking your next step, ultimately training you to live as an apprentice of Jesus: *to be with Jesus, become like Him, and do as He did.* Purchase books from the First Pres bookstore.



Tuesday Evening Healing & Prayer Service

Dates: Every Tuesday ♦ 6:30–7:30pm
Location: Harper Chapel
Contact: Stan Johnson ♦ sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org



Communion and prayers for healing. Come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit. Prayers are kept strictly confidential.

To leave a prayer request, call 864.565.0970.

To request a prayer appointment, call 864.565.0960.

WEDNESDAY

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



Teacher: Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons and associates
Dates: January 8–April 30 ♦ 12:30pm Lunch Study ♦ 6:30pm Evening Study (Livestream)
Location: Fellowship Hall

Join us on Wednesdays for our lunchtime and evening Bible studies in the Gospel of John. We will first explore the “I AM” sayings of Jesus, and then focus on John's passion narrative as we move toward the dramatic climax of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Immersing ourselves in Scripture, we will consider the life-changing significance of Christ as the Son of God and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. Grow deeper in your faith in this stimulating, challenging study of John.

Wednesday Meals: January 8–April 30

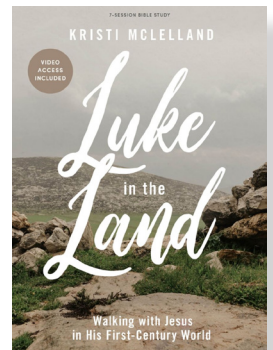
Lunch: 11:45am–12:30pm ♦ Fellowship Hall **Supper:** 5:00–6:30pm ♦ Fellowship Hall
Meal Prices: Adults \$10 ♦ Children (age 4-12) \$5 ♦ Children (age 0-3) Free ♦ *Family maximum \$40*
Menus: FirstPresGreenville.org/menus *See page 5 for Childcare on Wednesday evenings.*

ABOVE ALL Women's Study

Luke in the Land, by Kristi McLelland

Kickoff: Wednesday, January 29 • 9:00am
Location: FPC Worship & Arts Center
Dates: Small groups meet Wednesdays • February 5–April 2
Contact: Katie Mitchell • aboveallministries1@gmail.com • 864.275.4736
(for questions and childcare information)

We will study *Luke in the Land*, by Kristi McLelland, walking with Jesus in His first-century world. As we follow Kristi through Israel, we will study snapshots from the Gospel of Luke to see where the stories of the Bible took place. Over seven sessions, challenge the way you read the accounts of Jesus through teaching videos from locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, you'll see how Jesus, the Messiah, brought His kingdom to earth for everyone.



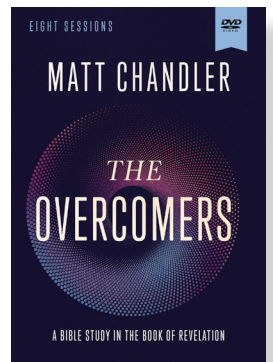
REVIVE Bible Study (Women 30s to 40s):

The Overcomers: A Bible Study on the Book of Revelation,

a Right Now Media Study by Matt Chandler

Dates: January 8–April 30 • 6:15–7:15pm
Location: Room B206
Contact: Catherine Culler • catherine@godshall.com • 864.395.0308
Leah Cloud • called2nepal@yahoo.com • 864.376.7134

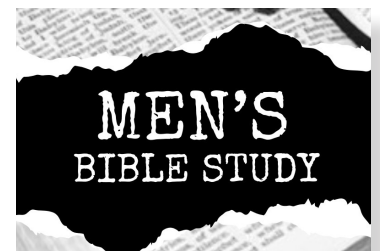
A Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. Are you ready to live fully prepared and fully equipped to handle anything life throws at you? As Christians, we can be courageous and confident, knowing that God has placed us in human history for His purposes, and He will empower us regardless of our circumstances. In this series, pastor and author Matt Chandler will walk us through the book of Revelation to remind us of God's fierce, conquering, commanding authority over all the earth.



Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study

Dates: Every Wednesday • 6:15–7:15 pm
Location: Room B305
Contact: Rev. Charlie Buchanan • cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org

Men find themselves living in the midst of a fast-paced culture trying to maintain the delicate balance of work pressures, family life, maintaining friendships, and developing our faith. At times it can seem like a whirlwind, and too often, men are left without a place to gather and grow together. Our Wednesday night men's group seeks to fill this gap for men of all ages as we actively pray for one another, develop fellowship, and work our way through Scripture together in the pursuit of Christ. Join us each Wednesday, 6:15–7:15pm in Room B305. Contact Rev. Charlie Buchanan for more information.



RADIANCE Small Groups (Women, 20s to early 30s)

The Servant King: A Study of the Gospel of Luke,

by Hope A. Blanton & Christine B. Gordon

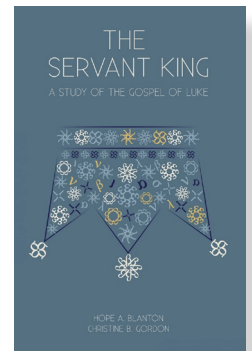
Dates: Dinner and Bible Study ♦ January 22–April 9 ♦ 6:30–8:00pm

Location: Leaders' homes throughout downtown Greenville

Contact: Diana Orders ♦ dianaschmittorders@gmail.com ♦ 864.630.1525

Register: Online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events (*Radiance* icon)

Come along and walk with Jesus and His disciples as He makes His way through three years of tumultuous, world-changing ministry. This study of Luke will lead you to Jesus, let you encounter Him afresh, and ask you to respond to His claims, His life, and His love.



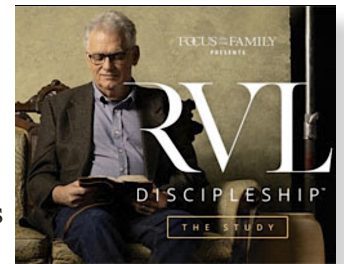
Discipleship with Ray Vander Laan

Dates: January 8–April 30 ♦ 6:30–7:30pm

Location: Room B314

Contacts: Doug and Mary Stokes ♦ dbsgcs12@gmail.com ♦ 864.380.5633

What if we not only knew what God's path is, but also chose to walk in it? This video study has the tools to change how we experience Scripture and view our roles as disciples of Christ. Join us as we continue in Ray Vander Laan's newest discipleship study. Ray Vander Laan's ministry, *That the World May Know*, is focused on understanding the Bible in light of the historical and cultural context in which God placed it, enabling the people of God to be a transforming influence on their culture.



Navigating & Exploring the Mount Everest of Romans 8

Dates: January 8–May 14 ♦ 6:15–7:15pm

Location: Harper Chapel

Contact: Johnny Price ♦ johnnyprice@charter.net ♦ 864.787.4566

The eighth chapter of Romans has been hailed by many as the Mount Everest of the Bible, i.e., the most important chapter of all the Scriptures. Beginning with “No condemnation” and ending with “No separation,” the Apostle Paul addresses, among other things, life lived through the Holy Spirit and our present sufferings and hope for the future, as well as the deep love God has for each of His children.



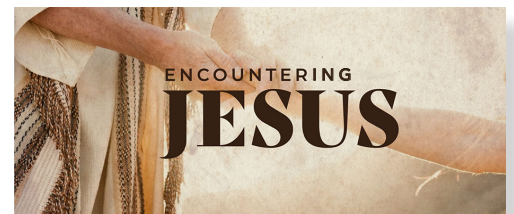
Encountering Jesus

Dates: January 8–April 2 ♦ 6:15pm–7:15pm

Location: Room B303

Contact: Gill Robison ♦ gr91inc@aol.com ♦ 864.275.7112

Come join us as we review 12 encounters that Jesus had with people in the gospels. We will take an in-depth look at each encounter, considering the historical context, cultural context, the perspectives of encountered people, and Jesus' perspectives and purposes. We will then seek to find the current application of truths discovered so we may better discern how to glorify and serve Him in our daily lives.



DivorceCare Support Group

Dates: January 8–April 15 • 6:00–8:00pm
Location: Formal Dining Room
Facilitators: Judy Outlaw and Laura Beauvais
Contact: Rev. Don Feuerbach • dfeuerbach@firstpresgreenville.org



DivorceCare's life-changing support groups welcome people and guide them on the path of recovery after separation or divorce. Over one million people have found comfort and hope through this 13-week video-based series.

Please go to <https://www.divorcecare.org/leaderzone/my/groups/250012#registrations> to register and order materials. Childcare is provided; please email semore@firstpresgreenville.org with names and ages of children.

THURSDAY

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

Dates: Every Thursday ♦ 7:30–8:30am
Location: Formal Dining Room
Contact: Carl Evans ♦ carl.h.evans@gmail.com
Harry Bolick ♦ harrybolick@charter.net
Ron Kennett ♦ kennetts4usc@gmail.com
(For Zoom connection, contact Ron Kennett at 380.4063)



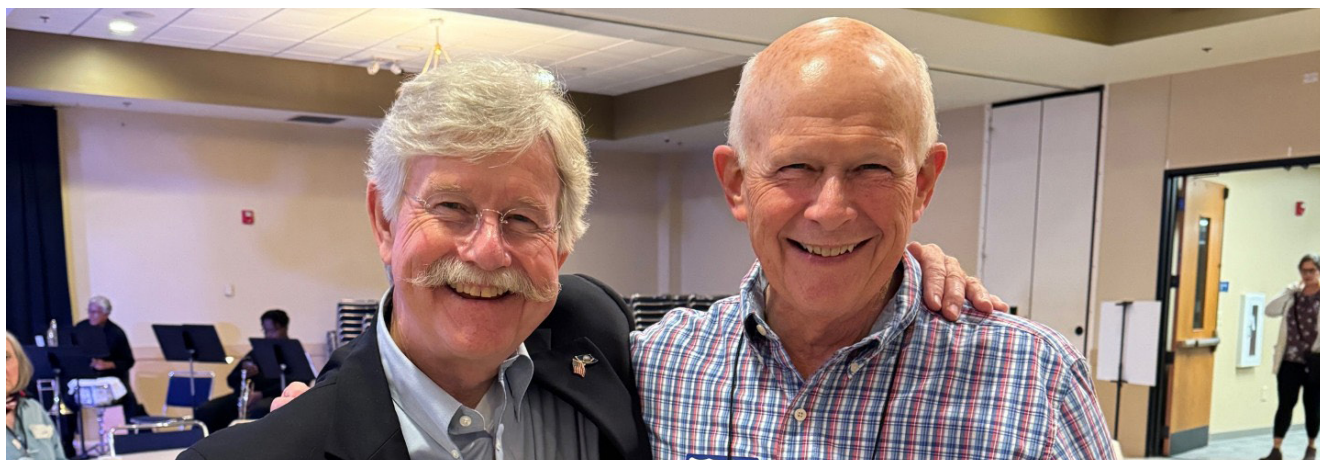
Men of all ages are invited to join us as we study the Bible one book at a time, Genesis through Revelation. Breakfast at 8:30am is optional.

Christian Men's Fellowship

Dates: Every Thursday ♦ 12:00–1:30pm
Location: Formal Dining Room
Contact: Rev. Bob H. Jones ♦ rhaydnjones@charter.net



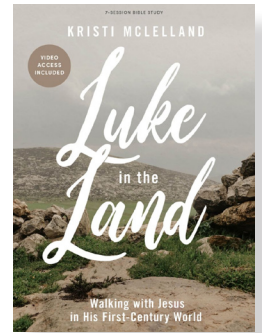
The Christian Men's Fellowship is made up of a group of retired, or nearly retired, men of First Pres. Join us weekly for lunch and an informative, interesting, and inspirational program. Our goal is to share, learn, challenge, and build relationships so that we may become examples of the biblical Jesus. Optional lunch is available.



Women's Study: *Luke in the Land*, by Kristi McLelland

Dates: January 9–April 10 ♦ 9:30–10:45am
Location: Room B311
Contact: Tina Jones ♦ tjones@firstpresgreenville.org ♦ 864.565.0921
Donna Ibenthal ♦ dibenthal@gmail.com

We will study *Luke in the Land*, by Kristi McLelland, walking with Jesus in His first-century world. As we follow Kristi through Israel, we will study snapshots from the Gospel of Luke to see where the stories of the Bible took place. Over seven sessions, challenge the way you read the accounts of Jesus through teaching videos that take you to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, you'll see how Jesus, the Messiah, brought His kingdom to earth for everybody.



Women's Study: The Gospel of Luke

Dates: January 9–May 15 ♦ 9:30–11:30am
Location: Room B301
Contact: Nancy Caudel ♦ nancycaudel@att.net ♦ 864.444.9309

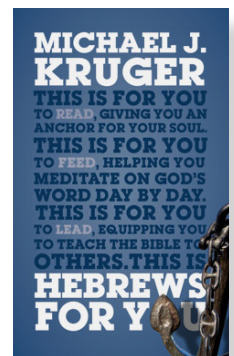
Join us as we continue our study of the life of Jesus written by Luke, a Gentile convert who was a traveling partner of Paul. Beginning students as well as more seasoned ones will gain a deeper understanding of the life and teachings of Jesus in this year-long study. Nancy will provide the weekly course material and study questions to students via email.



Women's Study: The Book of Hebrews video study, by Dr. Michael Kruger

Dates: January 16–April 3 ♦ 9:30–11:30am
Location: Room B315
Contact: Susan Humphreys ♦ slh109@aol.com ♦ 864.905.6530
Kathi Daniel ♦ kathi.daniel531@gmail.com ♦ 864.630.2416

We continue with the study of Hebrews. Why Hebrews? Hebrews helps us understand the overall story of the Bible: the scope of redemptive history, how it all led to Christ, and how Christ fulfilled it all. We see that the Old Testament was fulfilled by Jesus Christ in the New Testament, and we see the superiority of Christ—His glory, His honor, and His divinity—above all things. This video study is taught by Dr. Michael Kruger (Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC), an engaging teacher who clearly presents Scripture in an understandable and applicable manner.

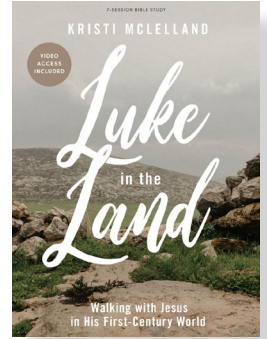


Women's Thursday Community Bible Study

Luke in the Land, by Kristi McLelland

Dates: January 16–April 17 ♦ 10:30am–12:30pm
Location: Room B404
Contact: Martha Nance • jamesgnance@gmail.com • 864.271.1659
Charlotte Watson • candmwatson@charter.net • 864.859.9189

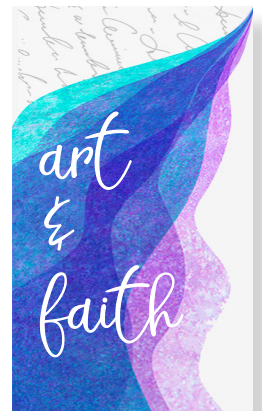
In our Bibles, four Gospels describe Jesus' time on earth: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The land of Israel—the place Jesus walked and taught during His earthly ministry—is often referred to as the “fifth Gospel.” Follow Kristi McLelland through Israel as we study snapshots from the Gospel of Luke to see where the stories of the Bible took place. Over seven sessions in this Bible study workbook, challenge the way you read the accounts of Jesus through teaching videos that take you to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, you'll see how Jesus, the Messiah, brought His kingdom to earth for everybody.



FRIDAY

Monthly Art and Faith Lunch

Dates: First Friday of the Month ♦ 12:00noon
Location: Bridge City Coffee Shop at FPC
Contact: Chelsea Fraser ♦ cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org
Every month we have the opportunity to host a local artist to discuss art and faith. This is a free event open to the public and we would love to see you in attendance. Email cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org to get on the mailing list or for more information.





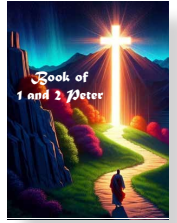
Women's Circles

Monthly Bible Study • January - May

The Books of 1 & 2 Peter

The Apostle Peter, the preeminent witness of Jesus Christ in the early Christian Church, wrote his two epistles at a time of great persecution and apostasy. Peter teaches that we are “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood” (1 Peter 2:9), called to be holy. Join us as we seek after the traits of our Savior’s divine nature and grow in our knowledge of God.

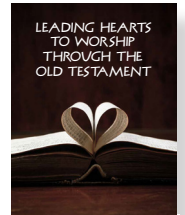
- Circle 1** ♦ **Chair:** Jane Sykes • jsykes156@gmail.com • 864.350.0906
♦ **Date:** 4th Tuesday • 11:30am ♦ **Location:** Foothills Retirement Community



Leading Hearts to Worship

Join our evening group as we fellowship together and discover a deeper understanding of God’s promises of restoration, hope, and joy to His people throughout Scripture.

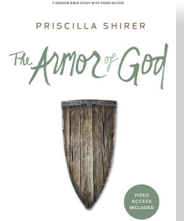
- Circle 3** ♦ **Chair:** Grace Abrams • graceabrams@me.com • 864.483.3767
♦ **Date:** 2nd Thursday • 6:30pm
♦ **Location:** Various locations: please contact leader



The Armor of God, by Priscilla Shirer

As a believer in Jesus, you are in an invisible war every day. It’s unseen and unheard, but it affects your life and everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. Jesus has not left you unarmed, and the enemy always fails when he meets a woman properly dressed. *The Armor of God*, more than merely a biblical description of the believer’s inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

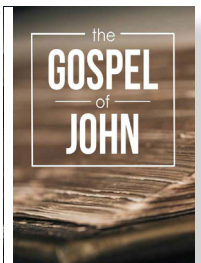
- Circle 6** ♦ **Co-Chairs:** Arlene Antonio • acantonio@charter.net, 864.242.1168
Marie Comer • rierie512@gmail.com, 205.915.5752
♦ **Date:** 2nd Tuesdays • 10:30am ♦ **Location:** Room B303



The Gospel of John

Each gospel emphasizes different aspects of Jesus’ life and ministry. John wrote his gospel to show that Jesus was God Incarnate: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning” (John 1:1-2). As a personal eyewitness to Jesus’ personal encounters with people from all walks of life, John shows us Jesus’ love, compassion, and concern for the lost, the hurting, and the marginalized, as well as His keen insight into humanity’s condition. Come join us as we unpack the riches of God’s Word as presented in the Gospel of John and grow closer to our Lord and to each other.

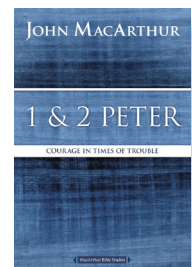
- Circle 7** ♦ **Chair:** Priscilla Marks • priscillamarks47@yahoo.com • 864.528.5347
♦ **Date:** 2nd Tuesday • 10:30am ♦ **Location:** Cascades Verdae Retirement Community



1 & 2 Peter: Courage in Times of Trouble, by John MacArthur

John MacArthur takes readers through the books of 1 and 2 Peter, exploring the writer’s teachings on the blessings available to believers because of persecution, as well as how we must discern and defeat the false teachers in our midst.

- Circle 10** ♦ **Co-Chairs:** Carol Loyless • cgloyless@bellsouth.net • 864.244.0364
Lin Cundiff • lin.cundiff@gmail.com • 618.578.9224
♦ **Date:** 2nd Tuesday • 11:00am ♦ **Location:** Formal Dining Room



Wednesday: Youth

Resonate! (6th–12th grade)—Music and other Performing Arts

- ♦ Dates: January 15–April 30
- ♦ Rehearsal: Wednesday • 5:00–5:30pm • Choir Room B108
- ♦ Contact: Dr. Susan Messer • smesser@firstpresgreenville.org

Sunday: Adults

Sanctuary Choir

- ♦ Worship: Sunday • 8:30am and 11:00am • Sanctuary
- ♦ Contact: Dr. Susan Messer • smesser@firstpresgreenville.org

Instrumental Ensemble

- ♦ Worship: Sunday • 8:30am and 11:00am • Sanctuary
- ♦ Contact: Dustan Chevalier • dchevalier@firstpresgreenville.org • 864.918.5075

Ignite Contemporary Worship

- ♦ Rehearsal: Sunday • 8:00–10:15am • Worship & Arts Center
- ♦ Worship: Sunday • 10:45am • Worship & Arts Center
- ♦ Contact: Graydon Tomlinson • gtomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org

Wednesday: Children

Covenant Choir (3rd–5th grade)

- ♦ Dates: January 15–April 30
- ♦ Rehearsal: 5:30–6:10pm • Choir Room B108
- ♦ Contact: Dr. Susan Messer • smesser@firstpresgreenville.org

Cherub and Carol Choirs (K4–2nd grade)

- ♦ Dates: January 15–April 30
- ♦ Rehearsal & Bible Lesson: 6:15–7:15pm
 - ♦ K4–K5: 6:15 Cherub Choir • Room C205 → 6:45 Bible Lesson • Room C201
 - ♦ 1st–2nd grade: 6:15 Bible Lesson • Room C201 → 6:45 Carol Choir • Room C205
- ♦ Contact: Sarah Wannamaker • swannamaker@firstpresgreenville.org

Wednesday: Adults

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

- ♦ Rehearsal: Wednesday • 6:15–7:30pm • Choir Room B108
- ♦ Contact: Dr. Susan Messer • smesser@firstpresgreenville.org

Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

- ♦ Rehearsal: Wednesday • 6:15–7:30pm • Sanctuary
- ♦ Contact: Dustan Chevalier • dchevalier@firstpresgreenville.org • 864.918.5075

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

- ♦ Rehearsal: Wednesday • 7:30–8:30pm • Choir Room B108
- ♦ Contact: Dr. Susan Messer • smesser@firstpresgreenville.org

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Ignite Contemporary Worship

Rehearsal: 8:00–10:15am • Worship & Arts Center

Sanctuary Choir and Instrumental Ensemble

8:30am and 11:00am • Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

8:30–9:35am • Sanctuary

Nursery (Under 2)

8:30am–12:10pm • Nursery Suite

Sunday School (K2-5th)

9:30–10:30am • Children's Wing (2 check-in areas)

Sundays for Students: Grades 6-12

9:30–10:35am • Room A106

Young Adult Sunday Life Groups

9:45–10:35am (see page 7)

Adult Sunday Life Groups

9:45–10:35am (see page 7)

Biblical Financial Stewardship

9:45–10:35am (see page 8)

Kids Church (K2-1st)

10:30am–12:10pm • Children's Wing

Ignite Contemporary Worship

10:45–11:55am • Worship & Arts Center

Traditional Worship

11:00am–12:10pm • Sanctuary

MONDAY

Community Bible Study: Matthew

7:00–8:30pm • January 6–April 28 • B302

TUESDAY

Practicing the Way

9:00–11:00am • January 14–May 6
Room B206

Tuesday Evening Healing & Prayer Service

6:30–7:30pm • Harper Chapel

WEDNESDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON

ABOVE ALL Women's Bible Study

Kickoff: January 29 • 9:00–11:30am • Worship & Arts Center

Small groups • February 5–April 2

9:00–11:30am • Various Locations

Wednesday Lunch

11:45am–12:30pm • January 8–April 30
Fellowship Hall

Pastor's Bible Study

12:30–1:15pm • January 8–April 30
Fellowship Hall

For the most current schedule, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Wednesday Supper

5:00pm–6:30pm • January 8–April 30
Fellowship Hall

Roots Student Ministry

Resumes January 8

Junior High Group (6th-8th)

5:45–7:15pm • Room A106

Senior High Group (9th-12th)

7:30–9:00pm • Room A106

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

6:15–7:30pm • Choir Room B108

Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

6:15–7:30pm • Sanctuary

Resonate! (6th-12th grade)

5:00–5:30pm • January 15–April 30 • Choir Room B108

Covenant Choir (2nd – 5th grade – Music)

5:30–6:15pm • January 15–April 30 • Choir Room B108

Cherub and Carol Choirs (K4-2nd grade)

January 15–April 30 • See schedule (page 17)

DivorceCare

6:00–8:00pm • January 8–April 15 • Formal Dining Room

Revive: *The Overcomers*

6:15–7:15pm • January 8–April 30 • Room B206

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

6:15–7:15pm • Resumes January 8 • Room B305

Navigating and Exploring Romans 8

6:15–7:15pm • January 8–May 14 • Harper Chapel

Encountering Jesus

6:15–7:15pm • January 8–April 2 • Room B303

Discipleship with Ray Vander Laan

6:30–7:30pm • January 8–April 30 • Room B314

Pastor's Bible Study

6:30–7:15pm • January 8–April 30 • Fellowship Hall

Radiance: *The Servant King*

Small Groups: 6:30–8:00pm • January 22–April 9
Various locations

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:30–8:30pm • Choir Room B108

THURSDAY

Thursday Men's Bible Fellowship

Formal Dining Room

7:30am–8:30am

Christian Men's Fellowship

12:00–1:30pm

Formal Dining Room

Luke in the Land

9:30–10:45am

January 9–April 10

Room B311

The Gospel of Luke

9:30–11:30am

January 9–May 15

Room B301

The Book of Hebrews

9:30–11:30am

January 16–April 3

Room B315

Women's Community Bible Study: *Luke in the Land*

10:30–12:30pm

January 16–April 17

Room B404

FRIDAY

Monthly Art and Faith Lunch

12:00noon

Bridge City Coffee Shop at FPC

First Friday of every month



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