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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

We are grateful for the faithful service and hard work of the following staff members who reached special milestones in 2023: Marcie Lemley, Communications Director (30 years), Bruce Blakely, Food Ministries Director (25 years), Stan Johnson, Associate Pastor of Visitation & Prayer (20 years), Freddie Holland, Food Ministries Assistant (15 years), Peter DeMaria, Assistant Facilities Director (10 years), Osvaldo Quinones, Sexton (10 years), Jimmy Hofstadter, Media Production Specialist (5 years), Gray Cecil, Video Specialist (5 years), and Susan Messer, Choral Music Director, (5 years).

COMMUNION JANUARY 7

This Sunday, January 7, we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our worship services at 8:30am, 10:45am Ignite, and 11:00am.

TUESDAY HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

Beginning January 9, the Healing and Prayer Service will be held every Tuesday in Harper Chapel, at a new time: 6:30–7:30pm. We invite you to come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit.

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 Room B202 or Wednesday, January 10, at 6:00pm in Room B301. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. For details, contact Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org.

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us next Wednesday, January 10, at 12:30pm or 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall, as we begin exploring the book of Daniel, going behind the scenes of national and international upheaval in ancient Israel and Babylon. We will see God at work in remarkable ways and how Daniel demonstrated a faith that is convincing, credible, and compelling, despite extraordinary circumstances.

DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Save the date to discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! New Member Weekend will be Friday–Saturday, February 9–10, 2024. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org). Registration is open at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter DIVORCE CARE BEGINS JANUARY 10

DivorceCare is a weekly support group that will help you heal from the pain of divorce. Register by January 9 at DivorceCare.org; enter "Greenville, SC" in "Find a Group Near You"; then click on the First Presbyterian Church listing. Once you are registered, don't forget to order your participant's manual for \$20 on their site. Please contact Jamie Stoltz at jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org if you have any questions.

EVENTS

WONDERS OF PERU TRIP

Join Dr. Richard Gibbons and Lindsay Graham on a sightseeing trip to Peru July 29–August 6, 2024. Registration will be live at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events beginning January 9. Look for more details and cost coming soon. For travel questions, please contact Lindsay Graham at lgraham2729@gmail.com.

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller VENUE AND EVENT SAFETY CONFERENCE

FPC will host a Venue and Event Safety & Security Training Conference from 9:00am–3:00pm (lunch included) on Saturday, January 13. This training event

will help churches and event venues develop a culture of safety and is free for First Pres volunteers. Registration is open on our website. Please contact lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org for the volunteer code.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser MYSTERION EXHIBIT OPENS THIS WEEK!

Mysterion exhibit will open in the Galleries at First Pres on Friday, January 5. Fujimura is the foremost voice in the global conversation on Art and Faith. His work will be displayed on all three floors of our new expansion Monday–Friday, 9:00am–3:00pm. Please join us at the public opening on Friday, January 5, 6:00pm–9:00pm. For information about the exhibition or interest in serving as a docent, contact Chelsea Fraser at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org.

CREATIVE SESSION: WRITERS' INCUBATOR JANUARY 11

Creative Sessions provide informal outlets for artists to share their work in a safe community. Our Writers' Incubator sessions allow time for introductions, a writing principle, a time to share individuals' work, and a writing prompt "for the road." Please join us for the next session on Thursday, January 11, at 11:00am in Room A106 (Student Programming Space).

Children's and Music Ministry VBS, DAY MISSIONS, & MUSIC CAMP JUNE 10–13

It's time to sign up! Registration for Vacation Bible School (rising K5–rising 4th grade), Day Missions (rising 5th–rising 12th grade), and Music Camp (rising 2nd–rising 6th grade) is now open online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

First Presbyterian Nursery, Beth Plyler SUMMER@1ST REGISTRATION OPENS JAN 10

Summer@1st is designed for infants through rising K5 for the months of June and July. Flexible registration and sibling discounts are available. For more information and to register, visit FirstPresNurserySchool.org, or email bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller ECO NATIONAL GATHERING COMING TO FPC

We are excited to host over 1500 guests from around the country at the ECO National Gathering the week of January 29–February 1, 2024. We need several event and guest service volunteers to provide a welcoming experience for those attending. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the ECO icon to volunteer.

Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter FOOD BASKET MINISTRY

At FPC, we donate to Miracle Hill Ministries and the Greenville Food Bank, but we also try to provide a variety of items to make a meal (pasta, soup, oatmeal, etc.) to families when they come for assistance. Baskets are located in the main hallway at the portico reception area. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Burkhalter, tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Are you in college? Looking for a summer internship? Our Children's Ministry has opened applications for three full-time intern positions for this summer. For more information, contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0921.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart GET READY TO "RECYCLE" FOR MIRACLE HILL

As you sort through the blessings of gifts received during Christmas and the New Year, please set aside unwanted gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories in preparation for our annual Miracle Hill Yellow Bag collection day on February 25. Bonus points if you decide to be a temporary collection point for your neighbors!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 Communion Sunday

WORSHIP

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

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons
Matthew 26:36–46

10:45am Ignite
in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Stan Johnson
"Christianity 101"
Genesis 3:1–7

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

WEDNESDAY

January 10, 2024

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
YouTube.com/FirstPresGreenvilleSC
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

MENU:

Entree: Fried Chicken OR Spiral Ham
Collard Greens
Breaded Okra
Blackeyed Peas
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$10 • Children ages 4–12: \$5
Children ages 0–3: Free
Family max: \$35

PASTOR OF THE DAY

January 4–January 10, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies,
please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Nico Robert DiNunzio (Emily Cate)* on the birth of a son, Gianni Mann “Gio” DiNunzio born October 5. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peacock (Cathie Jo).

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Edwards (Heather) on the birth of a son, Graham Thomas Lee Edwards, on December 19; and to grandparents Dr. Tom and Dr. Janet Edwards.

SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. George Murdaugh (Marie)* in the death of her mother, Daisy Ellis on November 20; and to Sara and Marshall Murdaugh in the death of their grandmother.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

AGAPE-FELLOWSHIP CLASS FUND

In memory of Joann Reed by Sara Karns; Jack Whitesides; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Austell

CHURCH HONOR FUND

In honor of Albert L. Johnson, III by Fran Goodale

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Janet MacCallum by Ewan and Becky Sweeney

FLOWER COMMITTEE FUND

In memory of Jane Coleman by Whit and Suzanne Jordan

FPC FOUNDATION ACADEMY ENDOWMENT

In memory of Tom Drake by Harry and Jo Ussery

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Tom Drake by Carlton and Belinda Manley; Gena McGowan; Mac and Batsie Styles; G.W. and Carol Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Austell

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In honor of George and Sara Huber by Zoe Wilttrout

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of Tom Drake by Phyllis Crist

In memory of Joann Reed by Brian and Karen Burrell

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Tom Brissey, Pat Burns, Susan Cable, Lang Cheves, Diane Cobb, Joe Cole, Janet Collins, Marian Dameier, Peggy Denny, Becky Dueben, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Doug Gilstrap, Pam Goldman, Sandy Gravlee, Coleman Gravlee, Lucas Groome, Christy Groome, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, **Cathy Harman**, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Ginny Johnson, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Katherine Pate, Bette Ann Phillips, Shari Phillips, Lois Pick, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Courtney Prosis, Ed Reed, Ken Rhoden, Catherine Sandifer, Janice Shartle, Jude Smith, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Charlie West, Beryl Wickliffe, Frank Vickers, 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.

Healing Prayer Services: Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Chapel



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

ONLINE
GIVING



WHAT'S INSIDE

January 4–January 10, 2024

Grow@First Begins January 10

New Member Class

Call for ECO Volunteers

Summer Camp Registrations

Ministry Development Course

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

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NOW IN LITERATURE RACKS & ONLINE

Come Grow With Us!

Get connected next year and grow in your faith! In our new Winter/Spring Grow@First schedule, you’ll find details on Sunday Morning Worship and classes, weekday studies, and music opportunities for all ages. Brochure is now available in the literature racks, or visit FirstPresGreenville.org. Questions? Contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

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