

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION/ORDINATION JANUARY 14
We are excited to install new officers this Sunday, January 14, along with our new Executive Pastor, Mark A. Hutton. Please join them and their families for this special service and stay for the reception in the Sturgis Gathering Space following the 11:00am service.

BOOKMARKS AVAILABLE FOR FULFILLED: MATTHEW'S GOSPEL SERIES
Bookmarks are available as we jump back into the Fulfilled series with a breakdown of the passages we will cover, and questions to work through during the week. They will be available around the church this weekend or online at FirstPresGreenville.org/Watch.

DISCIPLESHIP

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE CLASS
Join us on Wednesdays 6:00-7:15pm for Dave Ramsey's class, *Financial Peace*. You will learn how to budget, pay off debt fast, save money, invest, communicate in marriage and plan for a better financial future. There will be a fee at sign-up to cover the cost of class materials/books. Space will be limited. For more information or to register, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley
CONNECT AND GROW WITH US!
Our Winter/Spring Grow@First schedule began this week and we would love for you to get involved in the many classes, weekday studies, and music opportunities we offer at First Pres. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org for full details or pick up a brochure in the literature racks around the church. Questions? Contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

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.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan
PURSUIT 2024 MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND
The 2024 PURSUIT Men's Discipleship Weekend is March 1-3, 2024. This year's men's retreat will be held at Carolina Point YoungLife Camp. The cost of this year's retreat will be \$235 and includes incredible facilities, five meals, two nights lodging, and the weekend journal. Space is limited so sign up early. Visit 3GenMinistries.org to register.

EVENTS

Care Ministry, Stan Johnson
SUNDAY BRUNCH BUNCH IS BACK
All singles and families are welcome to gather each Sunday after worship at 12:15pm for brunch downtown. We will meet after the service in front of Books & Gifts@First and break up into groups. No sign-ups, just show up and enjoy a meal together. A recent participant shared, "Often, I feel lonely on Sundays, so I really enjoyed getting to meet new people from our church for brunch." Questions? Contact Stan Johnson at sjohnson@firstpresgreenville.org.

WONDERS OF PERU TRIP
Join Dr. Richard Gibbons and Lindsay Graham on a sightseeing trip to Peru July 29-August 6, 2024. Registration is live at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events. 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 NOW OPEN!
Mysterion exhibit is now open in the Galleries at First Pres on all three floors of our new expansion Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm. For information about Makoto Fujimura or the artwork displayed on each floor, please visit our Signature Events page for an exhibit guide.

MYSTERY OF BEAUTY ARTS CONFERENCE IN MARCH
The FPC Fine Arts Ministry will host a half-day conference, *Mystery of Beauty*, for anyone interested in the topic of art and faith, on Friday, March 1, in the Worship & Arts Center. Makoto Fujimura will be our keynote speaker. You will not want to miss this conference! Register now at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

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 OPEN
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.

Worship & Music Ministry, Graydon Tomlinson
IGNITE ANNOUNCES NIGHT OF WORSHIP
On Thursday, February 22, at 7:00pm, the Ignite Worship Team will host a Night of Worship at the Worship & Arts Center. It will feature songs from the latest Ignite Worship album, *Known*, as well as familiar songs from other artists. We will also be filming and recording the concert for later release as a live album, along with video clips. Nursery up to age 3 will be provided, so bring your family, invite your friends, and join us.

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 many event and guest service volunteers to provide a welcoming experience for those attending. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events under the ECO icon to volunteer.

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 two 30-hour full intern positions and one 20-hour position this summer. For more information, contact Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0921.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart
YELLOW BAGS FOR MIRACLE HILL
Did you know that a small yellow bag can make a big difference in the lives of people in our community? As you clean out closets and drawers, please set aside gently used clothing, shoes and accessories for our Miracle Hill Ministries Yellow Bag Project. Bags will be available mid-February and can be returned on February 25.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
Officer Ordination/Installation

WORSHIP
8:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary
10:45am Ignite
in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons
Sermon Series:
Fulfilled–Matthew's Gospel
Matthew 4:1-11

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 17, 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 11–January 17, 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 **Barbara Ellison** by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Austell

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In memory of **Tom Drake** by Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. West; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banks; Mott McDonald

In memory of **Stuart Latimer** by Deryl McKinney

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of **Doris Elmore** by Phyllis Crist

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Joann Reed** by Andy and June Anderson

YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

In memory of **John Burnett, Jr.** by McBee Avenue Wealth Advisors

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Tom Brissey, Pat Burns, Susan Cable, Lang Cheves, Diane Cobb, Joe Cole, Janet Collins, Marian Dameier, Peggy Denny, Becky Dueben, **Marcella Frankin**, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, 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, **Jerry Murdock**, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Katherine Pate, Bette Ann Phillips, Shari Phillips, Lois Pick, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Courtney Prosise, 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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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE
GIVING



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

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PASTORS’S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
January 10-April 24
12:30pm & 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us on Wednesdays 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.

THE BOOK OF
DANIEL

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