

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF NEWS

Jamie Stoltz has joined the FPC staff as our Receptionist for the new building. She has worked as a hairstylist and salon owner for the past 19 years. Jamie and her husband of five years, Scott, fostered and then adopted their son, Emmitt Scott, age 4. The family moved here from Wisconsin last June and now live in Greer. "I prayed for this position," says Jamie, "and know I am exactly where God intended me to be. I cannot wait to meet each and every one of you."



FRESH PRAYERS FOR LENT PRAYER CALENDAR

Our "Fresh Prayers for Lent" daily prayer calendar for February 22–April 6 is available in the church literature racks and online (Ministry Events page).

ORDER FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY!

To order Easter flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, visit the Care Opportunities page of the website or fill out a form from the literature racks; return it with your payment (\$20 each) to the church office by Wednesday, April 6.

GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2023-2024

The Gallivan-Mills Scholarship is granted each year to college undergraduate and seminary students who are FPC members. Applications are available at the FPC Reception Desk and online at FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf. Submit your completed scholarship application, with all attachments, to the Gallivan-Mills Scholarship Committee no later than 2:00pm on Friday, March 31. Questions? Contact Steven Harvin (SLHarvin@gmail.com, 803.477.8123).

FPA HIRING TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS, AND SUBS

First Pres Academy is hiring several teachers (including an Art/STEM teacher), teacher assistants, and substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year. Part-time (M/W/F) and full-time (M-F) openings are in Downtown campus preschool grade levels K2, K3, and K4. Contact Vicky Burr, vburr@firstpresacademy.com or 864.565.0991.

SUMMER@1ST HIRING STAFF

Summer@1st Nursery School is hiring for positions with First Pres for seven weeks this summer. We are looking for energetic, responsible, loving staff to work with children age 3 months–4 years old. Please contact Beth Plyler, bpilyer@firstpresgreenville.org, for details.

FIRST PRES SPORTS HIRING STAFF

First Pres Sports, through Conquerors Sports Academy, is hiring for positions for six weeks this summer. They need energetic, flexible, responsible staff to work with K5–8th grade students. Please contact Caleb McKisic at caleb@conquerorssportsacademy.com for details.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00am this Sunday, March 12. Spring forward!



DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND APRIL 21-22

We invite you to attend our next Discover First New Member Weekend Friday–Saturday, April 21-22. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org.

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud

MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS

Thursday, March 9, 6:30pm

#3 A.B. Stewart's home, 305 Huntington Road 29615

Friday, March 10, 10:00am

#9 Rolling Green Village Blue Ridge Room C

Tuesday, March 14

#6 10:30am • FPC Room B303

#7 10:30am • Cascades Verdae Community

#10 11:00am • FPC Formal Dining Room

Tuesday, March 28, 11:30am

#1 Foothills Retirement Community

Student Ministry, Mason Simmons

CONFIRMATION WEEKEND APRIL 14-16

Confirmation 2023 will take place the weekend of April 14-16 for students 7th grade or older who wish to become Covenant Partners of First Presbyterian Church. Contact Autumn Clark, aclark@firstpresgreenville.org, for details.

EVENTS

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

ACTS THE 3-MAN SHOW APRIL 14

Save the date for *Acts the 3-Man Show* at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, April 14. Watch for ticket information coming soon. Visit Acts3ManShow.com.

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.

Foster & Adoption Ministry, Tina Jones

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING MARCH 25

Join us for an adoption information meeting on Saturday, March 25, at 10:00am in the Formal Dining Room. Representatives from Lifeline Children's Services will speak on the domestic and international adoption process and answer questions. RSVP to Tina Jones, tjones@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0921.

Light & Life Ministry, Stan Johnson

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

40 Days for Life, February 22–April 2, is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Please consider signing up to pray with other Christians—your presence and prayers can make a difference between life and death! To take part in our local effort, call Carolyn Watson (864.477.0359) or visit 40DaysforLife.com/greenville.

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).

GREAT ALASKA SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC APRIL 14

The 10th Annual Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic will be held on Friday morning, April 14, at The Clinton House in Clinton, SC, to support the ministry of Steven and Natalie Hall with SEND. Register for teams, individuals, and sponsorships at GASCCSC.org. Questions? Contact Steven Hall at shall@send.org or 907.320.0158.

Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud

SAVE THE DATE! WOMEN'S SPRING TEA APRIL 13

First Pres Women's Circles invite you to the annual Spring Tea on Thursday, April 13, at 4:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy fellowship, tea and cakes, and a devotional by guest speaker Carolyn Rice, missionary to the country of Georgia.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Facilities Ministry

SERVE ON THE SANCTUARY GUILD

It takes a team to keep the Sanctuary looking beautiful. Sanctuary Guild volunteers straighten and replenish the pew racks throughout the week. For details or to join the Guild, contact Linda Sholtis (LSholtis@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.235.0496).

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 12, 2023

8:30 & 11:00am Sanctuary Worship

10:45am Ignite Worship Fellowship Hall

Sermon Series:

"Designed for Growth"

James 5:1-6

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

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

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THIS WEDNESDAY

MARCH 15, 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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FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

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

MENU:

Parmesan Chicken

Glazed Carrots with Tops

Breaded Squash

Au Gratin Potatoes

Green Beans with Pimento

Pecan Wild Rice

Salad, Rolls, Dessert

MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$8 • Children ages 4-12: \$4

Children ages 0-3: Free

Family max: \$30

PASTOR OF THE DAY

MARCH 12-18, 2023

03/12: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

03/13: Stan Johnson

03/14: Stan Johnson

03/15: Stan Johnson

03/16: Stan Johnson

03/17: Charlie Buchanan (864. 561.6346)

03/18: Charlie Buchanan

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*
Mr. and Mrs. Mac McBride (Jan) on the birth of a granddaughter, Lucy Elizabeth McBride, on February 22. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Benton McBride (Chelsea) of Travelers Rest, SC.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pope (Beth) in the birth of a son, Sullivan Robert Pope, on March 2, and to grandparents Dr. Susan and Mr. Jeff Messer.
Dr. and Mrs. Mike Thomason (Holly) on the birth of a granddaughter, Navy Blair Thomason, on March 4. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Justin Thomason (Kacy) of Atlanta, GA.
SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*
Mrs. Ann Taylor in the death of her husband, Todd Taylor, on February 28.
Mrs. Louanne Buchanan in the death of her husband, Bryan Buchanan, on March 2, and to Luke Buchanan in the death of his father.
Mrs. Dianne Galloway in the death of her husband, Rut Galloway, on March 4.
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stoddard (Connie) in the death of her brother, Frank Stephen “Mac” McGinnis of Lincolnton, NC, on March 4.

IN MEMORIAM

Todd Holbrook Taylor • March 22, 1961 – February 28, 2023
Bryan Matheson Buchanan • February 21, 1966 – March 2, 2023
Wint Rutledge Galloway • March 15, 1943 – March 4, 2023

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Pierce McGowan III by Mr. and Mrs. W. Gaines Huguley Jr.; Judy and John Keith; Allison Annand; Marilyn and Stacy Smith; Ann and Bob Brinson; Louise Oxner; Susan Owen; Bill Graham; Martha Wade; Sharmin and John Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Coker Jr.; Geer S. Isdale

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Doane August, *Becky Barron*, Susan Bennett, Archie Black, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Les Burns, Becky Carter, Dave Carter, Luke Chapman, Sarah Chapman, Joy Clawson, Annie Cobb, Joe Cole, Charlene Comer, Peggy Denny, Andy Douglas, Tom Drake, Collin Etheridge, Bud Fant, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Doug Gilstrap, Pam Goldman, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, *Jim Hastings*, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Dan Hoover, Vicky Hunt, Amy Hunter, Gerald Huskamp, Art Jeffrey, Sherry Jenkins, Ginny Johnson, Craig Jones, Mac Kearse, Mike Kunkle, Bonnie Leonard, Tom Lide, Morn Lindsay, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Janet MacCallum, Kenneth MacCallum, Geoff Marsh, Polly Martin, Michelle Massengil, ***Bennett Massingill***, *Seth McCullen*, Megan McCommons, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, Alex Olyarchuk, Jane Petrilli, Joe Petrilli, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Jim Privette, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, 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: 565.0943
Prayer Appointments: 565.0960 | Prayer Requests: 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
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For more information about
the ministry of FPC, visit
FirstPresGreenville.org

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Transforming the Heart of the City

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WELCOME

Enjoy this first edition of the
CONNECT@FIRST newsletter!
Available by email,
in the church literature racks,
and on the home page of
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Subscribe on the
Church Life Update
web page.

NEWSLETTER MAKEOVER

CONNECT@FIRST content is similar to the GrapeVine, but reorganized to highlight what is happening in the life of our church and how we are Transforming the Heart of the City and Beyond.
If you receive the newsletter by email, you will continue to get a notification from First Pres through Constant Contact with the new name “Connect@First” in the subject line.
NEW WEBSITE
We are also pleased to announce the launch of a new website.
Take some time to familiarize yourself with the menus and explore the resources, opportunities, videos, and new pages that share what God is doing in the life of our church.