

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW SERMON SERIES: "BY FAITH..."

God often calls the most ill-prepared, hesitant, unlikely people to do extraordinary things. He insists on using those who have been wounded by life's challenges, crippled by circumstances, and fearful about the future. Amidst such obstacles, genuine faith matures and develops as character and grit are formed. The remarkable potential that God births within each of us is explored in Hebrews 11. Here we find ordinary people who lived by faith and discovered they were capable of extraordinary things. Please join us on Sunday mornings, April through June, for this captivating and compelling series, one you will not want to miss.



### FREE EASTER PHOTOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Look for the "Easter Photos" icon on the EVENTS page of the website or scan the QR code here to view and download Easter photos from Sunday. Thank you to our photographers—Michael Gibbons, Mark Massingill, and Abby Tripp.

### NEW INSTAGRAM! FINE ARTS MINISTRY

Follow @fpc\_arts to stay up to date with our Fine Arts Ministry for news, announcements, events, and photos.

### STUDENT MINISTRY ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

Help support this summer's Senior High Dominican Republic mission trip by picking up an envelope from tables around the church on Sundays through April 30. Enclose the suggested amount (\$5 to \$100)—or \$1,500 to sponsor the trip for one student—and return it by Sunday, May 7, to the church office or offering plate. Questions? Contact Mason Simmons at msimmons@firstpresgreenville.org. Thank you for supporting Youth Missions!

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Sunday, May 14, please contact Jamie Stoltz at 864.565.0901.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### WEDNESDAY ADVANTAGE SCHEDULE

Evening Wednesday Bible Study and supper end April 26. Luncheon Bible Study will continue through June 28.

## EVENTS

### Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 4

On Thursday, May 4, we will host the National Day of Prayer, joining other communities across the nation for a single purpose—Prayer. The event will be held in the new Worship & Arts Center, with special music by Trevor Manor, worship leader at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church, beginning at 6:15pm and the Prayer and Worship service kicking off at 6:30pm.

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

#### HAMLET AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

The Greenville Shakespeare Company presents "Hamlet: Fast & Frenzied," a 90-minute cutting of Shakespeare's most famous (and longest!) work performed by just seven actors. The performance will be Friday, May 12 at 10:30am and 7:30pm in the Worship & Arts Center. Tickets on sale now at GreenvilleShakespeare.com. For student group discounts, please email margaret@greenvilleshakespeare.com.

### COMING SOON: VERDI REQUIEM & ORCHESTRAL OPERA GALA

Varna International Chorus and Orchestra will feature two world-class performances at the Worship & Arts Center on Monday, June 26, this summer. Orchestral Opera Gala will begin at 3:00pm and Verdi Requiem will begin at 7:30pm. Visit VarnaInternational.com for tickets. FPC members receive 30% discount with codes GALA30 and VERDI30.

### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

#### "SING OUR FAITH" RESONATE! CONCERT MAY 7

Resonate! Youth Choir will present a concert, "Sing Our Faith," on Sunday, May 7, at 1:30pm 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.

### 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!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

#### BE A "BUDDY" FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD

Did you know that parents of children with special needs are often unable to attend worship services together—or at all—due to the demands of caring for their children? You could make a difference by becoming a "buddy" for a child during Sunday School or Sunday morning worship. Or perhaps you could be a buddy for our next Buddy Break on Friday, April 28, with children currently on the waiting list. Interested? Contact Jean Moore at jmoore@firstpresgreenville.org or 864.565.0957.

### 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.

### IGNITE USHERS NEEDED

Now that we are in our new Worship & Arts Center, we need more volunteers to usher each Sunday for the 10:45am Ignite service. If you are willing to consider this commitment once a month, please reach out to Leigh Johnstone at leighmjohnstone@gmail.com or Trey Suggs at tsuggs@roecassidy.com.

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

#### GALLERY DOCENTS NEEDED

Docents are needed to staff the Lenz Gallery during its open hours, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am–1:30pm. Docents are responsible for keeping the artwork safe, answering guest questions, and occasionally hosting guided tours. Further information and training are provided. Contact jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org for more information or to sign up!

### Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

#### HOLLIS CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hollis Carnival is on Friday, April 28, and volunteers are needed 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.

### NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS SUMMER CAMPS

Ready, Set, Move! is the theme for Neighborhood Focus' 18th annual summer day camp program. Join us in praying that God will soften hearts and use our summer staff to draw these children closer to Him! Please consider sending a kid to camp (\$500) or help with one of the many costs of executing our high-quality program - VBS curriculum, Bibles, summer reading books, recreation equipment, summer food program, t-shirts, and field trips. For more information, please contact Keith Groce at 864.704.7848 or kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

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

### Sermon Series: "By Faith..."

Hebrews 11:1-7

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  
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu  
"Like" and "Subscribe" for easy access

## THIS WEDNESDAY

APRIL 26, 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  
Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville  
YouTube.com/  
@FirstPresGreenvilleSC  
FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

## CLASSES & CHOIRS for all ages\*

6:15pm–7:15pm

\*Note: This is the last Wednesday evening for Bible Study, classes, & meals

## WEDNESDAY MEALS

11:45am & 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall  
MENU:

Beef Steaks with Bacon and Cheese  
Baked Quiche  
Seasoned Green Beans  
Turnip Greens  
Breaded Okra  
Sweet Potatoes  
Steamed Yellow Rice  
Salad, Bread, Dessert

### MEAL PRICES:

Adults: \$8 • Children ages 4-12: \$4  
Children ages 0-3: Free  
Family max: \$30

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

APRIL 20–26, 2023

04/20: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)  
04/21: Charlie Buchanan (864.561.6346)  
04/22: Charlie Buchanan  
04/23: Charlie Buchanan  
04/24: Stan Johnson  
04/25: Stan Johnson  
04/26: Stan Johnson

## MEMBER NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*  
**Mr. and Mrs. William Scott Stone (Rebecca)** on the birth of a daughter, Elenora Kelly Croft Stone, born March 31, 2023.  
**Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wier (Tomi)** on the birth of a granddaughter, Lucy Grace Bruton, on April 12. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Seth Bruton (Jana) of Summerville, SC.  
**Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wood Banks, Jr. (Callie)** on the birth of a son, Robert “Rafe” Banks, born on February 17, 2023.

## BAPTISMS ♦ April 16, 2023

**Margaret Sloan (Maggie) Brashier**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Brashier (Mary Leslie)  
**Bradford Graham Benedict**, child of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Benedict (Caroline)  
**Andrew Isaac (Ari) Robertson**, child of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Robertson (Natalie)

## MEMORIALS & HONORS

### AGAPE-FELLOWSHIP CLASS FUND

*In memory of Ann McLellan* by Sara Karns

### TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF GREENVILLE FUND

*In memory of Rutledge Galloway* by Jim and Toni Childers  
*In memory of Ann McLellan* by Jo and Harry Ussery  
*In memory of Todd Taylor* by Debbie, Donnie & Riley Thompson; Andrea Zacher  
*In memory of Bill Thomas* by Martha and Jim Nance

## 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, Doug Gilstrap, Pam Goldman, **Charles Greer**, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Dan Hoover, Vicky Hunt, Amy Hunter, Gerald Huskamp, **Terri James**, Art Jeffrey, Sherry Jenkins, Ginny Johnson, Craig Jones, Mac Kearse, **Nancy Lewis**, 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, **Jamie & Scott Stoltz**, 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*



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instagram | [@FPCGreenville](https://www.instagram.com/FPCGreenville)

mobile app | FPC Live

## TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



## WHAT'S INSIDE

APRIL 20-26, 2023

Capital Campaign Kickoff Phase 2

New Sermon Series This Sunday

Hymns@First Concert and Tickets

“Sing Our Faith” Resonate! Concert

Hollis Carnival Volunteers Needed

For more information about  
the ministry of FPC, visit  
[FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)

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## Capital Campaign Phase 2 Kickoff April 30

*“Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.”*

2 Corinthians 8:11

On April 30 during our worship services, we will hear the details of the kickoff to the second phase of our Capital Campaign, and enjoy refreshments in the Gathering Space between services. Please join us to find out how you can help complete the campaign!

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