

# CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 2 THIS SUNDAY

April 30 is the kickoff to our second phase of the Capital Campaign. We look forward to sharing the details with you. Please join us to hear about how you can help complete the campaign. Commitment cards and envelopes will be available in the lobby after the services, and mailed next week. There will be refreshments in the Gathering Space between services.

### VBS & DAY MISSIONS TRAINING

Calling all those interested in serving in VBS or Day Missions, as well as those already registered. There will be training/informational sessions on Wednesday, May 10, from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Light dinner included. RSVP to Heather at [htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org).

### 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. 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](mailto: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, June 4, please contact Jamie Stoltz at 864.565.0901.

### THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT: 2023 GASCC

Thank you to everyone who sponsored and took part in the 10th Anniversary Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic of South Carolina. We reached the financial goal of \$35,000 for Steven and Natalie Hall's SEND International mission. Save the date and plan to join us next year—April 12, 2024!

## DISCIPLESHIP

### WEDNESDAY ADVANTAGE SCHEDULE

Evening Wednesday Bible Study and supper has ended. Please join us for the Luncheon Bible Study that will continue through June 28.

## EVENTS

### College Ministry, Charlie Buchanan SUMMER NIGHTS GATHERINGS

All college-aged students are invited to our Summer Nights gatherings at the Sturgis home this Summer! Join us Thursday, May 25, June 22, and July 27, from 7:00–8:30pm for an evening of fellowship and devotion as we discuss the person of Christ together. Food will be provided. Questions? Contact Charlie Buchanan at [cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org).

### Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser GATHER@FIRST MAY 18

We are gathering local artists (visual, musical, theatrical, and otherwise) to form a community to share about their work, and spend time with one another. All interested artists are invited to our next quarterly gathering on Thursday, May 18, at 6:00pm. Contact Chelsea Fraser for more information at [cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org).

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

Musika! The 22nd Annual Varna International Music Festival will feature two world-class performances in the Worship & Arts Center on Monday, June 26. Orchestral Opera Gala will begin at 3:00pm and Verdi Requiem will begin at 7:30pm. Visit [VarnaInternational.com](http://VarnaInternational.com) for tickets. FPC members receive 30 percent discount with codes GALA30 and VERDI30.

*Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisik*

### GRAHAM GYM ACTIVITIES

Come join us as we aim to Transform the Heart of the City through sports. Don't miss these activities available now: Adult Pickleball, Youth Summer Basketball League, and Youth Summer Camp. Registration is limited. You can find more details and sign up for these activities at [FirstPresSports.com](http://FirstPresSports.com). Stay tuned for more information on Adult Basketball and other activities coming soon!

*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

Members of our Worship and Music Ministry are excited to share hymns that have sustained their faith in times of pain and proclaimed their faith in times of joy. Join us on Sunday, April 30, at 3:00pm for a concert featuring soloists from our Sanctuary Choir. Free tickets are available at both reception desks. The concert will be held in our new Worship & Arts Center, with accompaniments performed and arranged by our church pianist, Stephen Griner. Invite your family and friends to this premiere event and watch for the release of the recording 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](mailto:jmoore@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.565.0957.

*Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### 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 [leighjohnstone@gmail.com](mailto:leighjohnstone@gmail.com) or Trey Suggs at [tsuggs@roecassidy.com](mailto: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 Jamie at [jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:jstoltz@firstpresgreenville.org) for more information or to sign up!

*Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart*

### NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS SUMMER CAMPS

*Ready, Set, Move!* is the theme for the Neighborhood Focus' 18th annual summer day camp program. Please consider sending a kid to camp (\$500) or help with one of the many costs of executing our high-quality program. For more information, please contact Keith Groce at 864.704.7848 or [kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org](mailto:kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org).

*Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter*

### SERVE WITH PASTORAL VISITATION MINISTRY

Is God calling you to serve our homebound? Please prayerfully consider joining our Pastoral Visitation Ministry (PVM) in making visits once a month to our homebound who are no longer physically able to join us for church. For more information, contact Leslie Warner at [lwarner@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:lwarner@firstpresgreenville.org) or 864.565.0966.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

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

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

Hebrews 11:8-12

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](https://Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)  
[YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC](https://YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC)  
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## THIS WEDNESDAY

May 3, 2023

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30pm–1:00pm • *Fellowship Hall*  
Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley

### WEDNESDAY LUNCH MEAL

11:45am • *Fellowship Hall*

### MENU:

Fried Chicken  
Baked Salmon  
Corn on the Cob  
Steamed Spinach  
Baked Potato  
Steamed Rice  
Green Peas  
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 27–MAY 03, 2023

04/27: Stan Johnson (864.423.2067)

04/28: Stan Johnson

04/29: Stan Johnson

04/30: Stan Johnson

05/01: Stan Johnson

05/02: Stan Johnson

05/03: Stan Johnson

## MEMBER NEWS

### BAPTISMS ♦ April 23, 2023

Olivia Florence Thomas, son of Payne Caldwell Thomas (Elizabeth)

Clare Ailene Williams, Gunnar Carringer Williams, and Louise Brittain Williams, children of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Williams (Abigail)

### CONGRATULATIONS ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart (Susan) on the birth of a granddaughter, Harper Frances Thornton, on March 25. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thornton (Margaret) of Columbia, SC.

### SYMPATHY ♦ *The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

Mr. and Mrs. Erik Morris (Cara) in the death of her mother, Carrie Ann Gosselin, of Woodstock, GA, on April 13, and to Caroline Morris in the death of her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Powell (Deborah) in the death of her father, Charles Max Fowler of Mountain Rest, SC, on April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Sides (Mandy) and family in the death of his mother, Virginia Smith Sides of Clinton, SC, on April 24.

### WELCOME NEW CONFIRMANDS:

Warren Bach, Caroline Bannister, Clinton Bissinger, Jake Briggs, Serenity Brooks, Mary Dot Brown, Sloan Brown, Luke D'Andrea, Clark Darwin, Piper Darwin, Karyston Davis, Harper Davis, Libbi Duke, Livie Ebert, Lyla Cate Frye, Lucy Griffeth, Ainslie Hewitt, McCall Meece, Riley Meister, Anna Carmen Mellard, Margaret Mullen, Rob Russell, Ava Segrest, Wilson Suggs, Skye Sweeney, Ewan Sweeney, Weston Ward, McIntyre Ward, Denver Lewis, Ava Troyer, Parker Marchant, Thomas Potter, Millie Holekamp, Bailey Baker

## 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, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, Robyn Rush, Pete Russell, Fran Sanders, Janice Shartle, Libby Stewart, **Nat 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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### TELEVISION

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

ONLINE  
GIVING



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

APRIL 27-MAY 3, 2023

*National Day of Prayer*  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
Thursday, May 4, 6:30pm | Worship & Arts Center

Alex Sands    Mill Lowder    William Castro    Greg Hynds    Lisa Van Riper

Bob Browning    Sydney Shadrix    Mason Simmons    Emily Barnhill

*All are welcome!*

### Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much

*from James 5:16*

We are excited to host prayer warriors and musicians from all around the Greenville area!

The Jerry and Alice Lenz Gallery will be open an hour before and after the service for you to enjoy the "Ponder Anew" Baroque Masterworks exhibit.

**Plan to join us for this vital time of prayer and worship!**