

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CELEBRATION

Do you love the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox ministry? If so, join the OCC Upstate Celebration on **Thursday, March 9**, 6:00–8:00pm in Fellowship Hall. You'll hear results from 2022, plans for 2023, and the testimony of a shoebox recipient. Pizza and drinks provided. RSVP to Tina Jones, tjones@firstpresgreenville.org by **Wednesday, March 8**.

College Ministry

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 (drop off at the Reception Desk or email to Steven Harvin) no later than **2:00pm on Friday, March 31**. Questions? Contact Steven Harvin (SLHarvin@gmail.com, 803.477.8123).

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

ELLIE HOLCOMB IN CONCERT MARCH 3

Singer/songwriter Ellie Holcomb will be performing a solo concert at First Presbyterian Church on **Friday, March 3**, at 7:00pm. Come experience Ellie's exuberant, Spirit-filled performance in an intimate way. Get your tickets now at FirstPresGreenville.org or purchase them at the door.

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 Presbyterian Academy, Tom Roe

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. Please contact Vicky Burr, vburr@shannonforest.com or 565.0991, for details.

FPA ADDITION TO LEADERSHIP TEAM

First Presbyterian Academy is pleased to announce that Harry Ussery has joined our staff as Director of Operations. His responsibilities will include the oversight of the school's operational functions, including finances, facilities, and other business-related areas. He was a Trustee on the Academy Board for a number of years prior to accepting this position. Harry comes to us with a wealth of business experience, primarily in manufacturing management. He gained expertise in a non-profit Christian environment while serving as Executive Director for First Presbyterian Church. Please welcome Harry to the FPA Administration Team!

First Pres Nursery School, Beth Plyler

SUMMER@1ST HIRING STAFF

Summer@1st is hiring for positions with First Pres Nursery School and First Pres Sports for **seven weeks this summer**. We are looking for energetic, flexible, responsible, and loving staff to work with children age 3 months–4 years old and K5–8th grade students. Please contact Beth Plyler, bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org, for more information.

Light & Life Ministry, Stan Johnson

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

40 Days for Life, **February 25–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

The 2023 PURSUIT Men's Discipleship Weekend is **April 21–23** at Awanita Valley Christian Camp & Retreat Center in partnership with 3GEN Ministries. Come for a rich time of fellowship, discipleship, and adventure!

Space is limited, so register early 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).

Missions, Brian Stewart

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.

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.

CULTIVATE SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2023

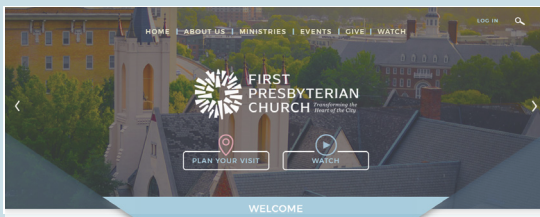
College students who have the ability to make a more concentrated and intense time investment during the summer months may want to consider **The Cultivate Project**. For application and information, go to FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/students/youth.

Newsletter Makeover & New Website!

CONNECT@FIRST

A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC
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The first edition of our new weekly newsletter, **Connect@First**, will be issued next week. The content will be similar to the *GrapeVine*, but reorganized to highlight what is happening in the life of our church and also tell stories about 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. Watch for the new name in the subject line.



Along with all the exciting changes happening during this 175th anniversary year, we are 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. Launch date is Friday, March 3.

Announcements

MIDDLE EAST EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

The Outreach Foundation has set up a fund to open a relief center for those affected by the recent earthquakes in the Middle East. Details and online giving at TheOutreachFoundation.org/middle-east-earthquake-relief. Or write a check to FPC, memo "Earthquake Appeal."

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 235.0496).

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on **Sunday, April 16 or May 14 or 28**, call 235.0496.



Fresh Prayers for Lent A Daily Prayer Calendar

Our "Fresh Prayers for Lent" daily prayer calendar for February 22–April 6 is available online at FirstPresGreenville.org and in the church literature racks.

Memorials & Honors

In memory of Pierce McGowan III:

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

by Carroll and Jimsie Hart; Mrs. Carol Loyless; Allen

and Randolph Armstrong; Bob and Page Hoyle

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Sykes Jr.

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

by The Covenant Class; Lou and George Creswell

Member News

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to
The family of Suzanne Hilger. Mrs. Hilger died on February 17.

IN MEMORIAM

Suzanne Fleeger Hilger

March 13, 1935 – February 17, 2023

Calendar for the Week

175th ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

8:30am • Children's Nursery (birth–age 4)

9:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)

10:15am • Reception (Building A Gathering Space)

10:30am • Kids Church (birth–1st grade)

11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)

4:00pm • Resonate Worship (grades 6–12) (Chapel)

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

6:30pm • Community Bible Study (Various rooms)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

8:45am • Women: Psalm 23 Shepherd (Formal Dining Rm)

7:00pm • Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel)

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

9:00am • Above All Women (Fellowship Hall)

10:00am • *GriefShare* Support Group (Off campus)

11:45am • Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

12:30pm • Bible Study: *Psalms & Proverbs* (Fellowship Hall)

5:00pm • Supper (Fellowship Hall)

5:30pm • Covenant Choir (grades 3–5) (Room C205)

5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Rooms D302, D306)

6:00pm • Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

• Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

• *DivorceCare* Support Grp (Formal Dining Rm)

6:15pm • Age 0–2: Nursery (Room C213)

• Age 2–3: Bible lesson (Room C215)

• Age 4–5: Study/Cherub Choir (C201/C205)

• Grades 1–2: Carol Choir/Study (C205/C201)

6:15pm • Grades 3–5: WOW Bible Study (Room C301)

• Study: *Getting Older* (Harper Chapel)

• Study: *Parenting* (Room B304)

• Study: *The Kingdom of Heaven* (Room B303)

• Study: *Encouraging Blended Families* (B306)

• Study: *Exodus* (Room B314)

• Revive Women: *1 Corinthians* (Room B206)

6:30pm • Bible Study: *Psalms & Proverbs* (Fellowship Hall, live stream)

• Radiance Women (Off campus)

7:30pm • Senior High ROOTS (Room D302)

• Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room B108)

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:30am • Men's Bible Fellowship: *Deuteronomy*

(Formal Dining Room, Zoom)

9:30am • Women: *Blessed/Revelation* (Rm B301, Zoom)

• Women: *Book of Colossians* (Room B311)

• Women: *Book of Galatians* (Room B312)

• Women: *Book of Romans* (Room B315)

11:00am • Women's Community Study: *Romans VIII* (B303)

12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship (Formal Dining Rm)

6:00pm • OCC Upstate Celebration (Fellowship Hall)

6:30pm • Circle #3 (Off campus)

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

10:00am • Circle #9 (Off campus: Rolling Green)

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

