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## Ministry News Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

#### FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL DECEMBER 1

All ages are invited to the Family Advent Festival on Wednesday, December 1, 5:30-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Learn about Advent by creating a family keepsake together, and enjoy a pizza supper (optional), Christmas music, and a great time of fellowship. Cost is \$30 per family. Registration ends November 26, and is limited to 25 families, so register today! Questions? Contact Heather Tomlinson (htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.0954).

#### **RETURN CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES NOVEMBER 14**

Please finish filling your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes with requested items and return by this Sunday, November 14. Or you can choose to build a shoebox online at https://samaritanspurse. org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/. Questions? Contact Karen King (565.0936, kking@ firstpresgreenville.org). Thank you for spreading joy!

#### First Presbyterian Academy, Tom Roe

FIRST PRES ACADEMY TEACHER POSITIONS First Pres Academy is now hiring two positions for the Downtown campus: a K3 Assistant Teacher (M,W,F, 8:30am-2:30pm) and an Afterschool Teacher (M-F, 2:00-4:30pm). If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Bridges (jbridges@firstpresacademy.com).

FIRST PRES ACADEMY PRIORITY RE-ENROLLMENT The 2022-2023 Academy Priority Enrollment for current FPA families is November 8-19. Siblings of current students can also apply during this time. Enrollment space for the school year is limited. Visit FirstPresAcademy.com or contact Kathleen Garrison (kgarrison@firstpresacademy.com, 864.678.5175).

#### Light & Life Ministry, Stan Johnson

#### **PRO-LIFE STICKERS AVAILABLE**

The First Pres Light & Life Ministry has provided prolife stickers at no cost in the Vineyard bookstore. Please pick one up to show your support for life!

#### Missions and Outreach Ministry, Brian Stewart

**REGISTER NOW: FEBRUARY 2022 DR MISSION TRIP** Join the mission team to the Dominican Republic February 12-19! This team will offer a medical clinic and continued care for needy families in the DR. No medical training is necessary to participate. The team will also spend time in Brizas del Mar building relationships and possibly helping with the new church and water treatment facility. For details, please contact Joy Sturgis (864.423.6798, joyc. sturgis@gmail.com) by Friday, November 12.

#### HOLLIS ANGEL TREES & CHRISTMAS STORE

Hollis Angel Trees are up throughout the church! Please choose an angel and purchase gifts that will be placed in our annual Christmas Store, where parents of Hollis students will shop for their children's Christmas gifts. Unwrapped gifts can be returned to the church and placed under any of the trees by Wednesday, November 24. Questions? Contact Christy (christywglenn@hotmail.com).

#### Modern Music Ministry, Graydon Tomlinson

#### Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THANKSGIVING

On Sunday, November 21, First Pres will celebrate the 400th anniversary of Thanksgiving with a worship service that traces the pathway of the pilgrims in four sections-persecution, exile, loss (death), and provision. Within each section, the congregation, pastors, and Music Ministry will recount the pilgrims' journey through prayers, Scripture, choir and orchestra music, and theological perspectives of historical events. Free tickets are available at FirstPresGreenville.org; printed tickets are available at church until November 14. The service begins at 6:00pm, preceded by the Georgia Boy Choir in concert at 5:30pm.

"COME, LET US ADORE HIM" CHRISTMAS@FIRST Come be a part of the joy and anticipation of the birth of our Savior as our Worship & Music Ministry presents its annual Christmas@First concert, "Come, Let Us Adore Him." Friday, December 10, at 7:00pm, and Saturday, December 11, at 3:00 and 7:00pm. This popular event features members of the Sanctuary Choir and Ignite Worship team, a full orchestra, Children's Choirs, and the Resonate! student ensemble. The performance will include both sacred Christmas music and classic holiday songs, including "Winter Wonderland of Snow," "Jingle Bell Medley," "See Amid the Winter's Snow," and other titles. Audience members are invited to join in singing favorite Christmas carols. Tickets (\$10 each) are on sale at FirstPresGreenville.org (home page top banner) and at the reception desk.

#### Announcements

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 14** The Session has approved a Congregational Meeting for this Sunday, November 14, at 12:00noon in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the purposes of approving the Pastors' Terms of Call and electing church officers and FPC Foundation directors for the Class of 2024. Please make every effort to attend this meeting in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall on November 14.

#### **THANK YOU!**

A big THANK YOU to all who have turned in their 2022 commitment cards! If you have not already done so, please mail your card to the church, drop it by the church office, or make your commitment online at FirstPresGreenville.org (click Give, Make Your Commitment - Operations). Contact Kristy Service (565.0929, kservice@firstpresgreenville. org) if you have questions. Thank you for your continued generosity!

#### NEW BOOK AVAILABLE: CONSPIRACY THEORY

If you have ever struggled with deep disappointments, wrestled with unanswered prayers, or found your life crumbling around you, Conspiracy Theory was written just for you! This new book by Dr. Richard Gibbons is available

in the Vineyard bookstore, Barnes & Noble, and

**FPC FOUNDATION** In memory of Paul Karns by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce (Mary Lou) Green MILITARY MINISTRY FUND In memory of William Marks by Mrs. Priscilla Marks **MISSIONS FUND** In memory of Gaile Patrick by Dr. Alexander Patrick MUSIC MINISTRY FUND In memory of William Marks by Mrs. Priscilla Marks PRAYER MINISTRY FUND In memory of William Marks by Mrs. Priscilla Marks Frances Woodside by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Murdock; Mrs. Esther Wilson TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND In memory of Dr. Gary Spitzer by Ms. Susan Eoute WOMEN'S MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Marvel Garrett by Circle 10

#### Calendar for the Week **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

- Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346) 8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)
- Children's Nursery & Programs (birth-age 3)
- 8:45am Congregation Tour of Children's Wing
- 9:30am Children's Nursery & VIP Event (birth-24 mo)
  - VIP Event for Children & Families (2K-5th gr)
  - Youth Sunday School (Room 354)
- 9:45am Adult Sunday Life Groups (On campus, Zoom)
- 10:30am Kids Church (birth-1st grade)
- 10:45am Ignite Worship (Fellowship Hall, live stream)
- 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)
- 12:00pm Congregational Meeting
  - (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 12:15pm Congregation Tour of Children's Wing
- 4:00pm Resonate Worship (grades 6-12) (Chapel)
  - Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15** 
  - Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)
- 7:00pm Community Bible Study (Harper Chapel)

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

- Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)
- 8:30am Women: Discerning the Voice of God (Rm 305)
- 7:00pm Healing & Prayer Service (Harper Chapel)
  - Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)
- 10:30am Above All Women: Trustworthy
- (Parlor, Room 309)
- 11:45pm Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30pm Bible Study: Rediscovering Redeeming Love (Fellowship Hall)
  - 5:15pm Supper (Fellowship Hall)

  - 5:45pm Junior High ROOTS Thanksgiving (Youth 354)
  - 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
  - 6:15pm Age 0-2: Nursery (Room 215B)
    - Age 2-3: Bible lesson (Room 215D)

#### NEW IGNITE WORSHIP SONG "HE IS BORN"

Ignite Worship is excited to share a song composed specifically for the Christmas season called "He is Born." You will be able to hear it and add it to your

Christmas playlist through streaming platforms on **Friday**, **November 19.** To pre-save and pre-order the song, access this *QR* code. We hope this song helps you build a hope this song helps you build a more intimate connection with God



and with our ministry at First Presbyterian. Follow @firstpresworship on Instagram for the most up-todate information on when and where to hear "He is Born" on November 19!

#### Senior Adult Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter WIT & WISDOM DECEMBER 7

Bring a friend and join us on Tuesday, December 7, 11:30am-1:30pm in Fellowship Hall, for our program, fellowship, and lunch. Guest performer Rick Davis will portray various biblical characters through costume and monologue. RSVP by November 30 to Susan Stewart (565.0966, sstewart@firstpresgreenville.org). Lunch costs \$8.

Amazon.com for \$14.99.

#### LOST & FOUND TABLE

A Lost & Found table is located near the main hall elevator. Items not claimed by Friday, November 19, will be donated to charity. Questions? Call Linda Sholtis at 235.0496.

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Sunday, November 28, call Linda Sholtis at 235.0496.

# Memorials & Honors

#### **CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND**

In memory of

**Daisy Garrett** by Circle 10

Marvel Garrett by Sara Rieser

Paul Karns by Kent and Debbie Brandeberry and family

- Gaile Patrick by Steve and Rennie Newman; Mrs. Martha Anderson Team; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Murdock
- Frank Towers Rice Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Murdock

6:15pm • Age 4-5: Study/Cherub Choir (213/Chapel)

- •Grades 1-2: Carol Choir/Study (Chapel/213)
- Grades 3-5: WOW Bible Study (Room 318)
- Study: Genesis (Room 306)
- Study: Art of Parenting (Ligon Conf Room)
- Study: I Was Broke. Now I'm Not. (Room 212)
- 6:30pm Bible Study: Rediscovering Redeeming Love (Fellowship Hall, live stream)
  - Radiance Women (20s-30s) (Off campus)
- 7:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30pm • Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 402)

• Senior High ROOTS Thanksgiving (Youth 352)

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

7:30am • Men's Bible Fellowship

(Formal Dining Room, Zoom)

- Women: *Book of Romans* (Room 305)
- 11:00am Women's Community Bible Study: Jude (Parlor)

12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship: The Truth Project (Formal Dining Room)

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# A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENVILLE, SC

# **Retrains SUNDAY**

# Sunday Worship

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

8:30 & 11:00am Worship • *Sanctuary* 10:45am IGNITE Worship • *Fellowship Hall* 

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Series: "Pumpkins, Parables & Thanksgiving" "THE SOWER" Mark 4:1-20

> 9:30am – Children's Sunday School 9:30am – Youth Sunday Life Groups 9:45am – Adult Sunday Life Groups 10:30 – Kids Church

# WEDNESDAY

#### NOVEMBER 17, 2021

*Bible Study (12:30pm, 6:30pm)* Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons: *Rediscovering Redeeming Love* Classes for all ages (see calendar)

Wednesday Meals (11:45am, 5:15pm) Turkey with Dressing, Steamed Rice Macaroni and Cheese, Sweet Potato Soufflé Green Beans, Turnip Greens, Fried Okra Salad, Bread, Dessert

# Live Streaming

Sunday Traditional Worship 8:30am–9:35am • Sanctuary 11:00am–12:15pm • Sanctuary

Live Streaming: Facebook page: Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville FPC YouTube page: http://bit.ly/firstpresyoutube FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream

#### Sunday IGNITE Modern Worship

10:45am–11:55am • Fellowship Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel for live streaming the Ignite worship service:

Ignite Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ FirstPresIgnite/ Ignite YouTube page: http://bit.ly/firstpresigniteworship

#### Wednesday Bible Study

12:30pm–1:00pm • Fellowship Hall 6:30pm–7:15pm • Fellowship Hall *Live Streaming (6:30pm only):* Facebook, YouTube, and FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream *Please "like" & "subscribe" for easy access.* 

# Prayer & Care

#### Encouragement & Support

If you would like a **Prayer Minister** or **Cancer Caring Ministry** member to contact you, please email Tammy Burkhalter at tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org. **If you need prayer or pastoral care,** please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the calendar).

#### **PRAYER REQUEST LINES**

Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943 Prayer Appointments: 565.0960 Prayer Requests: 565.0970



**MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER** *FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military*  Betty Jo Allen, *Bill Anthony*, Susan Black, Anne Boroughs, John Burnett Jr., Nancy Caudel, Luke Chapman, Joy Clawson, Tristan Crooks, Amelia Cryer, Levi Daniel, Nancy Deadwyler, Franky Dillard, Greg Dobson, Gayle Duggan,

Lori Driscoll, Pat Dukes, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Wanda Hightower, Sherry Hooper, Amy Hunter, Doug

Kolbe, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, Rhonda Lance, Tom Lide, Jenna Livingston, Jennifer Loft, Jonathan Lotz, Gerald Loyless, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Roberta

Maddox, Bobbie McCall, Barbara McKenzie, Jeff Meadors, John Michels, Mozelle Moore, Nancy Moseley, Alex Olyarchuk, Judy Outlaw, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, **Tom Preston**, Beth Ramsey, Ed Reed, Elizabeth Robison, Bill Rogers, Lori Sharp, Bob Shell, Jeff Shelton, Clara Lee Shive, Dawn Stewart, Carrie Stringer, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, **Emory Turpin**, John

Volpe, Lysle Wiley, Brenda Williams, Elizabeth "Liz" Williams, Esther Wilson, John Woodham, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmermann

**Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital



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#### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

phone 864.235.0496 website FirstPresGreenville.org email contactus@firstpresgreenville.org facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville instagram @FPCGreenville mobile app FPC Live

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





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Growing faithful Christians to engage and impact the culture with the transforming power of Jesus Christ

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

# Tours for the Congregation8:45-9:15am & 12:15-12:45pm

Come to the Nursery check-in area for a guided tour of the Children's Wing led by the Children's Ministry Team and volunteers. You'll visit all the new areas for our children in this secure space.



# PRAYER List

## VIP EVENT FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN 9:30–10:30am

Families will enjoy a fun Scavenger Hunt during the Sunday School hour as they explore our new secure facility, search for clues, and receive prizes!

Kids Church will begin at 10:30am.

Additional Tour Opportunities Wednesday, November 17 • 5:30–6:00pm, 7:15–7:45pm, 7:45–8:00pm Sunday, November 21 • 8:45–9:15am, 12:15–12:45pm

# GRAPEVINE

"I am the vine; you are the branches." JOHN 15:5