

THE GRAPEVINE WEEKLY

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Ministry News

Audio-Video-Lighting Ministry, Evan Tripp

SIGN UP TO BE A FIRST PRES AVL VOLUNTEER!

Sign up to volunteer with the AVL Production Ministry at First Pres! Needed positions include Sound, Lighting, Camera, and Video Playback (ProPresenter) operators for all Sunday services, special events, and weekly Bible studies. No experience is required; training is provided. Sign up online by using this QR code, or visit the sound booth following any service or event.



Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 30

Grandparents and parents are encouraged to bring the whole family to the Family Advent Festival on **Wednesday, November 30**, 5:30–7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Learn about the Advent season while making some Advent keepsakes and enjoying time with your family and church friends. Cost is \$25 per family. To include a pizza supper, select the “Add food” option for \$15 per family. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org. (Featured Events). Questions? Contact Heather Tomlinson (565.0954, htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

This year First Presbyterian became a downtown collection site for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Including the 475+ boxes donated by our members, a total of 984 boxes were collected at the truck in the parking lot. A very special THANK YOU to all who packed a shoebox, to Teresa Hannon, who organized the OCC collections, and to all the volunteers who so faithfully served to make our first drop-off-site year a great success!

ADOPTION/FOSTER/KINSHIP CARE COMMUNITY

We are compiling a list of our church family members who were adopted, have adopted, or have been part of the foster or kinship care community. Would you please email Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org and let her know to add you to the list? There are two upcoming events we'd like to invite you to!

College Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 19

College-age students are invited to gather for a Christmas party at the home of Rick and Joy Sturgis on **Monday, December 19**, at 7:00pm. There will be food, fun, and laughter! Bring a \$10 gift for a game. Questions? Contact Autumn Clark (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org).

Events Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

WELCOME FOLKS WITH A WARM SMILE!

Are you looking for a place to serve this Christmas season? We need hosts, ticket takers, ushers, and trained crowd managers to provide a warm smile and welcoming environment for those attending our “Christmas@First” concerts on **December 10 and 11**. Please sign up at FirstPresGreenville.org/signature-events or contact Linda Sholtis at LSholtis@firstpresgreenville.org.

Missions, Brian Stewart

PERSPECTIVES COURSE BEGINS JANUARY 26

Perspectives is a 15-week learning opportunity that will change the way you view the world around you, open your eyes to the heart and purpose of God, and show you how you can take part in His work all over the world. A fantastic array of pastors, theologians, international missiologists, and mobilizers will challenge and inspire you with their personal experiences. Perspectives on the World Christian Movement will be offered at North Hills Church beginning **Thursday, January 26**, 6:30–9:15pm. Register at Class.perspectives.org/Visitor/Public.aspx?ClassId=435539.

For scholarship information, contact Brian Stewart, bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org or 565.0922.

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE DECEMBER 13

On **Tuesday, December 13**, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary, all are invited to a beautiful candlelight service led by our pastors to honor and remember loved ones who will be especially missed during the Christmas season. The service includes Scripture

readings, a time of reflection and meditation, the observance of Holy Communion, special seasonal music, and commemorative candle lighting.

Senior Adult Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

WIT & WISDOM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

All 55 & older are invited to the Wit & Wisdom Christmas Extravaganza Celebration on **Tuesday, December 6**, 11:15am–1:15pm in Fellowship Hall. You'll enjoy glad games, merry music-making, and a three-course holiday meal. Cost is \$8 at the door. Space is limited and sign-up required. RSVP by **Monday, November 28**, to Tammy Burkhalter (565.0943, tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org).

Worship & Music, Susan Messer

CHRISTMAS@FIRST DECEMBER 10 AND 11

Brighten your holiday season and celebrate our Savior's birthday at “**Glory to God in the Highest**,” this year's Christmas@First concerts. Join us on **Saturday, December 10**, at 3:00pm and 7:00pm; or **Sunday, December 11**, at 3:00pm. This popular event features members of the Sanctuary Choir and Ignite Worship team, a full orchestra, and our Children's and Youth Choirs. \$10 tickets are now available at FirstPresGreenville.org. Tickets will also be available before and after worship **this Sunday, November 27**, and during the week at the church reception desk. *A nursery is available for the Saturday 3:00pm concert.*

Announcements

STAFF NEWS

ShaQuan Fields has recently joined our Facilities Team as a sexton. Quan was raised in Greenville, the oldest of three children. His interests are music, family, travel, video games, football, basketball, shopping, and boxing. Quan enjoys the staff at First Pres and is thankful for the opportunity to work here. Welcome, Quan!



MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COURSE

FPC's “MDC,” open to all covenant partners in the congregation, is great preparation for individuals with a zeal for Transforming the Heart of the City. It is also a prerequisite for nomination as an elected church officer, as well as a valuable resource for all members. Watch for more details about orientation meetings in January.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR 2023 COMMITMENT?

If you have not already done so, please place your 2023 commitment card in the offering plate on Sunday, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to the church, attn: Kristy Service. Blank cards are available in the pew racks and literature racks around the church. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Member News

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to The family of Lang Ligon. Mr. Ligon died on November 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Watson (Charlotte) in the death of their daughter, Dianne Elizabeth Watson of Greenville, on November 15.

IN MEMORIAM

Langdon Sumpter Ligon Jr.

January 4, 1922 – November 10, 2022

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Langdon S. Ligon Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Sykes Jr.; Rhonda and Johnny Goforth

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of

Langdon S. Ligon Jr. by the Agape-Fellowship Class

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of

Judy DePriester by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Manely

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Judy DePriester by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drake; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennecke

Order Poinsettias for Christmas

Help decorate our church for Christmas by ordering poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. Order online at FirstPresGreenville.org or fill out a form from the literature racks. Cost is \$20 each; orders are due by **Monday, December 12**.

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)

• Children's Nursery (birth–age 3)

9:30am • Children's Nursery & Sunday School

(birth–5th grade)

• Youth Sunday School (Room D306)

9:45am • Adult Sunday Life Groups

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

10:45am • Ignite Worship (Fellowship Hall, live stream)

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

3:00pm • Grief Share (Room D210)

4:00pm • Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

• Resonate Worship (grades 6-12) (Chapel)

6:30pm • “The People Sing! Messiah” (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

6:00pm • Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

• Diaconate Meeting (Formal Dining Room)

6:30pm • Community Bible Study (Harper Chapel)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:00pm • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

5:30pm • Family Advent Festival (Fellowship Hall)

5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Room D306)

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

• Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

• Divorce Care (Room D210)

6:15pm • Study: Exodus (Room B314)

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

• Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:30am • Men's Bible Fellowship: Numbers (Formal Dining Room, Zoom)

9:30am • Women: Book of Daniel (Room B301, Zoom)

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

• Women's Christmas Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Looking Ahead

November 30 Family Advent Festival

December 1 Women's Christmas Luncheon

December 6 Wit & Wisdom Christmas Extravaganza Celebration

*December 10, 11 Christmas@First Concert

*December 13 Service of Remembrance

December 15 Academy Christmas Programs

*December 24 Christmas Eve Services:

2:00, 4:00 (*new time*), 7:00, 11:00pm

*December 25 Christmas Day Worship: 11:00am

* VISIT FIRSTPRESCHRISTMAS.COM

FOR MORE DETAILS.

This SUNDAY

Sunday Worship

NOVEMBER 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

8:30 & 11:00am Worship • *Sanctuary*
“EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD”
Exodus 34:29-35 • Rev. Stan Johnson

10:45am IGNITE Worship • *Fellowship Hall*
“JESUS CHRIST: HOPE OF THE WORLD,
LIGHT TO THE NATIONS”
John 8:12 • Kate Fagan

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

This WEDNESDAY

Bible Study & Wednesday Meals
have finished for the fall semester.

Watch for the *Grow@First* brochure
of Winter/Spring semester classes
coming in December.



Live Streaming

Sunday Traditional Worship

8:30am • Sanctuary
11:00am • Sanctuary

Live Streaming:

Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)

FPC YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofGreenville](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofGreenville)

[FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream](https://www.FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream)

Sunday IGNITE Modern Worship

10:45am • Fellowship Hall

Live Streaming:

Ignite Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/)

Ignite YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresIgniteWorship)

[FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://www.FirstPresIgniteWorship)

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).

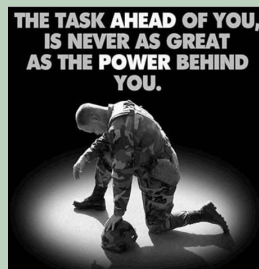
PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director

Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943

Prayer Appointments: 565.0960

Prayer Requests: 565.0970



MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER

[FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military](https://www.FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military)

PRAYER List

June Anderson, Bill Anthony, Doane August, Susan Bennett, Randy Best, Jane Brennecke, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Sarah Chapman, Joy Clawson, Ron Clarke, Annie Cobb, Joe Cole, Hammer Deadwyler, Peggy Denny, Tom Drake, Gayle Duggan, Collin Etheridge, George Freeman, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Nancy Freeman, Rut Galloway, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Richard Gibbons, William Glenn Jr., Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Betsy Guffey, Natalie Hall, Sally Hall, T.G. Hanner, John Harvell, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Johnny M. Hendricks, Victoria Holt, Dan Hoover, Vicky Hunt, Amy Hunter, Gerald Huskamp, Art Jeffrey, Ginny Johnson, Craig Jones, Jack Key, Jerry Lenz, Bonnie Leonard, Tom Lide, Dorcas Lindsey, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Bob MacCallum, Doug MacCallum, Judy MacCullum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Kenneth MacCallum, Polly Martin, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, Alex Olyarchuk, Jane Petrilli, Joe Petrilli, Myra Phillips, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Ed Reed, Ken Rhoden, Bill Rogers, Pete Russell, Fran Sanders, Janice Shartle, Carol Shirley, Ronnie Shirley, Libby Stewart, Cole Swartwood, Carrie Stringer, Trey Suggs, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Leslie Warner, Jack Whitesides, Lysle Wiley, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmermann

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

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December 6

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December 13

Volunteer with the AVL
and Events Ministries

Staff News

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of FPC, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](https://www.FirstPresGreenville.org)

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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



November 27–December 3, 2022

Women’s
Christmas
Luncheon

Thursday, December 1
12:00–1:30pm
Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to join us for
Christmas carols
Devotional by Leah Cloud
Lunch catered by Jasmine Kitchen



\$12 at the door

RSVP

Charlotte Joye

by Monday, November 28 at noon
cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org • 565.0956

Reserve childcare with
Evelyn Penkert

epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org

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