

Ministry News

Activities Ministry

TRAVEL TO ITALY MAY 15-26, 2022

Travel with Dr. Richard Gibbons to see Italy and the Oberammergau Passion Play, May 15-26, 2022. **Only 4 seats remain** for this 12-day tour of Italy that concludes in Germany with the Oberammergau Passion Play. Tour brochure is available at the church reception desk and at Imagine Tours & Travel. Register online at RegisterNow.ittworld.com, Tour Code *Graham22*.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 28

Children's Sunday School will NOT meet this Sunday. Nursery and Kids Church will meet as usual.

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL DECEMBER 1

All ages are invited to the Family Advent Festival on **Wednesday, December 1**, 5:30–7:30pm 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 29**, and is limited to 35 families, so register now! *Questions?* Contact Heather Tomlinson (htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.0954).

TOUR THE NEW CHILDREN'S WING

If you would like to tour the new Children's wing, please contact Children's Ministry Director, Tina Jones, (565.0921, tjones@firstpresgreenville.org).

OCC SHOEBOX THANK YOU!

We appreciate all who donated shoeboxes for children all over the world. You provided 411 boxes to Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for spreading the love of Jesus!

College Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 13

All college-aged students are invited to join us for a merry little Christmas Party on **Monday, December 13**, 7:00–9:00pm at the home of Rick and Joy Sturgis (209 Wilmington Road 29615, 864.423.6798). Parents, please help spread the word to your students. *Questions?* Contact Charlie Buchanan at 565.0937 or cbuchanan@firstpresgreenville.org.

First Presbyterian Academy, Tom Roe

FIRST PRES ACADEMY TEACHER POSITIONS

First Pres Academy is now hiring for the Downtown campus: a K3 Assistant Teacher (M,W,F, 8:30am–2:30pm); and substitute teachers. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Bridges (jbridges@firstpresacademy.com).

FIRST PRES ACADEMY OPEN ENROLLMENT

2022-2023 Academy Open Enrollment is **November 29–February 27**. Discounts are available for FPC families, siblings, pastors' children, and early full tuition payment. Enrollment space for the school year is limited. Visit FirstPresAcademy.com or contact Kathleen Garrison (kgarrison@firstpresacademy.com, 864.678.5175).

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND JANUARY 21, 22, 23

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next *New Member Weekend* **Friday-Sunday, January 21-23**. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org (Events tab).

Missions and Outreach Ministry, Brian Stewart

HOLLIS ANGEL TREES & CHRISTMAS STORE

Thank you for your generous response to this year's Angel Tree/Christmas Store. Please remember to turn in your unwrapped gifts as soon as possible and pray for our store, which will be open December 3 and 4. The Hollis Ministry Team is grateful for our loving and giving congregation at FPC!

Modern Music Ministry, Graydon Tomlinson

NEW IGNITE WORSHIP SONG "SHEPHERD SONG"

Ignite Worship is excited to share another song composed specifically for the Christmas season called "Shepherd Song." To add it to your Christmas playlist through streaming platforms, access this QR code.



Follow @firstpresworship on Instagram for the most up-to-date information on where to hear "Shepherd Song" on **December 3!**

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE DECEMBER 7

This beautiful candlelight service to honor and remember loved ones who will be especially missed during the Christmas season will be held on **Tuesday evening, December 7**, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. The service will include Scripture readings, times of reflection and meditation, the observance of Holy Communion, special seasonal music, and commemorative candle lighting, with Dr. Richard Gibbons leading. To reserve childcare, contact Evelyn Penkert (565.093, epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org).

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, stewart@firstpresgreenville.org). Lunch costs \$8.

Student Ministries, Mason Simmons

ROOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 15

Roots *Cozy Christmas* will take place on **Wednesday, December 15**, during our normal Wednesday night times. Wear your best Christmas PJ's to hang out together, watch a movie, and eat Christmas treats. All are welcome to join us!

Announcements

PRINTED FPC DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian Church Directories have arrived! They will be available for purchase in Memorial Hall and Fellowship Hall **this Sunday** beginning at 9:30am. The cost is \$15.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR 2022 COMMITMENT?

If you have not already turned in your commitment for 2022, please bring or mail your card to the church, 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 for \$14.99.

DR. DABNEY ROBINSON HONORED

On November 21, the congregation honored Covenant partner Dr. Dabney Robinson, a World War II veteran and retired dentist, on his 100th birthday. He has been a church member and a choir member since 1954. Susan Messer presented Dr. Robinson with a framed copy of his favorite song, "God So Loved the World."



FOUNDATION BOARD GRANT TO FPA

Members of the FPC Foundation Board of Directors recently presented a grant to First Presbyterian Academy in honor of former chairman Dixon Cunningham, with appreciation for his years of service on the board.



GETTY CONCERT AT TFBC DECEMBER 21

Sing! An Irish Christmas, a concert by Keith and Kristyn Getty, will be held at Taylors First Baptist Church on **Tuesday, December 21**, at 7:30pm. Reserve your seats at GettyMusic.com/tour.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Help decorate our church for Christmas by ordering poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones.

Order online at FirstPresGreenville.org (Events, Featured Events), or fill out a form from the literature racks.

Orders are due by **Monday, December 13**.



Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to **Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison Hewlett (Natalie)** on the birth of a son, Samuel "Sam" Thomas Hewlett, on June 8.

Mrs. Linda Sholtis on the birth of a granddaughter, Anna-Hyatt Whitener, on November 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Legrand Harvin Jr. (Lauren) on the birth of a son, Steven Legrand Harvin III, on November 20.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation express sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kilgore (Aline)** in the death of her mother, Ruth Elizabeth "Betty Ruth" Ayer Crews of Hampton, SC, on November 21; and to Dr. Harriet and Mr. John Scully in the death of her grandmother.

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Gene Dillard by Ms. Gena McGowan; Sherard and Steck Families

Paul Karns by Susan Sartain

William Marks by Jim and Betty Biggers

Gaile Patrick by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crider, Jr.

Linda Perry by Kathy McGee

AGAPE-FELLOWSHIP CLASS FUND

In memory of

Dottie Ayers by Mrs. Jerry Johnson

Dottie Cole by Mrs. Jerry Johnson

Martha Beth Sturgis by Mrs. Jerry Johnson

Mary Taylor by Mrs. Jerry Johnson

PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In memory of

William Marks by Mr. Rick Cunningham

Frances Woodside by Ron and Janet Geyer

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

• Children's Nursery (birth–age 3)

9:30am • NO Children's Sunday School

• 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)

4:00pm • Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

6:00pm • Session/Diaconate Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:40pm • Community Bible Study (Harper Chapel)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

8:30am • Women: *Discerning* (Room 305)

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

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Rooms 352, 354)

6:00pm • Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:15pm • Age 4-5: Cherub Choir (Chapel); NO Wed Adv

• Grades 1-2: Carol Choir (Chapel); NO Wed Adv

6:30pm • Radiance Women (20s-30s) (Off campus)

7:30pm • Senior High ROOTS (Youth 352)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)



This SUNDAY

PRAYER List

Bill Anthony, Anne Boroughs, Joy Clawson, **Ryan Crais**, Levi Daniel, Nancy Deadwyler, Franky Dillard, Gayle Duggan, Pat Dukes, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Wanda Hightower, Sherry Hooper, **Ron Houghton**, Amy Hunter, **Barbara Kizer**, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, 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, Alex Olyarchuk, Judy Outlaw, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, **Nancy Ramsey**, Beth Ramsey, Elizabeth Robison, Bill Rogers, **Rob Schoolfield**, Lori Sharp, Jeff Shelton, Carol Shirley, Ronnie Shirley, Clara Lee Shive, Dawn Stewart, Carrie Stringer, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Lysle Wiley, Brenda Williams, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, John Woodham, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmermann

Bold = New *Italics* = In Hospital

Sunday Worship

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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

Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart

“WHEN ATTILA THE HUN & KARL MARX COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS”
2 Timothy 2:22-26

9:30am – NO Children’s Sunday School
9:30am – Youth Sunday Life Groups
9:45am – Adult Sunday Life Groups
10:30 – Kids Church

Live Streaming

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

Live Streaming:
Facebook page:
[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://www.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>

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Watch for a brochure of Winter/Spring semester classes coming later in December.





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


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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

November 28–December 4, 2021

CHRISTMAS@FIRST

COME, LET US Adore Him

Friday, December 10 at 7:00pm
Saturday, December 11 at 3:00pm & 7:00pm

Christmas@First 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 “Bells of Christmas,” “March of the Toys,” “Jingle Bell Medley,” “Winter Wonderland of Snow,” “See Amid the Winter’s Snow,” and “A Hallelujah Christmas.”

Audience members are invited to join in singing favorite Christmas carols.

Tickets (\$10 each) are on sale at FirstPresGreenville.org and at the reception desk.

THE GRAPEVINE

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

