

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL DECEMBER 4

Join us for FPC's 14th annual *Family Advent Festival* on **Wednesday, December 4**, 5:00–8:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Celebrate the Advent Season by creating family keepsakes together and listening to story time with Ms. Betty. Cost of \$25 per family includes dinner and all craft supplies. **Register by December 2** at FirstPresGreenville.org (Featured Events), or contact Heather Tomlinson (htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org).

Congregational Care, Tammy Burkhalter

HELPING THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER

To help those in need during the Christmas and winter seasons, please prayerfully consider contributing to the *Turner Memorial Fund*. Your donations allow us to help both members and non-members with utility bills during the cold months. Remember also to bring non-perishable items to place in the food baskets around the church. This helps our Food Basket Ministry feed those who are hungry in our community. If you have any questions regarding the Turner Memorial Fund or the Food Basket Ministry, please contact Tammy Burkhalter, Congregational Care Director (672.0327, tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org). We appreciate your generous donations!

First Presbyterian Academy, Tom Roe

ACADEMY DOWNTOWN PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

First Presbyterian Academy Downtown is opening *priority enrollment* for our current parents beginning **Monday, December 2**, for K2-K6. For details, contact Claudette Oliver at 235.0122. Open enrollment will begin **Wednesday, January 8**.

Life Connections Ministry, Tim Leslie

COME TO COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY AT FPC

Community Bible Study for men, women, couples, and junior/senior high students meets at First Pres on **Monday evenings**, 7:00–8:30pm. The class will begin a study of Mark's gospel, focusing on the servant nature of Christ, on **December 9**. You are welcome to join us then or wait to begin on **Monday, January 6**. This 18-week study will conclude **May 4**. Join us for this exciting journey as Mark shows us Jesus in action, proving Himself to be the Messiah. For details, please visit GreenvilleEve.CBSclass.org, or contact Doug Harper (dharpdrhs@gmail.com).

Missions, Brian Stewart

RETURN HOLLIS ANGEL TREE GIFTS DECEMBER 4



Thank you for providing Christmas gifts for 150 students from Hollis Academy. The gifts will be available for their parents at a "Christmas Store" in December. Proceeds will be placed into a college scholarship fund for youth in the Hollis neighborhood. Please remember to return your gifts (unwrapped) to the church by **Wednesday, December 4**. *Questions?* Contact Beth Simmons (787.3159) or Heather Ware (905.7753).

Music & Worship Arts, Tom Barrett

THE PEOPLE SING! MESSIAH THIS SUNDAY

Immerse yourself in the glorious music of Handel's *Messiah*, singing along in the choruses with hundreds of others in *The People Sing! Messiah*. On **Sunday, December 1**, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary, join world-class soloists, a professional chamber orchestra of some of the Upstate's finest instrumentalists, and the marvelous FPC Sanctuary Choir for a memorable evening of worship and joy! Come at 5:30pm for a pre-concert lecture. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org. Admission is free.

FPC HOSTS MUSIC EVENTS IN DECEMBER

You're invited to the following events hosted by First Pres this season:

- **North Greenville University presents "Light in the Darkness: The Ancient Story of Christmas"** **Thursday, December 5 • 7:00pm • Sanctuary** Free; donations accepted. See NGU.edu/cline-school-of-music-presents-light-in-the-darkness-the-ancient-story-of-christmas.php
- **Greenville Youth Chorale presents "Believe"** **Saturday, December 7 • 3:00pm • Sanctuary** Purchase tickets at GreenvilleYouthChorale.com/tickets/.

- **American Guild of Organists presents a concert of "Christmas Carols"**

Tuesday, December 10 • 7:30pm • Sanctuary So many carols, so little time! Come sing along in this free musical tour-de-force of the pipe organ music celebrating Christmas!

CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERT DECEMBER 14 & 15

This year's Christmas@First concert, *Christmastime in the City*, will be held in the Sanctuary on **Saturday, December 14**, at 3:00pm and 6:30pm; and **Sunday, December 15**, at 3:00pm. Tickets (\$8) are available in the Vineyard bookstore or online from Ticketleap (search for "Christmas@First"). *Questions?* Contact Angela Barrett (abarrett@firstpresgreenville.org, 627.1845). Join us!

Senior Adult Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ AT WIT & WISDOM

On **Tuesday, December 3**, enjoy music from guitarist Rodrigo Rodriguez. The program begins at 11:30am, followed by lunch (\$8) at 12:30pm. Reserve your seat and lunch by **noon on Wednesday, November 27**, with Susan Stewart (ssewart@firstpresgreenville.org or 672.1756).

Student Ministries, Charlie Buchanan

CONFIRMATION 2020

Our confirmation class for 2020 will begin in January, meeting during the Sunday School hour (9:45–10:40am). This 12-week course will investigate the very foundations of our faith and what makes us Christians. Confirmation is a prerequisite for 7th and 8th graders who seek membership at First Pres. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org.

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the Congregational Meeting on November 24, the Pastors' terms of call were approved and the following Class of 2022 Officers were elected:

Elder: Larry Bloomer, Clay Brown, Bobby Hoffman, David Husman, Dean Livingston, Nancy Lusk, Tom Marchant, Jeff Messer, BJ Pate, Susan Simmons, Doug Stokes, Nina Williams

Deacon: John Bomar, Erin Brackbill, Steven Harvin, Cal Hurst, McCreight King, Owen Lucas, Debbie Martin, Jane Mills, Matt Reese, Liz Thomas

FPC Corporation Board of Directors: Craig Bailey, Harry Bolick, Lang Cheves; Lee Dixon to fill unexpired term in Class of 2021

FPC Foundation Board of Directors: John Bomar, Mark Clary, Corey Phillips

COMMITMENT SEASON

If you have not yet turned in your commitment for 2020, please mail your card to the church in the envelope provided with the letter you received, or drop it by the church office. Commitment cards are also available in the pew racks and literature racks. *Questions?* Contact Kristy Service (672.7036, kservice@firstpresgreenville.org). We would not be the congregation we are without your whole-hearted involvement. *Thank you!*

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY CHARACTERS NEEDED

If you've always enjoyed our Christmas Eve Nativity at the 5:00pm service and would like to bless our congregation by participating this year, contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org). We are seeking three kings, a few shepherds, one doctor/dentist, one lawyer/business person, one fireman, and a military/police officer. This commitment requires one rehearsal on **December 18** at 6:00pm and arrival at 3:00pm on **December 24**.

POSITION OPENING IN THE ACADEMY

The Graphic Communications Coordinator part-time position at the Academy at Shannon Forest involves the creation of graphics, logos, and programs for the school's website, social media sites, and other areas. The work can be done almost entirely from a remote location. Contact Patti Wilusz (pwilusz@shannonforest.com) for details.

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. Orders are due by **Sunday, December 8**.



Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to **Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lucas (Caitlin)** on the birth of a son, Harvey McQueen Lucas, on September 15. **Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Barrington (Caroline)** on the birth of a daughter, Miriam Louise Barrington, on November 19.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Scott Towery (Elizabeth)** in the death of his father, Kenneth Wayne Towery of Spartanburg, on November 21.

Memorials & Honors

VISITATION MINISTRY FUND

In loving memory of

Martha Beth Sturgis by Sam Laird; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennecke; Christ Church; Leland and Betty Tollett; Frank and Tomi Kaye Simpson; Carlton Sturgis and Johnny Sturgis; Mrs. Jean Gay Hodgins, Terry Miller, Kim Todd; Southern First; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Seaver Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Claire Brittain Jr.; John and Caroline Gamble; Deborah Nelson; Bill and Mary Allison; Joe and Becky Sentelle; Jamile J. Francis Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. William B. Sykes Jr.; Ms. Brenda Busby; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Einstein; Lee and Bonnie Powell; Don and Janice Edwards; Sturgis Web Services; Ralph N. Gregory

Calendar for the Week

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30am • Children's Sunday School

• **Youth Sunday Life Groups (Youth 354/352)**

• Continental Breakfast (Memorial Hall)

9:45am • Adult Sunday Life Groups

10:45am • Ignite Worship (Fellowship Hall)

11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)

4:30pm • Covenant Choir—grades 3-5 (Ligon Conf Rm)

• Resonate Worship—grades 6-12 (Choir Room)

• Christmas@First Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:30pm • Pre-concert lecture: *Messiah* (Sanctuary)

6:00pm • The People Sing! Messiah (Sanctuary)

• Youth Small Groups (off campus)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:00pm • Community Bible Study (Harper Chapel)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

9:30am • Women's Bible Moderators (Formal Dining Rm)

10:30am • Women's Circle Leaders (Room 212)

11:30am • Wit & Wisdom Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

6:30pm • Service of Remembrance (Harper Chapel)

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

5:00am • Family Advent Festival (Fellowship Hall)

5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Youth 354)

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

• Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

7:40pm • Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 402)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

7:00am • Men's Bible, Fellowship, & Breakfast:

Gospel of John (Formal Dining Room)

8:00am • Women's Prayer Group (Room 212)

9:30am • Women: *Gospel of Matthew* (Room 301)

12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship: *Issues Facing Greenville* (Formal Dining Rm)

7:00pm • NGU Concert: "Light..." (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

10:00am • Bulletin Stuffing (Room 217)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

3:00pm • Youth Chorale Concert: "Believe" (Sanctuary)

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24

2:00pm Afternoon Service

5:00pm Children's Service (Nativity Pageant)

7:00pm Candlelight Service

11:00pm Watchnight Service (choir & orchestra)

This SUNDAY

Worship

DECEMBER 1, 2019

8:30am and 11:00am Worship
10:45am IGNITE Modern Worship

“Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room”
Luke 1:46-55
Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley

9:30am – Continental Breakfast
9:30am – Children’s Sunday School
9:30am – Youth Sunday Life Groups
9:45am – Adult Sunday Life Groups

This WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Bible Studies & Meals
will resume in 2020

January 8: Dinner and
Congregational Worship and Prayer;
Children’s programs resume

January 15: Lunch, Dinner, Bible Study, and
Wednesday Advantage classes resume

Assignments for December 1st

Connections Greeter Team

8:30 Service (8:10am): OPEN
POSITION (Portico); Jack
DePriester (Loggia); Phyllis Crist
(Memorial Hall); Mary Gladys
Gilstrap (Sanctuary).

Sunday School (9:25am): OPEN
POSITION (Portico); OPEN
POSITION (Loggia); Billie
Schiera (Choir Room); Sylvia
Evette (Academy).

Ignite (10:25am): Curtis Taylor,
Bozzie Boggs, McIntyre Ward
(Fellowship Hall Courtyard);
David & Susan Wilkins
(Fellowship Hall Stairwell);
Tiffany Boggs, Eddie Terrell
(Fellowship Hall Connect Table).

11:00 Service (10:40am): Lindy
Miller, Keith Warner (Portico);
Bettie Landreth, Jill Warner
(Loggia); Ben Pangle (Memorial
Hall); Jamie Daniel (Sanctuary);
Mimi Jenko (Choir Room).

Join the
Connections Greeter Team!
Contact Chad Brown at
chad.brown@baldor.abb.com.

Nursery: (9:15) Shauna Waddell, Doane August,
Elaine Harvey, Jennifer Boland, NEED 2
VOLUNTEERS; (10:30) Allison Russell, Sarah
Ellen & Rob Corney, NEED 3 VOLUNTEERS

2K: (9:15) Molly Jones, Andrea Phillips;
(10:30) NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS

3K: (9:15) NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS;
(10:30) Melissa & John Robinette

4K: (9:15) Elizabeth Suggs, Sarah D’Andrea;
(10:30) Brittany & Matt Reese

5K: (9:15) Mary Ann Sanford, Jane Anne
Bruch; (10:30) Caroline Templeton, NEED
VOLUNTEER

1st–2nd Grade Large Group: Beverly Bell

1st Grade: Mary AllyeB Purtle, Jonimarie Purtle

2nd Grade: Beverly Bell, Jill Perone

3rd–5th Grade Large Group: Susan Taylor

3rd Grade: Charles & Cheryl West

4th Grade: Carl Evans, NEED VOLUNTEER

5th Grade Girls: Grace Abrams,
NEED VOLUNTEER

5th Grade Boys: Liza & Marshall Barron

Kids Church: (10:30) Caroline Templeton, NEED
VOLUNTEER

Check-in: Jamie Bach, Staff

Station Leaders: Sam Howard, Clay & Adelaide
Brown, Betty Farr, Anna Hewitt

Join the Children’s Ministry Team!

Contact Heather Tomlinson • 672.0337
htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org

PRAYER List

Thomas “Tam” Boggs, Sydney Clark, Joy
Clawson, Mary Cobb, Jerry Coleman, Ray Denny,
Pat Dukes, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Becky
Garcia, Lee Garcia, Ethan Garduno, Grace
Garduno, Tommy Garrison, Susan Gedney,
Nancy Gilliam, Sylvia Gillespie, Christopher
Gratton, Allen Gresham Jr., Motte Grey, Natalie
Hall, T.G. Hanner, Jim Hastings, Jean Hendrix,
Bettina Hensinger, Annetta Hewitt, Suzanne
Hilger, Freddie Holland, Gena Holcombe, Sherry
Hooper, Jay Huff, Amy Hunter, Engrum Johnson,
Mary Sue Key, David Keys, Lila Lake, Bill Marks,
Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet
MacCallum, Ken McCallum, Sally MacArthur,
Brantley Mayer, Pierce McGowan, Barbara
McKenzie, Sarah Millener, Jensen Molle, Mozelle
Moore, Lee Moseley, Andrew Mulkey, Margaret
Murphy, Jim Nabors, Alex Olyarchuk, Evelyn
Parrish, Allen Paramore, Betty Parsons, Marilyn
Patton, Loren Phillips, Katilyn S. Poore, Anna
Raditz, Elizabeth Rahman, Donna Rij, Harris
Robinson, Darst Yvonne Rose, Earle Russell,
Bob Sharp Jr., Jeff Shelton, Claire Lee Shive,
Yvonne Shortlidge, Lewis Sims, *James “Jim” Still*,
Betty Stone, Carrie Stringer, Debbie Thomas,
Nina Thomason, Dianne Timblin, *Melanie Ann
Tinnelly*, Gary Tompkins, Hazel Townsend,
Eddie Trotter, Debbie Troxell, Doris Ward, Dot
Whitesides, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Linda
Williams, Margaret Williams, Esther Wilson,
Charlie Vaughn, Jan Zimmerman

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PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director
Tammy Burkhalter: 672.0327
Prayer Appointments: 672.1848
Prayer Requests: 672.1838

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TELEVISION

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

December 1–7, 2019

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- “Believe” December 7
- “Christmas Carols” December 10
- *Christmas@First* December 14 & 15

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

“Comfort ye, comfort ye My people,” saith your God.

ISAIAH 40:1

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:30PM

HARPER CHAPEL

LED BY DR. RICHARD GIBBONS

Remembering loved ones

The Service of Remembrance is a time to
honor and remember loved ones who will be
especially missed during the Christmas season.

This beautiful candlelight service led by
the pastors will include Scripture readings
with a time of reflection and meditation,
the observance of Holy Communion,
special seasonal music, and
commemorative candle lighting.

*Refreshments with heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served
immediately following the service.*

To reserve childcare, contact Evelyn Penkert (672.1843).

For more details, please contact Tammy Burkhalter: tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org or 672.0327.

December 1–7, 2019

THE GRAPEVINE

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