

## 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*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*Events Ministry, Caleb Miller*

### 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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/signature-events) or contact Linda Sholtis at [LSholtis@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:LSholtis@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser*

### "BEHOLD THE LAMB" IS MOVING VENUES

Due to ongoing construction delays, Andrew Peterson's "Behold the Lamb of God" will be performed in the Turner Chapel at North Greenville University. Volunteers are still needed for this event; contact Chelsea ([cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*First Presbyterian Academy, Tom Roe*

### ACADEMY CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS DECEMBER 15

Everyone is invited! Come to the Academy Christmas Programs on **Thursday, December 15**, in the First Pres Sanctuary. Downtown campus classes (K2–K6) will perform at 9:30am. Shannon Forest campus classes (K3–5th grade) will perform at 6:00pm.

*Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### NEW MEMBER WEEKEND JANUARY 20-21

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next *Discover First* New Member Weekend **Friday–Saturday, January 20-21**. 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](mailto:lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley ([cripley@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cripley@firstpresgreenville.org)). Register at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) (Events tab).

*Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### ALL MEN INVITED TO THURSDAY GATHERINGS

- **Bible, Fellowship, & Breakfast each Thursday, 7:30–9:00am** (Formal Dining Room). Study the Bible one book at a time, currently in *Deuteronomy*. Optional breakfast (\$4) is at 8:30am. Contact Carl Evans ([carl.h.evans@gmail.com](mailto:carl.h.evans@gmail.com), 770.5647).
- **Christian Men's Fellowship each Thursday, 12:00–1:15pm** (Fellowship Hall on November 3). On **Thursday, December 8**, Rev. Carey Hedgpeth will share "My Savior and my Lord," considering what it means to be a serious Christian. RSVP for lunch (\$8) to Charlotte Joye, [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

**Note:** Men's groups will not meet December 22-29.

*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](http://Class.perspectives.org/Visitor/Public.aspx?ClassId=435539).

For scholarship information, contact Brian Stewart, [bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org) or 565.0922.

*Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson*

### TUESDAY EVENING HEALING & PRAYER

The *Healing & Prayer Service* is held each **Tuesday** at 7:00pm in Harper Prayer Chapel. Come and receive God's love, peace, hope, and healing through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit. Please note that the *Healing & Prayer Service* will *not* be held on **December 20 or December 27**, but will resume weekly on **Tuesday, January 3, 2023**.

*Women's Ministry, Leah Cloud*

### DECEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

**Thursday, December 8**, 6:30pm

#3 Firebirds Wood Fired Grill  
(1025 Woodruff Road 29607)

**Friday, December 9**, 10:00am

#9 Rolling Green Village Blue Ridge Room C

**Tuesday, December 13**

#6 10:30am • FPC Room B315

#7 10:30am • Cascades Verdae Community

#10 11:00am • FPC Formal Dining Room

**Tuesday, December 27**, 11:30am

#1 Foothills Retirement Community

*Worship & Music, Susan Messer*

### CHRISTMAS@FIRST DECEMBER 10 AND 11

Glorify our Savior's birth through music of the Christmas season, both secular and sacred. "**Glory to God in the Highest**" is the theme of this year's Christmas@First concert. 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, piano quartet, our Children's Choirs, and the Resonate! student ensemble. Audience members are invited to join in singing favorite Christmas carols. \$10 tickets are available at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) and during the week at the church reception desk. *A nursery is available for the Saturday 3:00pm concert.*

## Announcements

### VISIT FIRSTPRESCHRISTMAS.COM

Visit [FirstPresChristmas.com](http://FirstPresChristmas.com) to find answers to your questions about FPC Advent Sundays, Christmas Concert, and Christmas Eve services.

### MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Open to all covenant partners in the congregation, FPC's Ministry Development Course (MDC) is great preparation for individuals with a zeal for Transforming the Heart of the City. It is a also prerequisite for nomination as an elected church officer, as well as a valuable resource for all members. You are invited to attend one of the two orientation meetings: **Wednesday, January 4** (6:00–7:30pm, Room B301), or **Sunday, January 8** (9:00–10:30am, Formal Dining Room).

Course participants will meet once a month on either Sundays or Wednesdays beginning in mid-February and will dive deeply into such topics as Discipleship and Leadership Basics, Spiritual Gifting, ECO Essential Tenets and Polity, Evangelism, and FPC's Strategic Vision. Register for the course at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) (MDC icon) or contact Autumn Clark ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)). Contact Brian Stewart ([bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org)) for more details.

### 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

### BAPTISMS (November 27, 2022)

**Annelise Jane Parr** and **Calhoun Boyd Parr**, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Allen Parr (Ashley)

## 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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org) (Poinsettias icon) 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, DECEMBER 4

*Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)*

**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/Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)**

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

**11:15am • Wit & Wisdom Christmas (Fellowship Hall)**

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

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

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

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

**6:00pm • Christmas Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)**

• Divorce Care (Room D210)

**6:15pm • Children's Choirs Dress Rehearsal (C205)**

• Study: *Exodus* (Room B314)

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

• Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

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

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

**6:00pm • Christmas Choir/Orchestra Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)**

**6:30pm • Circle #3 (Off campus)**

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

*Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)*

**3:00pm • Christmas@First Concert (Sanctuary)**

**7:00pm • Christmas@First Concert (Sanctuary)**

## Looking Ahead

December 6 Wit & Wisdom Christmas Extravaganza Celebration

\* December 10 Christmas@First Concerts  
3:00pm, 7:00pm

\* December 11 Christmas@First Concert  
3:00pm

**TICKETS (\$10): Reception Desk & Online**

\* December 13 Service of Remembrance

December 15 Academy Christmas Programs

\* December 24 Christmas Eve Services

2:00pm Afternoon Service (traditional)

4:00pm Children's Service (new time)

7:00pm Candlelight Service (modern)

11:00pm Watchnight Service (traditional)

\* December 25 Christmas Day Worship  
11:00am

January 1, 2023 New Year's Day Worship  
10:45am Ignite, 11:00am

**\* VISIT FIRSTPRESCHRISTMAS.COM FOR MORE DETAILS.**



# This SUNDAY

## Sunday Worship

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am Worship • *Sanctuary*

10:45am IGNITE Worship • *Fellowship Hall*  
"WONDERFUL COUNSELOR"

Isaiah 9:2-6 • Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley

11:00am Worship • *Sanctuary*

"WONDERFUL COUNSELOR"

Isaiah 9:2-6 • Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

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 later in December.



## Live Streaming

### Sunday Traditional Worship

8:30am • Sanctuary

11:00am • Sanctuary

**Live Streaming:**

Facebook page:

*Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville*

FPC YouTube channel: *YouTube.com/*

*FirstPresbyterianChurchofGreenville*

*FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream*

### Sunday IGNITE Modern Worship

10:45am • Fellowship Hall

**Live Streaming:**

Ignite Facebook page:

*Facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/*

Ignite YouTube channel: *YouTube.com/*

*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).

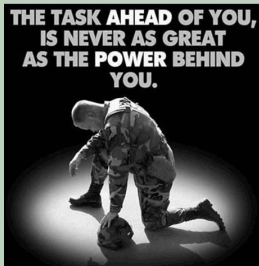
### PRAYER REQUEST LINES

**Congregational Care Director**

*Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943*

**Prayer Appointments:** 565.0960

**Prayer Requests:** 565.0970



### MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER

*FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military*

## 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, **Donna McCoy**, 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

December 4–10, 2022

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*For more information about the ministry  
of FPC, visit [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org)*

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### TELEVISION

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

### ONLINE GIVING



*"Comfort ye, comfort ye My people," saith your God.*

ISAIAH 40:1

*Service of  
Remembrance*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13  
6:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY

*All are invited*

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 will be served  
immediately following the service.*

December 4–10, 2022

THE GRAPEVINE

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