

Ministry News

Activities Ministry

TRAVEL TO AMISH COUNTRY APRIL 18-22, 2022

Fly to Baltimore and travel by deluxe motorcoach to Lancaster, PA, where you'll spend four nights at Holiday Inn historic downtown Lancaster. The trip will feature a tour of Amish farmland country, lunch in an Amish home, the Sight and Sound Theater production of *David*, Gettysburg National Military Park, Eisenhower National Historic Site, a guided tour of Philadelphia's historic sites, a visit to Baltimore's National Aquarium, and lunch at Amicci's in Baltimore's Little Italy.

Cost of \$1789 (Double Occupancy) \$2089 (Single Occupancy) includes airfare, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all admissions, daily full hot breakfast at the hotel, three lunch or dinner meals, and gratuities. *Space is limited.* To register, send \$500 deposit to FPC, Attention: Registrar.

VISIT THE HOLY LAND WITH DR. GIBBONS SEPTEMBER 11-20, 2022

A visit to Israel is an unforgettable experience as you walk where Jesus walked and experience the land as He saw it. Our trip includes Bethlehem, Masada, the Dead Sea, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, ancient Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Garden Tomb. Your understanding of the life and ministry of Christ will change forever as the Bible comes alive. We are delighted to again have the expertise and experience of guide George Maskubi for our exploration of the Holy Land. *Eleven spaces are available.* For details and registration, go to Biblical-journeys.com/0922graham. Brochures and registration forms are also available at the front desk.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

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).

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 lasts through **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 & Outreach, Brian Stewart

MENTORS WANTED AT HOLLIS

Are you willing to invest in the life of a child at Hollis Academy, making a difference in a lasting way that will impact our community and future generations? View the "Hollis Moment for Missions" video about mentoring at Vimeo.com/firstpresgreenville. Contact Russell Guest (russellguest@guestbrady.com) for more information.

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, scan this QR code. Follow @firstpresworship on Instagram for the most up-to-date information on where to hear "Shepherd Song" on **December 3!**



Senior Adult Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

WIT & WISDOM JANUARY 4

Bring a friend and join us on **Tuesday, January 4**, 11:30am–1:30pm in Fellowship Hall, for our program, fellowship, and lunch. You'll be dazzled by hits from Broadway, performed by our very own First Pres musicians! RSVP by the **noon deadline of Friday, December 24**, to Susan Stewart (565.0966, ss 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!

Worship & Music Ministry, Susan Messer

"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 icon) **and at the reception desk.**

Announcements

VISIT FIRSTPRESCHRISTMAS.COM

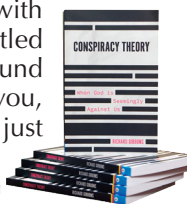
Visit FirstPresChristmas.com to find answers to your questions about FPC Advent Sundays, Christmas Concert, and Christmas Eve services.

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. After this Sunday, directories will be for sale in the Vineyard

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.



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DR. STEWART

In his sermon on November 28, Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart referred to two books to help you navigate discussions in today's culture. Find them at a local bookstore or online.

- *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions*, by Gregory Koukl
- *Cultural Intelligence: Living for God in a Diverse, Pluralistic World*, by Darrell L. Bock

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!*

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

BAPTISM (November 28, 2021)

William Clark Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Craig Foster (Hope)

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

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 & Programs (birth–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)

4:00pm • Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

8:30am • Women: Discerning (Room 305)

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

6:30pm • Service of Remembrance (Sanctuary)

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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 9

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)

6:00pm • Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30pm • Circle #3 (Off campus)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

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

Looking Ahead

December 7 Service of Remembrance:
6:30pm

December 10 Christmas@First Concert:
7:00pm

December 11 Christmas@First Concerts:
3:00pm, 7:00pm
TICKETS (\$10): Reception Desk & Online

December 24 Christmas Eve Services:
2:00pm: Afternoon Service (traditional)
5:00pm: Children's Service
7:30pm: Candlelight Service (modern)
11:00pm: Watchnight Service (traditional)

FirstPresChristmas.com

This SUNDAY

PRAYER List

Sunday Worship

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 2021

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

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons
“ELIZABETH AND ZECHARIAH”
Luke 1:5-25

9:30am – 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/](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/)

[FirstPresIgnite/](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).

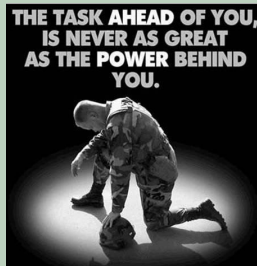
PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director

Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943

Prayer Appointments: 565.0960

Prayer Requests: 565.0970



MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER
FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military

Bill Anthony, Anne Boroughs, Joy Clawson, Ryan Crais, Levi Daniel, Nancy Deadwyler, Franky Dillard, Gayle Duggan, Pat Dukes, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Mary Gladys Gilstrap, 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

WEDNESDAY

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

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



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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



December 5–11, 2021

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

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

ISAIAH 40:1

Service of
Remembrance

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
6:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY
LED BY DR. RICHARD GIBBONS

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.

*To reserve childcare, contact Evelyn Penkert:
565.0963 or epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org*

For more details, please contact Tammy Burkhalter: tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org or 565.0943

December 5–11, 2021

THE GRAPEVINE

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