

## Ministry News

### *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](mailto:tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org)). We appreciate your generous donations!

### *First Presbyterian Academy, Tom Roe*

#### ACADEMY DOWNTOWN PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

First Presbyterian Academy Downtown has opened **priority enrollment** for our current families (K2-K6) as of December 2. Open enrollment for all begins Wednesday, January 8. For details, contact Claudette Oliver at 235.0122.

### *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 the class 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](http://GreenvilleEve.CBSclass.org), or contact Doug Harper ([dharperdhs@gmail.com](mailto:dharperdhs@gmail.com)).

### *Missions, Brian Stewart*

#### UNITED MINISTRIES COAT GIVEAWAY

United Ministries, a First Pres mission partner, is collecting coats through **Friday, December 13**, for their annual coat giveaway. They need men's and women's all-weather coats (especially large sizes), clean children's coats, and men's gloves and hats. Please bring items to the UM Administrative Building, 606 Pendleton Street, 8:00am–5:00pm Monday–Thursday, or 8:00am–12:00noon Friday. Thank you!

### *Music & Worship Arts, Tom Barrett*

#### FPC HOSTS MUSIC EVENTS IN DECEMBER

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

- **Greenville Youth Chorale presents "Believe!" Saturday, December 7 • 3:00pm • Sanctuary**  
Purchase tickets at [GreenvilleYouthChorale.com/tickets/](http://GreenvilleYouthChorale.com/tickets/).
- **American Guild of Organists presents a concert of Christmas Carols**

At the first Christmas, angel voices filled the air with praise to celebrate the birth of Jesus. On **Tuesday, December 10**, at 7:30pm, the Sanctuary will fill with majestic carols and gentle lullabies celebrating traditional Christmas carols played on the pipe organ. All are invited to join their voices in this sing-along of seasonal hymns to prepare your hearts for the season.

### *Singles Ministry*

#### CSI SINGLES DINNER DECEMBER 13

The next *Christian Singles Interacting* dinner will be at Fried Green Tomatoes (1175 Woods Crossing Road) on **Friday, December 13**, at 6:00pm. All singles are welcome! Contact Dave Preuninger ([davidpreuninger@charter.net](mailto:davidpreuninger@charter.net)) by **December 11** to reserve your place at the table.

### *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](http://FirstPresGreenville.org).

### *Women's Ministry, Claire Ripley*

#### DECEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

##### Tuesday, December 10

- #6 10:30am • Cascades Verdae Community
- #7 10:30am • Cascades Verdae Community
- #8 10:30am • FPC Room 212
- #10 11:00am • FPC Formal Dining Room

##### Thursday, December 12

- #2 6:00pm • FPC Formal Dining Room
- #3 6:15pm • Bangkok Tokyo Restaurant, 599 Haywood Road 29607

##### Friday, December 13, 10:00am

- #9 Rolling Green Village Palmetto Conf Rm A

##### Tuesday, December 17, 11:30am

- #1 Foothills Retirement Community

## Announcements

#### POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE SUNDAY

Help decorate our church for Christmas by ordering poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. Order online at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org), or fill out a form from the literature racks or bulletins. Orders are due **this Sunday, December 8**.



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. CLAIRE RIPLEY

Rev. Claire Ripley successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on November 12 at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte. Please join us in congratulating the Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley!

#### EXCITING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



The chiller that provides cooling for the Sanctuary, Gym, and many of the classrooms on that side of our campus, currently located in the Symmes-Wilson building, has far exceeded its useful life, having last been replaced over 30 years ago. To ensure that we will have cooling for our facilities by spring, a new chiller will be installed during the early winter. This new chiller will eventually be mounted on the new Worship & Arts Center and Gym, but must be placed in a temporary location during construction.

You will soon see construction in the alley between the Symmes-Wilson building and the Sanctuary, where the new chiller will temporarily reside. The alley will become one-way, entering from Washington Street, beginning in early January, and the handicap parking spots will be angled to enable easier parking. Please help us to ensure a safe transition by following the new directional signs. Let's celebrate the beginning of *Transforming the Heart of the City*!

#### 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, please contact Tina Jones ([tjones@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:tjones@firstpresgreenville.org)). We are seeking one more king, one doctor/dentist, one fireman, and a military/police officer. This commitment requires one rehearsal on **December 18** (6:00pm) and arrival at 3:00pm on **December 24**.

#### SUPPORT FPC WITH AMAZONSMILE

Amazon will donate a percentage to First Presbyterian Church of Greenville if you go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0349216](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0349216) before you begin shopping. You will see "amazonsmile" in the top left hand corner of the screen and it will show "Supporting: First Presbyterian Church of Greenville." Thank you for taking this small step to increase support for First Pres.

#### DATA ENTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy deciphering handwriting and checking boxes on a computer screen? Are you available on Monday mornings around 9:30am for about two to three hours? Are you a member in good standing? If so, you may be suited to be a Worship Data Entry Volunteer in 2020! Please contact Barbara Seibel for more information at 672.1754 or [bseibel@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bseibel@firstpresgreenville.org).

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones on **Sunday, December 29**, contact Joyce Galloway (235.0496).

## Member News

#### BAPTISMS (December 1, 2019)

**Katherine "Kate" Judith Hill**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Hill (Kristin)

**Frank Benjamin Rieser**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matthew Rieser (Sara)

#### SYMPATHY

*The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lusk (Nancy) and family** in the death of her brother, Michael Geris of Solvang, CA, on November 12.

**Rev. and Mrs. Tim Leslie (Cathy) and family** in the death of her mother, Margaret M. Murphy of Greenville, on November 27.

## Calendar for the Week

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 8

**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 (Sanctuary)

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

• Christmas@First Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00pm • Youth Small Groups (off campus)

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

6:00pm • Diaconate Meeting (Formal Dining Room)

6:15pm • Community Bible Study Dessert (Parlor)

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

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

10:30am • Circle #6 (Cascades Verdae Community)

• Circle #7 (Cascades Verdae Community)

• Circle #8 (Room 212)

11:00am • Circle #10 (Formal Dining Room)

6:30pm • Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

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

7:30pm • Organists Guild Christmas Carols Concert (Sanctuary)

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)**

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

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

• Cherub/Carol Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30pm • Christmas@First Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

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

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

**Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)**

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

*Gospel of John* (Formal Dining Room)

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

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

6:00pm • Circle #2 (Formal Dining Room)

6:30pm • Circle #3 (Off campus)

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

10:00am • Bulletin Stuffing (Room 217)

• Circle #9 (Rolling Green Village)

6:30pm • Christmas@First Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

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

**6:30pm • Christmas@First Concert (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)



#### CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL

**Monday, December 24**

**10:30–11:00pm**

View our Christmas Eve Television Special on WHNS-TV Fox Carolina

[FirstPresChristmas.com](http://FirstPresChristmas.com)



Worship

DECEMBER 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am and 11:00am Worship

10:45am IGNITE Modern Worship

Advent Series: "PREPARE HIM ROOM"

1 John 1:1-4

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

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 8th

Connections Greeter Team

8:30 Service (8:10am): Chad Brown (Portico); Ann Crider (Loggia); George & Lou Creswell (Memorial Hall); Beverly Brown (Sanctuary)

Sunday School (9:25am): Millard & Margaret Goodnough (Portico); Nat & Dawn Stewart (Loggia); Trey Suggs (Choir); Chad Brown (Academy)

Ignite (10:25am): Doane August, Todd Ripley (Fellowship Hall Courtyard); John, Jean, James, & Kate Baldwin (Fellowship Hall Stairwell); Jud & Lysle Wiley (Fellowship Hall Connect Table)

11:00 Service (10:40am): Sanford & Heather Ware (Portico); Kathy McGee, Gundy Stewart (Loggia); Muff Harner (Memorial Hall); Jim Watson (Sanctuary); Elizabeth Etheridge (Choir); OPEN (Washington/Richardson)

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

Nursery: (9:15) Eli & Mollie Murphy, Barb Fountain, Faith Fountain, Bobby & Priscilla Hoffman, Jen Pestrak, Brandon & Mary Dean; (10:30) Janet & Kathleen Schultz, Brantley & Austin Goforth, NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS

2K: (9:15) Landrum & Ro Knight;  
(10:30) Anna & Long Huynh-Duc

3K: (9:15) Betty Milligan, Cathy Castle, Sandra Freeman; (10:30) Nicole & Jimmy Swiger

4K: (9:15) Joy Wagner, Betty Farr;  
(10:30) Jamie Bach, Stella Ramsey

5K: (9:15) Jeanette Terry, Melissa Copeland;  
(10:30) Nick & Caroline Reinhardt

1st-2nd Grade Large Group: Jill Perone

1st Grade: Heather Ware, Nicole Swiger

2nd Grade: Beverly Bell, Jill Perone

3rd-5th Grade Large Group: Beth Plyler

3rd Grade: Beth & Wes Plyler

4th Grade: Carl Evans, Kathy McGee

5th Grade Girls: Quin & Angie Hatfield

5th Grade Boys: Liza & Marshall Barron

Kids Church: (10:30) Nick & Caroline Reinhardt

Check-in: Pam Batson, Staff

Station Leaders: Sam Howard, John LaFoy, Betty Farr, Anna Hewitt

Join the Children's Ministry Team!  
Contact Heather Tomlinson • 672.0337  
htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org

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, Ronnie Shirley, 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

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director

Tammy Burkhalter: 672.0327

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

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

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— featuring —

Soloists from the  
Metropolitan Opera,  
New York City Opera,  
and regional favorites

FPC Sanctuary Choir

FPC Youth and  
Children's Choirs

Full orchestra,  
including members  
of the South Carolina  
Philharmonic,  
the Greenville  
Symphony,  
and the FPC Orchestra