

## 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) 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 for food, fun, and laughter! Bring a \$10 gift for a game. *Questions?* Contact Autumn Clark ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@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 on **Saturday, December 17**, at 3:00pm and 7:30pm. 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.

*First Pres Nursery School, Beth Plyler*

### SUMMER@1ST SUMMER CAMPS JUNE–JULY

Summer@1st is designed for *infants through rising K4* for the months of **June and July**. Flexible registration and sibling discounts are available. Campers can attend 2, 3, or 5 days per week, and you choose the weeks that work for your family. Registration opens **Wednesday, January 4, 2023**, at [FirstPresNurserySchool.org](http://FirstPresNurserySchool.org). *Questions?* Contact Beth Plyler, Summer@1st Director ([bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bplyler@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*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). Optional breakfast (\$4) is at 8:30am.
- **Christian Men's Fellowship** each **Thursday, 12:00–1:15pm** (Formal Dining Room). Lunch (\$8); RSVP to Charlotte Joye, [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

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

*Missions, Brian Stewart*

### HOLLIS CHRISTMAS STORE THANK YOU!

Our 10th annual Hollis Christmas Store was a huge success! Thank you for your generous giving and for the volunteers who worked in the store. We were able to serve 70 families, representing close to 150 children. The Hollis Ministry Team is beyond grateful for your loving and giving hearts! Merry Christmas to each of you!

*Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson*

### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE DECEMBER 13

On **Tuesday, December 13**, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary, all are invited to a beautiful candlelight service led by our pastors to honor and remember loved ones who will be especially missed during the Christmas season. The service includes Scripture readings, a time of reflection and meditation, the observance of Holy Communion, special seasonal music, and commemorative candle lighting.

### 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**.

*Worship & Music, Susan Messer*

### CHRISTMAS@FIRST DECEMBER 10 AND 11

"**Glory to God in the Highest**" is this year's Christmas@First concert on **Saturday, December 10**, at 3:00pm and 7:00pm; and **Sunday, December 11**, at 3:00pm. This popular event features our choirs, a full orchestra, and a piano quartet. \$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

### YEAR-END GIVING

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we thank everyone who has given to the operating budget to support the many ministries and activities that bless not only the lives of our members but also others in the community and around the world.

Gifts of cash or checks, appreciated stock and IRA Distributions can be made to the church. The last day to accept 2022 gifts in the office will be **Friday, December 30, 2022**, at noon. If mailed they must be postmarked on or before **December 31, 2022**. If you have questions about giving to FPC, please contact Kristy Service ([kservice@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kservice@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Bobby Hoffman ([bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:bhoffman@firstpresgreenville.org)). On gifts of appreciated stocks, contact Kristy or Bobby to let them know about the gift and make sure you receive proper credit. Further details are in brochures in the literature racks. *Thank you for giving generously!*

### CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

**General Operations** July 1 – October 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget
<b>Contributions</b>	\$2,165,739	\$1,990,083
<b>Expenses</b>	\$2,315,489	\$2,358,087
<b>Net income</b>	\$ <149,750>	\$ <368,004>

**Capital Campaign** *Transforming the Heart of the City*

<b>Commitments</b>	\$21,831,913
<b>Collected</b>	\$20,181,913

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

### 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 also a 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). 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.

## Member News

### BAPTISM (December 4, 2022)

**Eliza Prosis**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas James Prosis (Courtney)

### SYMPATHY

*The pastors and congregation express sympathy to* **Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson (June)** in the death of his stepmother, Allene P. Anderson of Greenville, on November 26.

**Mr. and Mrs. Zach Nabers (Evelyn)** in the death of his brother, Edward Means Nabers of Greenville, on November 28.

## 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.

Poinsettia plants cost \$20 each. Orders are due by **Monday, December 12**.

## Memorials & Honors

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*In memory of*

**Dr. Woodrow W. Long Jr.** by Mrs. Bobbie Jo Long

### CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of*

**Langdon S. Ligon Jr.** by Paul and Susan Grier; First Presbyterian Church Foundation

**Nancy Thomason** by Mrs. Sally Russell

### MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

*In memory of*

**Malcolm Floyd** by Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin

**Nancy Thomason** by Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin

**Elizabeth Williams** by Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin

## Calendar for the Week

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

*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 • Christmas@First Concert** (Sanctuary)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

**10:30am • Circle #6** (Room B303)

**10:30am • Circle #7** (Off campus: Cascades)

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

**6:30pm • Service of Remembrance** (Sanctuary)

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

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

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

*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)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

## Looking Ahead

\* 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](http://FIRSTPRESCHRISTMAS.COM)**

**FOR MORE DETAILS.**



# This SUNDAY

## PRAYER List

### Sunday Worship

DECEMBER 11, 2022  
Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am Worship • *Sanctuary*  
11:00am Worship • *Sanctuary*  
"MIGHTY GOD"

Isaiah 9:1-6 • Rev. Stan Johnson

10:45am IGNITE Worship • *Fellowship Hall*  
"MIGHTY GOD"

Isaiah 9:1-6 • 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).

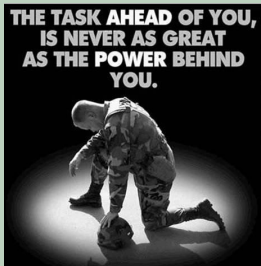
#### PRAYER REQUEST LINES

##### Congregational Care Director

*Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943*

**Prayer Appointments:** 565.0960

**Prayer Requests:** 565.0970



#### MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER

*FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military*

June Anderson, Bill Anthony, Doane August, Susan Bennett, Randy Best, Jane Brennecke, Tom Brissey, John Burnett Jr., Sarah Chapman, Joy Clawson, 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, 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, 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, Don Youatt, Jan Zimmermann

**Bold** = New

*Italics* = In Hospital

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

December 11–17, 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



December 11–17, 2022

## Christmas Eve Services ♦ Saturday, December 24 ♦ Sanctuary

### 2:00pm Afternoon Service

Come enjoy this traditional service of  
Scripture readings, music by the FPC choir  
and instrumentalists, and a Christmas message  
by Dr. Richard Gibbons.



### 4:00pm Children's Service

Bring your little ones and come early for a  
seat. We'll sing favorite carols, enjoy music by  
the Children's choir, light the Advent candle,  
and experience a live nativity. Senior Pastor  
Dr. Richard Gibbons will lead the service.  
*A nursery is available.*



### 7:00pm Candlelight Service

Your family will enjoy this service of Scripture  
readings and carols with music by our Ignite  
Worship team. Rev. Stan Johnson will give a  
Christmas message. The service will conclude  
with candle lighting as we sing "Silent Night."  
*A nursery is available.*



### 11:00pm Watchnight Service

We'll sing traditional carols and enjoy music by  
the FPC choir and instrumentalists. Rev. Stan  
Johnson will give a Christmas message and the  
service will conclude with candle lighting as we  
welcome Christmas Day.

*Visit [FirstPresChristmas.com](http://FirstPresChristmas.com) for livestream and more details.*

# THE GRAPEVINE

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