

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, the Sight and Sound Theater production of *David*, a guided tour of Philadelphia's historic sites, a visit to Baltimore's National Aquarium, and other sites. For details, visit FirstPresGreenville.org (*Featured Events*), or pick up a flier at the reception desk. *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. For details and registration, go to Biblical-journeys.com/0922graham. Brochures and registration forms are available at the reception desk.

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.

Congregational Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

REGISTER FOR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Facilitator Brenda McMinn understands what you are going through and wants to help. You'll gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. The next session begins on **Wednesday, January 12**, 6:00–8:00pm in the Staff Conference Room (261). Register by **January 4** with Susan Stewart (565.0966, ss Stewart@firstpresgreenville.org). Space is limited. There is no charge to attend; workbooks are \$15, payable at the first class.

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 details.

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, and 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.**

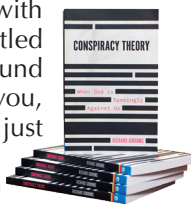
Announcements

PRINTED FPC DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian Church Directories have arrived! They are available for purchase in the Vineyard bookstore for \$15.

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.



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!*

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Evander Boyd (Ashley) on the birth of a daughter, Mary Hayes Boyd, on July 16.
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Barrington (Caroline) on the birth of a son, Edward Lambert Barrington, on November 14.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin McGrath IV (Mary Jacqueline) on the birth of a daughter, Emma Leigh McGrath, on November 19, and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jerry O'Neal (Jennifer).

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation express sympathy to
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Belleman (Amy) in the death of her brother, Jerry Plaggemars of Holland, MI, on December 3.

Looking Ahead

December 10 & 11:

Christmas@First Concerts

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

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 (*Events, Featured Events*), or fill out a form from the literature racks.

Orders are due by Monday, December 13.

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH HONOR & MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of

Albert L. Johnson III by Fran Goodale and Ty Parker

In memory of

Betty Seward by Mrs. Dee McGowan

Eugenia Dillard by Bev and Bob Howard; Fran and Stuart Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe E. Hughes III; Mr. and Mrs. O. Perry Earle III; T. F. Huguenin Jr.; Bob and Christie Nachman

Thomas Howard Suitt by Lee and Nancy Bennett

MISSIONS FUND

In memory of

Gaile Patrick by Whit and Suzanne Jordan

PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In honor of

Ewan Sweeney by the Diaconate

In memory of

Frances Woodside by Mrs. Dee McGowan

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of

Gaile Patrick by Danny and Sallie White

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Betty Farry Benson by Lisa and Rip VanRiper

Charles Reid by Dr. Alexander Patrick

Frances Woodside by the R.N. Ward Class

Frank Towers Rice Sr. by Lisa and Rip Van Riper

Gaile Patrick by Tim and A.B. Stewart; the R.N.

Ward Class

Linda Perry by the Covenant Class

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

8:30am • Women: Discerning (Room 305)

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

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

5:45pm • Junior High ROOTS (Rooms 352, 354)

6:30pm • Radiance Women (20s-30s) (Off campus)

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

This SUNDAY

Sunday Worship

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 12, 2021

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

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

“THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST”
Luke 1:57-66

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

THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU,
IS NEVER AS GREAT
AS THE POWER BEHIND
YOU.



MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER

FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military

PRAYER List

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, **Marianne Graves**,
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, **Margaret
Thornton**, 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 soon.



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TELEVISION

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

ONLINE GIVING



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

You are invited to First Pres
*Christmas Eve
Services*

Friday, December 24
★
Sanctuary

2:00pm Afternoon Service

During this traditional service, we will enjoy
Scripture readings and special music by choir and
instrumentalists that celebrate the birth of Christ. Dr.
Gibbons will give a Christmas message.

5:00pm Children’s Service

We’ll sing favorite carols, enjoy special music by the
Youth Choir, light the Advent candle, and experience
a live nativity. Senior Pastor Dr. Richard Gibbons will
give a children’s message and all children in attendance
will receive a special gift. *A nursery is available.*



7:00pm Candlelight Service

Your family will enjoy this service
of Scripture readings and carols
with wonderful Christmas music.
Dr. Gibbons will give a Christmas
message. *A nursery is available.*

11:00pm Watchnight Service

We’ll sing traditional carols and
enjoy special music by choir and
instrumentalists. Dr. Gibbons
will give a Christmas message.

Visit FirstPresChristmas.com for livestream and more details.

THE GRAPEVINE

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