

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR SUNDAYS

Parents, please remember to register your children for Sunday School and Kids Church. This helps us to know how many volunteers are needed and to keep ratios low. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/children.

CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Our Wednesday evening activities for children have ended for 2020 and will resume in January 2021.

LAY LEADER NEEDED FOR VBS 2021

Children's Ministry is interviewing for a lay leader for Vacation Bible School 2021—a member with a heart for children and the gift of administration. We would also like to have a lay leader in training for 2022. Contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) if you are interested.

First Presbyterian Academy, Jenna Bagnoli

FIRST PRES ACADEMY POSITION AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian Academy Downtown has a position open for Late Stay Teacher. The hours are 2:00–5:30pm, Monday–Friday. If you are interested, please contact Vicky Burr at vburr@firstpresacademy.com for details.

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Wednesday Bible Studies, classes, and meals for 2020 will resume in January 2021. Watch for dates and details.

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us. If you would like to learn more about FPC ministries, get connected to a Bible Study or Life Group, or request prayer, please visit FirstPresGreenville.org/connectcard or text “Connect” to 864.920.5323, and complete the online card. *Questions?* Contact Charlotte (565.0956, cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

Membership Ministry, Claire Ripley

NEW MEMBER WEEKEND JANUARY 22, 23, 24

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next New Member Weekend **Friday-Sunday, January 22-24**. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! Childcare is available upon request. For details, contact Autumn Clark (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley, (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org).

Missions & Evangelism, Brian Stewart

WANTED: MISSIONARIES FOR APARTMENT LIFE

FPC has partnered with Apartment Life, an outreach organization that interviews, trains, and places CARES Teams (two friends, couples, or families) into a local apartment community to engage residents through monthly events, visits, and practical expressions of Christian love. If you or someone you know is passionate about building community and living a missional life right here in downtown Greenville, and could benefit from a reduced-rent apartment, please check out ApartmentLife.org or email Luke Barrett (apartmentlife.org, 980.277.1270). For more details, contact Brian Stewart, bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org.

Music & Worship Arts

CHRISTMAS@FIRST DECEMBER 12



“And Heaven and Nature Sing” is the celebratory theme of *Christmas@First* 2020, to be performed **Saturday, December 12**, at 2:00pm and 6:00pm. This 90-minute concert event for all ages includes a delightful variety of Christmas music performed by the First Presbyterian Church choir, chamber orchestra, guest soloists, and a piano quartet. A limited number of tickets are still available both in the Vineyard and at FirstPresGreenville.org for both concerts. The concerts will be live-streamed at no charge at FirstPresChristmas.com. *Questions?* Contact Susan Messer (smesser@firstpresgreenville.org).

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REPORT

At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 6, the congregation voted to:

- receive the resignation of Rev. Tim Leslie
- approve the Pastors' Terms of Call
- approve changes to the Bylaws of the Corporation.
- elect the following ordained church officers and Foundation Board of Directors:

ELDERS: John Bruch, Jim Childs, David Dixon, Dave Forry, Randy Fowler, Carlton Manley, Mark Massingill, Alex McNair, Jim Privette, Ted Quantz, Mack Ward

DEACONS: Chad Brown, Ken Chapman, Jamie Daniel, Roger Stoddard, Trey Suggs, Jimmy Swiger, Keith Powell, Ann Templeton, Brianna Wallace

FPC FOUNDATION BOARD: Anne Bailey, Cal Hurst, Todd Ripley

YEAR-END GIVING

Gifts of cash, check, appreciated stock, and IRA distributions can be made to the church to benefit the ministries and missions that we support. The last day that we will accept 2020 gifts in the office will be **Thursday, December 31**, at 12:30pm. *Questions?* Pick up a *Year-end Giving* brochure from the literature racks or contact Kristy Service, Contributions Administrator (565.0929, kservice@firstpresgreenville.org).

COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2021

If you have not already done so, please mail your commitment card to the church, drop it by the church office, or make your pledge online at FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Give, Pledge—Operations*). Contact Kristy Service (565.0929, kservice@firstpresgreenville.org) if you have questions. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

THE VINEYARD BOOKSTORE IS OPEN!

Sunday • 9:00am–12:30pm

Monday–Thursday • 9:00am–1:00pm

For Christmas, birthday, and everyday gifts, come to the First Pres Vineyard bookstore! Gift ideas include ornaments, Christian books, stationery, jewelry, soaps and lotions, scarves, home décor items, and Vineyard gift certificates. Contact Stacey at 565.0920 with any questions or to schedule an appointment. *For book recommendations by Dr. Gibbons, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/visit/vineyard-bookstore.*

Memorials & Honors

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of

Rose Graham by the Agape Class

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Dottie Cole by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennecke

John Satterthwaite by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drake; Dr. and Mrs. C. David Williams

Rose Graham by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennecke

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY

In memory of

Rose Graham by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Manley; John and Terry Richey; Phil and Shelby Williams; Mr. and Mrs. James Williams; Ms. Betty T. Parker; Mrs. Polly Martin

Earle Russell by Jeff and Ashley Shramek; Corinna and Ted Mann; Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin; Mr. Henry P. Goodwin, Jr.; Art and Sally Seaver; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sowinski; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Page; Mr. Bubba Watts; Mr. John Cooter; Betsy and Tad League; Susan and David Wilkins; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Freeman; Jim and Toni Childers; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carter; Joe and Bobbi Swann; Mr. and Mrs. William B. Sykes; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dixon; Dr. and Mrs. C. David Williams; Lee and Nancy Bennett; Jo and Lee Cox; Mr. Braxton Cutchin; Jane and Penn Craver; Allen and Randy Armstrong; Mr. and Mrs. James Williams; Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. Alpert; Dwight and Lee Odom; Jim and Christy Hill; Allen and Agnes Bruce; Mark and Ann Hendrix; Marion Armstrong



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, or fill out a form from the literature racks.

Orders are due Monday, December 14.

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to **Mr. and Mrs. Long Huynh-Duc (Anna)** on the birth of a son, Micah Huynh-Duc, on December 3, and to grandparents Mr. and Mrs. David Quast (Nancy).

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Brent Hoffman (Leslie)** in the death of her father, Robert “Rob” McElrath of Taylors, SC, on November 30, and to Blythe Hoffman in the death of her grandfather.

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Please arrive 15-20 minutes early for screening.

8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary, live stream)

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 14

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

9:00am • Men's Bible, Fellowship, & Breakfast (Zoom)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Looking Ahead

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)

TICKETS (*free of charge*) are available in the Vineyard bookstore and online at FirstPresChristmas.com

December 27 Worship Services:

10:45am (Ignite), 11:00am (traditional)

Each Adult Sunday Life Group will decide whether to meet. Kids Church only; no Sunday School for Children or Youth.

January 3 Worship Services:

8:30am, 10:45am (Ignite), 11:00am

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at all services.

This SUNDAY

Sunday Worship

DECEMBER 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

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

“AND THE SOUL FELT ITS WORTH”

Luke 1:1-4, 26-38

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Live Stream Sunday Morning Worship

For updates, visit
FirstPresGreenville.org/media/livestream
and FPC’s Facebook page.

Live Streaming

Sunday Traditional Worship

8:30am–9:35am • Sanctuary

11:00am–12:15pm • Sanctuary

Live Streaming: Facebook, YouTube, and
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/FirstPresIgnite/>

Ignite YouTube page:

<http://bit.ly/firstpresigniteworship>

Please “like” & “subscribe” for easy access.

Christmas@First Concerts

December 12: 2:00pm, 6:00pm

Live Streaming: Facebook, YouTube, and
FirstPresGreenville.org/media/livestream

Christmas Eve Services

December 24: 2:00, 5:00, 7:30, 11:00pm

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FirstPresChristmas.com

Prayer & Care

Encouragement & Support

If you would like a **Prayer Minister** to call and pray with you, or a member of our **Cancer Caring Ministry** to reach out to you, please contact Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter, by email to tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org.

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see the calendar).

To share prayer requests with the Prayer Team:

call **565.0970**

or email

prayer@firstpresgreenville.org

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director

Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943

Prayer Appointments: 565.0960

Prayer Requests: 565.0970

PRAYER List

June Anderson, Dottie Ayers, Alice Bell, Mary Bull Benton, Keith Blackwell, Ann Bush, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Levi Daniel, Peggy Denny, Fred Dickerman, Inge Dickerman, Pat Dukes, Malcolm Floyd, Eddie Gambrell, Becky Garcia, Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Allen Gresham, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Denise Portwood Hofstadter, Freddie Holland, Sherry Hooper, Amy Hunter, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, *Jennifer Loft*, Gerald Loyless, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Bobbie McCall, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Marie Parker, Charlotte Parr, Alan Paramore, Jane Petrilli, Myra Phillips, Marge Robertson, Julie Rhoden, Ken Rhoden, Jeff Shelton, Carol Shirley, Ronnie Shirley, Leah Spears, Gary Spitzer, Libby Stewart, Carrie Stringer, Jackie Thompson, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, Ryan L. Troyer, Betty Usher, Charlene Vohs, John Vohs, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, Jan Zimmerman

Bold = New

Italics = In Hospital

This WEDNESDAY

No Bible Studies, Classes, or Meals

*Wednesday events will resume
in January.*



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TELEVISION

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*

December 13–19, 2020

You are invited to First Pres
Christmas Eve Services
Thursday, 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.*



7:30pm 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.



IN THE SANCTUARY (TICKETS REQUIRED) ★ ALL SERVICES LIVE-STREAMED AT FIRSTPRESCHRISTMAS.COM

Visit FirstPresChristmas.com for tickets and more details ★ Tickets also available in the Vineyard Bookstore

THE GRAPEVINE

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