

## Ministry News

*College Ministry, Mason Simmons*

### COLLEGE PARTY JANUARY 3

College students, save this date for the College Party: **Friday, January 3**, 7:00–9:00pm.

*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, Claire Ripley*

### 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 begins an 18-week study of Mark's gospel, focusing on the servant nature of Christ, on **Monday, January 6**. 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 ([dharpersdhs@gmail.com](mailto:dharpersdhs@gmail.com)).

*Membership Ministry, Claire Ripley*

### NEW MEMBER WEEKEND JANUARY 24, 25, 26

Are you interested in making First Presbyterian your church home? We invite you to attend our next *New Member Weekend* **Friday-Sunday, January 24-26**. Come discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC!

- **January 24**, 6:00–8:30pm: *Your Identity in Christ*
- **January 25**, 8:45am–12:00pm: *What We Believe*
- **January 26**, 3:00–5:30pm: *Join the Journey*

Childcare is available upon request. Register online at [FirstPresGreenville.org](http://FirstPresGreenville.org). For details, contact Autumn Clark ([aclark@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:aclark@firstpresgreenville.org)) or Dr. Claire Ripley, ([cripley@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cripley@firstpresgreenville.org)).

*Music & Worship Arts, Tom Barrett*

### CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERT DECEMBER 14 & 15

This year's Christmas@First concert, *Christmastime in the City*, will be held in the Sanctuary on **Saturday, December 14**, at 3:00pm and 6:30pm; and **Sunday, December 15**, at 3:00pm. Tickets (\$8) are available in the Vineyard bookstore or online from Ticketleap (search for "Christmas@First"). *Questions?* Contact Angela Barrett ([abarrett@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:abarrett@firstpresgreenville.org), 627.1845). Join us!

*Prayer Ministry*

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE & PRAYER JANUARY 8

Join us **Wednesday evening, January 8**, in Fellowship Hall for dinner, fellowship, and a time of praise and prayer for the various ministries and missions of First Pres. Dinner is served at 5:30pm; the praise and prayer program begins at 6:30pm. Prayer is the fuel of our mission, so come and fulfill your important role for our ministries and missions. *Questions?* Contact Rob Hassold, [robhassold.mediation@gmail.com](mailto:robhassold.mediation@gmail.com) or 325.7467.

### TUESDAY PRAYER & PRAISE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Tuesday Evening *Prayer & Praise Service*, held in Harper Chapel each **Tuesday** at 7:00pm, includes Communion and prayers for healing. The service will not be held December 24 or 31, but will resume January 7.

*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 Ministry, Charlie Buchanan*

### ROOTS WEDNESDAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**December 18:** Christmas party/movie night

**December 25 and January 1:** No Roots meetings

**January 8:** Roots resumes on normal schedule

### CONFIRMATION 2020 BEGINS JANUARY 5

Our confirmation class for 2020 will begin January 5, 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).

## Announcements

### 2019 EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

We appreciate all of our staff members, and celebrate these who reached special milestones in 2019:

<b>5 Years</b>	Osvaldo Quinones	Church
	Kate Fagan	Church
	Jim Blanton	Church
<b>10 Years</b>	Brian Stewart	Church
	Barbara Seibel	Church
<b>15 Years</b>	Doreen Bolen	MMO
<b>20 Years</b>	Lynn Johnson	Church
	Tim Leslie	Church
<b>25 Years</b>	Charlotte Joye	Church

### DECEMBER 29 SCHEDULE

On **Sunday, December 29**, our worship services will be at 10:45am (Ignite) in Fellowship Hall and 11:00am in the Sanctuary. Adult Sunday School is optional; please check with your class. Childcare will be available for ages 5 and under during the Sunday School hour in the Nursery Suite. Kids Church will run as normal starting at 10:30am.

### 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 2019 gifts in the office will be **Tuesday, December 31**, at 12:30pm. *Questions?* Pick up a *Year-end Giving* brochure from the literature racks or contact Kristy Service, Contributions Administrator (672.7036, [kservice@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:kservice@firstpresgreenville.org)).

### THE VINEYARD HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Vineyard bookstore will be closed **December 25–27** and **December 31–January 1**. The store will reopen on **Thursday, January 2**.

### 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).



### CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

**Tuesday, December 24**  
**10:30–11:00pm**

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

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

## Member News

### BAPTISMS (December 8, 2019)

**Lark Virginia Lusk**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew William Lusk (Sarah)

**Adelaide Templeton Brown**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Brown (Sarah)

### CONGRATULATIONS

*The pastors and congregation extend blessings to*

**Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Tyler Jones (Hannah Marie Taylor)**, who were married in Clinton, SC, on December 7.

### SYMPATHY

*The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to*

**Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harper (Jennifer)** in the death of her brother, Franklin "Frank" Peacock Jr. of Los Angeles, CA, on November 30.

**Mr. and Mrs. George Boroughs (Anne)** in the death of her sister, Barbara H. McKoon of Phenix City, AL, on November 30.

**Mrs. Lynn Johnson** in the death of her husband, Rev. Engnum Lee Johnson, on December 8.

## Memorials & Honors

### MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

*In loving memory of*

**Mitzi Bledsoe** by Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Hanner Jr.

**Fain Maag** by the Tim Stewart family

**Martha Beth Sturgis** by Ms. Roberta Maddox

### SHORT TERM MISSIONS FUND

*In loving memory of*

**Martha Beth Sturgis** by Dr. Alexander Patrick

### TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

*In loving memory of*

**Denton Lindsay** by Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Hanner Jr.

**Margaret Murphy** by Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Hanner Jr.

**James Bledsoe** by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennecke

### VISITATION MINISTRY FUND

*In loving memory of*

**Martha Beth Sturgis** by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Livingston; Cathy and George Short; James and Melinda Marley; Don Ferguson Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hull; Ruth Roper; Michele Hay; Margaret Jones; Charlene Comer; Gareth and Clarissa Crain; Larry and Jean Young; Mrs. Doris Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. James Williamson; Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Faircloth III; Tim and Julie O'Dell; Jean B. Sturgis

### YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

*In loving memory of*

**Catherine Gaw** by the Tim Stewart family

## Calendar for the Week

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 15

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

**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)**

Officer Ordination & Installation

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

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

**11:30am •Circle #1 (Foothills Presbyterian Community)**

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

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

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

•Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

*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: *Christmas Carol Sing*, Steve Finch** (Formal Dining Room)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

*Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)*

**10:00am •Bulletin Stuffing (Room 217)**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

*Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)*



Worship

DECEMBER 15, 2019  
Third Sunday of Advent  
8:30am and 11:00am Worship  
10:45am IGNITE Modern Worship  
Advent Series: "PREPARE HIM ROOM"  
1 John 1:5-10  
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 and Youth programs resume  
January 15: Lunch, Dinner, Bible Study, and  
Wednesday Advantage classes resume

Assignments for December 15th

CONNECTIONS GREETER TEAM

8:30 Service (8:10am): Bob &  
Jackie Thompson (Portico);  
Brenda & Carl Evans (Loggia);  
Gerald Huskamp & Betty  
Macfie-Huskamp (Memorial  
Hall); Nancy Spry (Sanctuary);  
OPEN (Washington/Richardson  
Corner)

Sunday School (9:25am): Lee  
Shelton (Portico); Darst Guest  
(Loggia); OPEN (Choir Door);  
OPEN (Academy)

Ignite (10:25am): Nancy Quast,  
Anna Quast (Fellowship Hall  
Courtyard); Ben Ramsey,  
David Quast (Fellowship  
Hall Stairwell); Eddie Terrell  
(Fellowship Hall Connect  
Table)

11:00 Service (10:40am):  
Klara Szekely, Heather Tapp  
(Portico); Michael Watson  
(Loggia); OPEN (Memorial  
Hall); Charlotte Watson  
(Sanctuary); Suzanne Rivet  
(Choir Door)

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

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TEAM

Nursery: (9:15) Emily West, Kellee Carter, Sarah  
Drawdy, Lyndsey Lambert, Hope & Craig Foster,  
Elaine Harvey, Susan Trotter;  
(10:30) Kate Hellier, Libby Hall, Hope Taylor,  
Grace Taylor, Sara Kathryn King, Taylor & Ellie  
Melzer

2K: (9:15) Ashley Boyd, Casey Judy;  
(10:30) Heather Young, Ellice Niedrach  
3K: (9:15) Ben or Claire Lanz, Kristen McLean;  
(10:30) Karen & Gracie Vollnogle  
4K: (9:15) Amanda & Brian Mellard;  
(10:30) BJ, Katherine, & Alyssa Pate  
5K: (9:15) Linda Elliot, Jackie Thompson;  
(10:30) Garrison McMillan, Lauren Barber  
1st–2nd Grades Large Group: Emily Simril  
1st Grade: Emily & Ross Simril  
2nd Grade: Mandy Sides, Kim Shivell  
3rd–5th Grades Large Group: Susan Taylor  
3rdGrade: Beth & Wes Plyler  
4th Grade: Caroline Brackett; NEED VOLUNTEER  
5th Grade Girls: Grace Abrams, Debbie Martin  
5th Grade Boys: Erin & Steve Brackbill  
Kids Church: (10:30) Garrison McMillan, Lauren  
Barber

Check-in: Staff  
Station Leaders: Sam Howard, Rip & Lisa Van  
Riper, Betty Farr, Anna Hewitt  
Join the Team! Contact Heather Tomlinson  
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Thomas “Tam” Boggs, Sydney Clark, Joy  
Clawson, Mary Cobb, Jerry Coleman, Ray Denny,  
Pat Dukes, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Becky  
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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, David  
Keys, Lila Lake, Ben Lanz, Bill Marks, Doug  
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Ken McCallum, Sally MacArthur, Brantley  
Mayer, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie,  
Sarah Millener, Jensen Molle, Mozelle Moore,  
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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  
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For more information about  
the ministry of FPC, visit  
FirstPresGreenville.org

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Christmas Eve at First Pres  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

2:00pm Afternoon Service

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

5:00pm Children’s Service

Bring your little ones and come early for a seat. We’ll sing favorite  
carols, hear special music by the Children’s and Youth Choirs, 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 hear special music by the choir,  
soloists, and orchestra. Dr. Gibbons will give a Christmas message.

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