

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 TEA

If foster care, adoption or kinship care has touched your life in any way, we invite you to a Tea Luncheon on **Sunday, January 22**, at 1:30pm in the Formal Dining Room. RSVP by **Monday, January 16**, to cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org.

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. Please email Tina Jones at tjones@firstpresgreenville.org to add your name to the list.

BUDDY BREAK JANUARY 28

Do you know a family who has a child with special needs? Tell them about *Buddy Break*! This is a night where they can bring ALL their children for pizza and play while mom and dad enjoy some much-needed respite.

The next *Buddy Break* will be **Friday, January 28**, 5:30–8:00pm. This will be our Super Hero night, so we encourage everyone to wear their capes or masks. RSVP (required): tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BEHOLD!

Behold, children are a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127:3). All adults and senior high students are invited to *BEHOLD!* in Harper Chapel on **Sunday, January 22**, 9:30–10:30am, to hear personal stories from five covenant partners ranging from abortion to fostering to adoption. If you'd like to be inspired by what our God can do, please join us. Stay tuned for more details.

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).

First Presbyterian Academy, Tom Roe

2023-2024 FPA ENROLLMENT IS OPEN TO ALL

Enrollment is now open for all families applying to First Presbyterian Academy for the 2023-2024 school year. Enrollments are processed on a first come, first served basis. Visit FirstPresAcademy.com for details.

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. *Questions?* Contact Beth Plyler, Summer@1st Director (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) or Rev. Dr. Claire Ripley (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org (Events tab).

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

ALL MEN INVITED TO THURSDAY GATHERINGS

Men's groups will not meet December 22-29, but will resume weekly on **Thursday, January 5, 2023**.

• **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.

Military Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

HONORING VETERAN BILL QUARLES

The Veteran's Last Patrol will be honoring FPC member Bill Quarles for his service in World War II on **Saturday, December 17**, at 11:00am in Harper Chapel. Please join us to pay tribute to Bill for his faithful service to our country. *Questions?* Contact Tammy Burkhalter (565.0943, tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org).

Missions, Brian Stewart

PERSPECTIVES COURSE BEGINS JANUARY 26

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, a 15-week learning opportunity that will change the way you view the world around you, will be offered at North Hills Church beginning **Thursday, January 26**, 6:30–9:15pm. Register at Class.perspectives.org/Visitor/Public.aspx?ClassId=435539. Contact Brian Stewart (bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org) for scholarship information.

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

TUESDAY EVENING HEALING & PRAYER

The Tuesday evening *Healing & Prayer Service* will *not* be held on December 20 or December 27, but will resume weekly on **Tuesday, January 3, 2023**.

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.

Announcements

STAFF NEWS

Matilde Cordoba Velasquez has recently joined the Food Ministry Team as a Food Ministries Assistant. Originally from Colombia, she has lived in Greenville for 23 years, and has one adult son. Matilde studied business, and loves to cook and read. Welcome, Matilde!



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**, by 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) or Bobby Hoffman (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!*

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 (MDC icon) or contact Autumn Clark (aclark@firstpresgreenville.org). Contact Brian Stewart (bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org) for more details.

VINEYARD BOOKSTORE SCHEDULE

The Vineyard will be closed December 24-31.

Member News

BAPTISMS (December 11, 2022)

Henry Laurin Jones and **Samuel Hilton Jones**, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Laurin Jones (Molly)
Lily-Reese Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Morrison (Kelli)

Memorials & Honors

ALPHA FUND

In honor of

Chad Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Ewan Sweeney

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUND

In honor of

Keith Warner by The Terry Family

CHURCH HONOR FUND

In honor of

Annelise and Calhoun Parr by Cheryl Parr

PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In memory of

Judy DePriester by Mr. and Mrs. Ewan Sweeney

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY FUND

In memory of

Phoebe Blackston by Mrs. Martha Gallivan

Langdon S. Ligon Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ussery;
Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Manley

Margaret Williams by Mrs. Martha Gallivan

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:00pm • College-age Christmas Party (Off campus)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

6:00pm • Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

2:00pm • Afternoon Service (Sanctuary)

4:00pm • Children's Service (Sanctuary)

7:00pm • Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

11:00pm • Watchnight Service (Sanctuary)

Looking Ahead

* 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 (nursery provided)

January 1, 2023	New Year's Day Worship
	10:45am Ignite, 11:00am
	(Kids Church & nursery)

*** VISIT FIRSTPRESCHRISTMAS.COM FOR MORE DETAILS.**

This SUNDAY

PRAYER List

Sunday Worship

DECEMBER 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:45am IGNITE Worship • Fellowship Hall

11:00am Worship • Sanctuary
"EVERLASTING FATHER"

Isaiah 9:1-6 • Rev. Charlie Buchanan

8:30am Worship • Sanctuary
"EVERLASTING FATHER"

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 soon.

Live Streaming

Sunday Traditional Worship

8:30am • Sanctuary

11:00am • Sanctuary

Live Streaming:

Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)

FPC YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofGreenville](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofGreenville)

[FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream](https://www.FirstPresgreenville.org/media/livestream)

Sunday IGNITE Modern Worship

10:45am • Fellowship Hall

Live Streaming:

Ignite Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/)

Ignite YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/FirstPresIgniteWorship](https://www.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).

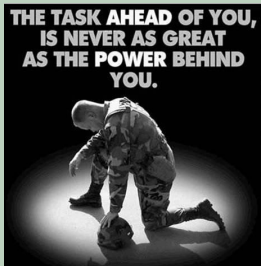
PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director

Tammy Burkhalter: 565.0943

Prayer Appointments: 565.0960

Prayer Requests: 565.0970



MILITARY MINISTRY & PRAYER

[FirstPresGreenville.org/care/military](https://www.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, 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

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mobile app FPC Live

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](https://www.FirstPresGreenville.org)*

December 18–24, 2022

Join us for Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24, in the Sanctuary

2:00pm Afternoon Service

Traditional worship service

Music: FPC choir & instrumentalists

Christmas message: Dr. Richard Gibbons

4:00pm Children's Service

Favorite carols & live nativity

Music: FPC choir & Children's choir

Christmas message: Dr. Richard Gibbons

Nursery available

7:00pm Candlelight Service

Modern candlelight worship service

Music: Ignite Worship team

Christmas message: Rev. Stan Johnson

Nursery available

11:00pm Watchnight Service

Traditional candlelight worship service

Music: FPC choir & instrumentalists

Christmas message: Rev. Stan Johnson

Sunday

December 25

Christmas Day Worship

11:00am

Dr. Richard Gibbons

Sunday

January 1, 2023

New Year's Day Worship

10:45am Ignite & 11:00am

Rev. Stan Johnson

Visit www.FirstPresChristmas.com
for livestream and more details.

THE GRAPEVINE

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