

Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

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.

Congregational Care Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

LIFE HURTS. GOD HEALS. GRIEF SHARE HELPS.

GRIEF SHARE If you've experienced the loss of a loved one, *Grief Share* is here to help. This small group can provide you with understanding, support, and encouragement. The next session begins **Wednesday, January 13**, at 6:00pm in the Parlor. **Please register by January 4** by contacting Susan Stewart (565.0966 or sstewart@firstpresgreenville.org). Space is limited.

HELP & HEALING FOR SEPARATION & DIVORCE

DIVORCE Care Don't go through separation or divorce alone. *Divorce Care* is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. The next session begins **Wednesday, January 13**, at 6:00pm via Zoom. **Please register by January 4 online at DivorceCare.org**, or contact Susan Stewart (sstewart@firstpresgreenville.org or 565.0966). Space is limited.

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 SCHEDULE RESUMES JANUARY 13

Wednesday Bible Studies, classes, and meals for 2020 will resume January 13, 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 (aclarke@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 CONCERT VIDEO

Because our Christmas@First concerts were canceled, we want to offer a Christmas video musical gift to our church and community. The video features three Christmas selections by a piano quartet, Scripture celebrating our Savior's birth, and



two Christmas solos. Watch for more details.

CONCERT TICKET REFUNDS

Refunds for Christmas concert tickets are available until January 31. Please bring or mail your tickets to the Finance Office and we will send you a check. Be sure to include your name and address.

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

PRAYER AT THE STATE HOUSE JANUARY 11

Monday, January 11, is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Switch, a First Pres mission partner, is leading a prayer gathering at the SC State House at 2:00pm that day. You're invited to join this prayer initiative to see the ending of human trafficking and sexual exploitation in South Carolina. For details, contact Zaina Greene (zaina@switchsc.org).

Stewardship Ministry, Andy Douglas

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*). *Questions?* Contact Kristy Service (565.0929, kservice@firstpresgreenville.org). *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

LEAVING A LEGACY

Have you considered leaving a legacy gift to the First Presbyterian Foundation? If so, or if you have questions, please contact Andy Douglas, 565.0962 or adouglas@firstpresgreenville.org.

Announcements

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).

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.*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones on **Sunday, January 10, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, or 28**, please contact Trish Alford at 235.0496.

Member News

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Dr. and Mrs. John Bruch (Jane Anne)** in the death of his brother, William Mark Bruch Jr. of Richmond, VA, on December 11.

Mrs. Mary Jane Myers in the death of her husband, Wake Myers, on December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Thom Robelot (Irmgard) in the death of his sister, Natalie Robelot Gibson of Greenville, on December 13.

Ms. Trish Alford in the death of her mother, Nina Abbott Davenport of Greenville, on December 14.

IN MEMORIAM

Wake Hidalgo Myers Jr.

March 13, 1936 – December 13, 2020

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Libba Phillips by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Little

Nina Thomason by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Carroll; Ms. Gay Willis

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of

Pat Quarles by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennecke

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY

In memory of

Virginia Anderson by Mrs. Doris Elmore

Rose Graham by Mrs. Doris Elmore; Dr. and Mrs. C. David Williams

Pat Quarles Mr. and Mrs. William B. Sykes; Mr. and Mrs. Nat Copenhaver; Jim and Barbara Davis

John Satterthwaite by Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. West

Earle Russell by Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. West; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gray; Mr. Riley King Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Smith; Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Laffitte Jr.; Mrs. Sally Coble; Mr. and Mrs. William S. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Townes Johnson III; Ms. Jennie Caldwell; Sandy and Wanda Hagood; Mr. and Mrs. Art Hudson; Mary and Harry Pate; Carol A. Wilkins; Mr. and Mrs. George Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Bauknight; Mr. Brock Bauknight; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fulk

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

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 21

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

2:00pm • Afternoon Service (Sanctuary)

5:00pm • Children's Service (Sanctuary)

7:30pm • Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

11:00pm • Watchnight Service (Sanctuary)

CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Pastor of the Day: Claire Ripley (423.2064)

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

PRAYER List

Sunday Worship

DECEMBER 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

“AND THE SOUL FELT ITS WORTH”

Matthew 1:18-25

Rev. Stan Johnson

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 Eve Services

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

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

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

Dottie Ayers, Alice Bell, Mary Bull Benton, Keith Blackwell, Ann Bush, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Levi Daniel, Peggy Denny, Pat Dukes, Malcolm Floyd, Eddie Gambrell, Becky Garcia, Pam Goldman, Larry Goodwin, Allen Gresham, Natalie Hall, T.G. Hanner, Freddie Holland, Sherry Hooper, Amy Hunter, **Fran Kalk**, 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, **John Stafford**, Libby Stewart, Carrie Stringer, Jackie Thompson, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, Ryan L. Troyer, Betty Usher, Charlene Vohs, John Vohs, **Carolyn White**, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Esther Wilson, Jan Zimmermann

Bold = New

Italics = In Hospital

This WEDNESDAY

No Bible Studies, Classes, or Meals

*Wednesday events will resume
in January.*



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

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TELEVISION

First and Foremost Program

on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina

Sundays at 10:30am

ONLINE GIVING



December 20–26, 2020

WHAT'S INSIDE

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Christmas@First Concert Video

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January 11

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January 13

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

Christmas Eve at First Pres

Thursday, December 24
Sanctuary



ALL SERVICES LIVE-STREAMED AT FIRSTPRESCHRISTMAS.COM.

TICKETS (FREE) ARE REQUIRED. Visit **FirstPresChristmas.com** for tickets and more details. Tickets are also available in the Vineyard Bookstore.

2:00pm Afternoon Service

During this traditional service, we will enjoy Scripture readings and special music 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

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



December 20–26, 2020

THE GRAPEVINE

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