

THE GRAPEVINE WEEKLY

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Ministry News

College Ministry, Mason Simmons

COLLEGE GATHERING JANUARY 3

All college students are invited to gather at Terry and Christine Bruner's house on **Friday, January 3**, 7:00–9:00pm. We will be ringing in the new year together as we look forward to what it will bring! You don't need to bring anything—simply show up ready to see some old friends and make new ones. The address is 15 McDaniel Court, Greenville, SC 29605. Hope to see you there!

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). 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, or contact Doug Harper (dharperdhs@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. For details, contact Autumn Clark (aclarke@firstpresgreenville.org) or Dr. Claire Ripley, (cripley@firstpresgreenville.org).

Missions, Brian Stewart

“GLORY TO GOD IN HIGHEST HEAVEN!”

Thank you to all of the many individuals who gave of their time, talents, and treasures to help make the 7th Annual Hollis Christmas Store an amazing success! On Christmas morning, 148 children will have gifts because of your generous and giving hearts. But more than the gift of toys, you were part of sharing the gift of God's love, joy, peace, and hope with the Hollis community this Christmas season.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SANTA CLAUS-IT CLEANSE

As you sort through new wardrobe items received for Christmas, in the spirit of “out with the old, in with the new,” please set aside items that you might be rotating out of your closet. The First Pres Miracle Hill Yellow bag donation event is just around the corner—February 23! Watch for details, but meanwhile, remember to DONATE vs. DISCARD!

Prayer Ministry

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**.

Senior Adult Ministry, Tammy Burkhalter

CHARLIE BUCHANAN AT WIT & WISDOM

On **Tuesday, January 7**, we are pleased to have FPC's own Rev. Charlie Buchanan, Student Ministries Pastor, as our Wit & Wisdom speaker. Come learn how God is moving in the lives of our students to build the Kingdom over the next 50 years! The program begins at 11:30am, followed by lunch (\$8) at 12:30pm. Reserve your seat and lunch by **noon on Thursday, January 2**, with Susan Stewart (sstewart@firstpresgreenville.org or 672.1756).

Student Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

ROOTS WEDNESDAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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.

Announcements

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).

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**.

COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at all services on **Sunday, January 5**.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE & PRAYER

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 or 325.7467.

Wednesday Advantage meals and classes begin **Wednesday, January 15**. For a class list and other details, visit FirstPresGreenville.org or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

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 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 supporting 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

To place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones on **Sunday, January 12**, please contact Joyce Galloway at 235.0496.



CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL

Tuesday, December 24, 10:30–11:00pm

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

Member News

BAPTISMS (December 15, 2019)

Carsyn Arnold Riley and **William “Liam” Hunter Riley**, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnstone Riley (Meg)

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mrs. Becky Garcia** in the death of her husband, Dr. Lee Garcia, on December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin (Darleene) and family in the death of her father, Arthur Buist “A.B.” Jordan III of Dillon, SC, on December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Quarles and family in the death of his brother, John Quarles of Dalton, GA, on December 14.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Lee Burmann Garcia

January 24, 1929 – December 13, 2019

Memorials & Honors

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In loving memory of

Martha Beth Sturgis by Roy and Gloria Seaver

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of

Porter Evette by Mrs. Sylvia Evette

Margaret Murphy by the Covenant Class

VISITATION MINISTRY FUND

In loving memory of

Martha Beth Sturgis by Mrs. Mary Jane Quattlebaum; Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hutchison; Anne Poole; Hallie Mappus; Circle 8

Calendar for the Week

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

8:30am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)

8:45am • Children's Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast (Connector Bridge)

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)

4:30pm • Covenant Choir (Ligon Conference Room)

• Resonate! Youth Choir (Choir Room)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

2:00pm • Afternoon Service (Sanctuary)

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

7:00pm • Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

11:00pm • Watchnight Service (Sanctuary)

CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

Church Office closed: Christmas holiday

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

10:00am • Bulletin Stuffing (Room 217)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

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)

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

NEW YEAR'S EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

NEW YEAR'S DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

Church Office closed: New Year's holiday

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

10:00am • Bulletin Stuffing (Room 217)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Worship

DECEMBER 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30am and 11:00am Worship
10:45am IGNITE Modern Worship
“Prepare Him Room” – Luke 2:1-20
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019
11:00am Worship (no 8:30am)
10:45am IGNITE Modern Worship
Rev. Brian Stewart

9:30am – Continental Breakfast
9:30am – Children’s Sunday School
9:30am – Youth Sunday Life Groups
9:45am – Adult Sunday Life Groups

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 22nd

CONNECTIONS GREETER TEAM

8:30 Service (8:10am): Michelle
Seaver (Portico); Reid & Leigh
Johnstone (Loggia); Tom &
Diane Drake (Memorial Hall);
Open position (Sanctuary).

Sunday School (9:25am): Karen
Van Galder (Portico); Jason &
Jeanette Terry (Loggia); Open
position (Choir Room); Open
position (Academy).

Ignite (10:25am): Heather &
Caedmon Jiva (Fellowship
Hall Courtyard); Sidney &
Katie Mitchell (Fellowship Hall
Stairs); Owen & Caitlin Lucas
(Fellowship Hall Connect
Table).

11:00 Service (10:40am): Scott
Stewart, Julie Brown (Portico);
Belinda Manley (Loggia);
Lucille Huggins (Memorial
Hall); Ann Buchanan Freeman
(Sanctuary); Tom Toler (Choir
Room).

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

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TEAM

Nursery: (9:15) Libby Hall, Ann Templeton,
Barbara Stueben, Shelby Flinn, John & Katilin
Bomar, NEED VOLUNTEER; (10:30) Emilie
Simpson, NEED 4 VOLUNTEERS

2K: (9:15) Heather Popat, NEED VOLUNTEER;
(10:30) David Holt, NEED VOLUNTEER

3K: (9:15) Beth & Wes Plyler;
(10:30) Alison & Sims Whitted

4K: (9:15) Lee Segrest, Acie Hatfield;
(10:30) BJ, Katherine, & Alyssa Pate

5K: (9:15) Mary Dean, NEED VOLUNTEER

1st–2nd Grade Large Group: Karen King, Beverly
Bell, Jill Perone

3rd–5th Grade Large Group: Karen King
Kids Church: (10:30) NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS

Check-in: Jennifer & Scott Merriam, Staff

Buddies: Myra Gallagher, Jamie Daniel, Joanna
Jones, Isabella Sneed, Emily Adams

Station Leaders: NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS (Gym &
Music), Betty Farr, Anna Hewitt

Join the Team!

Contact Heather Tomlinson
672.0337 • htomlinson@firstpresgreenville.org

Thomas “Tam” Boggs, Mary Ann Brown, Sydney
Clark, Joy Clawson, Mary Cobb, Jerry Coleman,
Ray Denny, Pat Dukes, Bud Fant, Malcolm
Floyd, Becky Garcia, Ethan Garduno, Grace
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, Claire Lanz, Bill Marks, Doug
MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum,
Ken McCallum, Sally MacArthur, Brantley
Mayer, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie,
Sarah Millener, Jensen Molle, Mozelle Moore,
Lee Moseley, Andrew Mulkey, Jim Nabors, Alex
Olyarchuk, Evelyn Parrish, Allen Paramore,
Betty Parsons, Marilyn Patton, Loren Phillips,
Katilyn S. Poore, Anna Raditz, Elizabeth Rahman,
Donna Rij, Marge Robertson, Harris Robinson,
Darst Yvonne Rose, Earle Russell, Bob Sharp Jr.,
Jeff Shelton, Ronnie Shirley, Clara Lee Shive,
Yvonne Shortlidge, Lewis Sims, Ernestine Smith,
James “Jim” Still, Betty Stone, Carrie Stringer,
Debbie Thomas, Nina Thomason, Dianne
Timblin, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins,
Eddie Trotter, Debbie Troxell, Doris Ward, Dot
Whitesides, Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, Linda
Williams, Margaret Williams, Esther Wilson,
Charlie Vaughn, Jeanne Young, Jan Zimmerman

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director

Tammy Burkhalter: 672.0327

Prayer Appointments: 672.1848

Prayer Requests: 672.1838

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Broadcast

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 ★ Christmas Eve at First Pres ★ FIRSTPRESCHRISTMAS.COM



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 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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