

THE GRAPEVINE WEEKLY

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Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

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.

Foster & Adoption Ministry, Tina Jones

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! INVEST IN A CHILD

Many children have fallen behind in schoolwork during the pandemic. But imagine if you had no support or if there were no consistent adults in your life who cared. We are partnering with the local bridge agency, *Fostering Great Ideas*, to provide tutors for children in foster care. If you could assist a child with homework at the church, and be a consistent adult for a season, contact Tina Jones at 565.0921 or tjones@firstpresgreenville.org.

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

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).

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE RESUMES JANUARY 13

Wednesday Bible Studies, classes, and meals for all ages will resume January 13, 2021. Watch for details.

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

BAG OF MIRACLES: 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 you are ready to rotate out of your closet. Our annual *First Pres Miracle Hill Yellow Bag Donation event* is just around the corner—**February 20-21!** Additional details will be forthcoming, but meanwhile remember to "save and set aside" in order to DONATE vs. DISCARD! Donated items are sold in Miracle Hill's area thrift stores, where all proceeds minister directly to the homeless, addicted, and orphans. Suggested donation items include gently used clothing, shoes, handbags, and accessories.

Music & Worship Arts

CHRISTMAS@FIRST CONCERT VIDEO

Because our Christmas@First concerts were canceled, we are offering a Christmas video musical gift to our church and community. The video includes three selections by a piano quartet, two solos, and other featured musicians. *Watch your email for a video link on Christmas Eve!*

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 or 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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ONLINE

On Christmas Eve, we will not meet in person, but will be streaming a prerecorded Christmas Eve service at 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, and 11:00pm. Go to FirstPresChristmas.com and click "Watch On Demand" to view the service, or view on Facebook or YouTube at any time. The service will include Scripture readings, the lighting of the Advent candle, special Christmas music, and a Christmas Eve message from Dr. Gibbons. We hope that you and your loved ones will enjoy this special event.

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).

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS JANUARY 3

"A Fresh Focus for a New Beginning"

If you are ready to move into a new season in your faith, put the past behind, and listen intently for the call of God, you will want to spend some time in the epistle of 1 Peter. Written in a style that is vivid, direct, and urgent, this letter speaks to the need for humble trust and holiness, practical counsel for marriage, enhancing personal relationships, sharing your faith, and serving others. Peter also provides profound comfort in sorrow and addresses the pain of suffering. During the first few months of 2021, we will be exploring the hidden depths of 1 Peter, learning directly from the apostle Peter, author of two New Testament epistles and arguably Jesus' closest friend. Join us as we spend time listening to God and exploring the best possible way to apply His Word to our lives.

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 the receptionist at 235.0496.

Memorials & Honors

AGAPE CLASS FUND In memory of

Rose Graham by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reed

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND In memory of

Ray Denny by Beth Klapman

MISSIONS FUND In memory of

Earle Russell by Kathi and Buddy Daniel

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND In memory of

Marie Parker by the Agape Class

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY

In memory of

Earle Russell by Peggy and Craig Carver; Mrs. Charlene Comer; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banks; Rick and Pam Knight; Peggy and Jim Morgan; Cathy and Mickey Callahan; Lottie Smith; Beth and Wally Cheves; Marianne Moorer; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hart Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Don Nickell Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ussery; Dr. and Mrs. John Rowell Jr.; Tina and Henry Faris; Jane Hicks and Doug Smith; Lana Boyer; Mrs. William A. Robinson; Mrs. Ginger Sherman; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reed; Brenda Busby; Gail and David Watson; Carole Davis; Steve and Linda Owings; Cammie and Collin Mackie

TRANSFORMING THE HEART OF THE CITY

In memory of

Dottie Cole by Ms. Esther Wilson

Rose Graham by Ms. Esther Wilson; Ms. Karla

Mehagan; Doris Greene; Libba and Bob McKinney

Wake Myers by Bob and Lisa Henson; Mr. and Mrs.

E. S. Melvin; Mr. and Mrs. Knox Haynsworth Jr.;

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe

Hughes; Mr. and Mrs. Laymon L. Echols; Ms.

Eleanor Morrow

Pat Quarles by Circle 10; Mr. Jake Gressette

John Satterthwaite by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ussery

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Rieser (Sara) on the birth of a

daughter, Ivy Bernadette Rieser, on December 10.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to

The family of Marie Parker. Mrs. Parker died on

December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Lillard (Teri) in the death of

her mother, Linda E. Thompson of Greenville, on

December 16.

IN MEMORIAM

Marie C. Parker

May 31, 1928 – December 14, 2020

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

Church Office closed: New Years holiday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

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, JANUARY 4

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

7:00pm • Community Bible Study (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

• Boy Scout Troop 11 (Scout Hut)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

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

9:30am • Women: Who Is Jesus? (Off campus, Zoom)

• Women: *Exodus* (Room 303)

• Abide for mothers (Room 308, Zoom)

11:00am • Women's CBS: Christian Worldview (Parlor)

12:00pm • Christian Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Looking Ahead

December 24 Christmas Eve Services

ONLINE ONLY—Watch at FirstPresChristmas.com;

click the "Watch On Demand" link (prerecorded)

December 27 Worship Services ONLINE ONLY

Watch at FirstPresGreenville.org (prerecorded)

No Sunday School or Sunday Life Groups

January 3 Worship Services

IN PERSON AND ONLINE

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

(Communion postponed until February)

Sunday Worship

DECEMBER 27, 2020
ONLINE ONLY (prerecorded)

Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Media
or watch from YouTube or Facebook.

JANUARY 3, 2021

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

**“A FRESH FOCUS
FOR A NEW SEASON”**

1 Peter 1:1-12
Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Live Streaming resumes January 3

Christmas Eve Services (prerecorded)

December 24: 2:00, 5:00, 7:30, 11:00pm
Online only. Go to FirstPresChristmas.com
and click the “On Demand” link,
or watch on YouTube or Facebook.

Sunday Traditional Worship

8:30am–9:35am • Sanctuary
11:00am–12:15pm • Sanctuary
Live Streaming resumes January 3:
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:
Live Streaming resumes January 3:
Ignite Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresIgnite/>
Ignite YouTube page:
<http://bit.ly/firstpresigniteworship>
Please “like” & “subscribe” for easy access.

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, **Dorothy Bailey**, 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, **Rick Kalk**, Rami Kozaily, Sandra Lamb, Jennifer Loft, Gerald Loyless, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks, Bobbie McCall, **Deryl McKinney**, Barbara McKenzie, Mozelle Moore, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, 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

Wednesday Meals, Bible Studies, and Classes for all ages will resume January 13



*Merry
Christmas!*

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

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Welcome, Visitors!

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

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Life Hurts. God Heals. Support Groups Help.

DIVORCE Care

Wednesdays
6:00–8:00pm
via ZOOM

Learn how to heal. Discover hope
for your future. Rebuild your life
through the power of Jesus Christ.

Facilitators Laura Beauvais & Judy Outlaw
Register ONLINE at DIVORCECARE.ORG

Groups begin
Wednesday,
January 13
6:00–8:00pm

GRIEF SHARE
Wednesdays
6:00–8:00pm

Church Parlor
Receive understanding and
support. Learn practical ways
to help you recover from
the pain of grief and loss.

Facilitators Debbie Davidson & Brenda McMinn

Advance registration required • Register by Monday, January 4.

Contact Susan Stewart for details and to register • ssewart@firstpresgreenville.org • 565.0966

No charge to attend • Workbooks \$15, payable at the first class