

*Welcome to Worship!*



*I Have Seen The Lord!*

Easter Sunday | April 5, 2026 | 11 a.m.

Dr. Mike Garrett, Senior Pastor

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, NC | est. 1800

# Service of Divine Worship

11 a.m. | April 5, 2026 | Easter Sunday

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.*

*Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

**Prelude** "Easter Opening for Brass and Organ" Wayne Fisher  
Roger Holmes, trumpet  
Bruce McRae, trombone  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Mike Garrett

**Call To Worship** "Arise and Shout!" Tina English, Dennis Allen  
The Celebration Choir  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Hymn #232** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that many times we have not recognized His rule in our lives. Too often we have gone along with the way of the world. Forgive us and raise us from our sin. Enable us to be Your faithful people, obeying Jesus Christ, who rules this world and is head of the church. To Him be the glory. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response #245** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" vs. 2 LLANFAIR

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

**Anthem** "Christ Arose" Lloyd Larson  
The Celebration Choir  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

### Offering

**Offertory Anthem** "Easter Hallelujah" Mooney, Emmet, & Cohen  
The Men of God  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

**Offertory Response, #609** "Praise God, from Whom LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### Offertory Prayer

### Time for Children

*Children 2nd grade and under are invited to Children's Church\**

**Scripture** John 20:1-18

**Message** "I Have Seen The Lord!" Dr. Mike Garrett

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Communion Hymn #513** "This is the Feast of Victory" FESTIVAL CANTICLE  
*You are invited to join the choir during the refrain.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Benediction**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen!**

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**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Benediction Response**

"Benediction"

Tina English, Dennis Allen

**Postlude**

"Tocatta *from* Symphony 5"  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Charles Marie Widor

+ Children's Church is available for elementary age children and younger, and meets in room 118 of the Nursery Wing. Childcare is available for all worship services in the Nursery Wing

**Join us for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Eller Hall.  
Thank you to today's fellowship hosts: Message Seekers**

**Today's Flowers**

The Sanctuary flowers this Easter Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Dr. Marcia Mervin, the dedicated men and women of the choirs, and the talented musicians who fill our hearts with joy during worship services by Ralph and Linda Huff.

**Sanctuary flower donors are needed for**

**April 19, April 26, May 3, and May 10 (Mother's Day).**

**Contact Debra Chestnutt at [debra@chestnutt.com](mailto:debra@chestnutt.com) or (910) 818-9006**

Monetary donations are welcome for flowers in the Sanctuary.

Just indicate "Flower Fund" on envelope or check.

**Giving & Tithes**

Contributions help us continue our ministry and mission to serve Christ and share His gospel through meaningful worship, loving fellowship, spiritual growth, and compassionate outreach. Scan the code to the right to make a financial contribution -or- visit [www.firstprez.com/give](http://www.firstprez.com/give)



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## HAPPENING TODAY

- 7 a.m. Sunrise Easter Worship Service in Lafayette Park
- 9:30 a.m. Congregational Breakfast in the Activity Room
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. H3 F Easter Sunday Potluck Luncheon

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, April 6

- Church Office Closed
- 7 p.m. Prayer Beyond The Emoji

### Tuesday, April 7

- 8:30 a.m. S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, April 8

- Spring Cleaning Day with Lunch

### Thursday, April 9

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 5:30 p.m. Hannah Circle

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 12 • Stephen Ministry
- MomCo Meeting
- Apr 13 • Food Service Committee
- Mission Committee
- CE Committee
- Apr 14 • Martha Circle
- Stated Deacons Meeting
- Apr 15 • All In Fellowship Meals resume
- Apr 19 • Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. resume
- The Gathering: Foundations
- Apr 20 • Personnel Committee
- Apr 21 • S.A.L.T. trip to Botanical Gardens
- Finance Committee
- Stated Session Meeting
- Apr 27 • David's Mighty Men
- Apr 28 • COAP Zoom Meeting
- May 7 • Engagement Committee
- May 19 • S.A.L.T. Lunch at Sammio's
- May 24 • Pentecost
- June 6-13 • Mexico Mission Trip
- June 15-18 • VBS



## Prayer: BEYOND THE EMOJI 6

Monday, April 6  
at 7 p.m.

*"Practical Christian Living"*

at the home of Bud Lafferty. Call the church office for more information.



## SPRING CLEANING DAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9 A.M. - 1 P.M. & 12 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Come be part of caring  
for our church home!

Join our Facilities Team for a day of  
fellowship, teamwork, and a  
little spring cleaning.

Whether you can give a few hours or stay  
the whole day, we'd love to have you.

We'll have a morning and an afternoon  
shift, and we'll gather together for lunch at  
12 p.m. (Jersey Mike's provided!)



Sign up online  
at [bit.ly/fpcspring](https://bit.ly/fpcspring)  
or scan the QR Code.





# ALL IN FELLOWSHIP MEALS

with potluck sides, family & friends.

The church will provide the main entree. You can bring a salad, side, dessert or bread that will serve 8 to 10 people or pay \$8 per adult (age 13+) and \$3 per child (age 5-12). The meal cap is \$20 per family. Childcare available upon request—contact Wanda (wanda@firstprez.com) no later than the Sunday prior. **Vegan & Gluten-Free options are available!**

**April 15 - Chicken Salad, Potato Salad & Macaroni Salad**

*A fresh season of fellowship.*

**April 22 - Fried Chicken & Green Beans**

*Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!*

**April 29 - Hot Dogs & Hamburgers - Trivia Night**

*Come for the trivia, stay for the fellowship!*



**KINGDOM KIDZ &  
S.U.R.G.E. YOUTH  
RESUME APRIL 12!**  
**SUNDAYS, 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.**  
**BIBLE, MUSIC & DINNER**

*s.a.l.t.*

*Seasoned Adults Learning Together*

**Tuesday, April 7 - Fellowship Breakfast**

We will meet at JK's Deli at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 21 -**

**Trip to Paul J. Cierner Botanical Gardens**

The gardens are a unique place with various styles of gardens including some 25,000 tulips blooming in April. Cost will be lunch at Sixty-six Grill & Taproom. We will depart the church at 8 a.m. RSVP by April 11 with Nancy Billman at 910-916-5994.

**Tuesday, May 19 - Lunch at Sammio's**

We will meet at Sammio's at 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP to Ann Rowell at 910-391-2134





**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT  
OF ROCK-SOLID FAITH,  
FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!**


**ROCK CLIMBING & PIZZA  
AT THE CLIMBING PLACE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

**436 W. RUSSELL STREET  
4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.**

For more information & to register online visit  
[bit.ly/KidzRockClimbing](http://bit.ly/KidzRockClimbing) or scan the QR Code.  
*Registration is needed by April 29.*

**ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE INVITED!**



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**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 15 to 18**  
**9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

**Be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer!**  
**Rising 6th through 12th\***  
**College Students & Adults**

**Be a crew leader, help make snacks,  
lead games, crafts, or help decorate!**

\*Student volunteers must attend a volunteer training either in person or via zoom.

**Register  
TODAY!**



**FPC & First School families:**  
rising PreK 4 to rising 5th grade  
**Community members:**  
Rising kindergarteners to 5th graders.

**Volunteers & campers -**  
**Register online at:**  
[bit.ly/VBSatFPC](http://bit.ly/VBSatFPC)  
or scan the QR code





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## ARE YOU A FIRST TIME VISITOR?

We'd love to connect with you!

Be sure to fill out a Connect Card and put it in the offering plate or leave it with the pastor on your way out. We also have a gift for you!

### PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Michael Garrett, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Chris Carson,  
Minister of Pastoral Care

### PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. Marcia Mervin,  
Director of Music Ministry & Organist  
Jessica Jones,  
Director of Youth Ministry &  
Interim Director of Children's Ministry  
Nichole Russ,  
Director of Communications

### SUPPORT STAFF

Wanda Ussery, Nursery Director  
Anji Martinez, Office Manager  
Nina McLaughlin, Facility Supervisor  
Elisabeth Pait, Administrative Assistant  
Xavier Medina, Custodian

### MUSIC SUPPORT STAFF

Alice Ann Campbell, Accompanist &  
Assistant Organist  
Tim Lloyd, Section Leader  
Joe Evans, Section Leader  
Erin Jackson, Choral Scholar  
Theodore Schwamm, Choral Scholar  
Annalise Sears, Choral Scholar

### CONTACT US

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#### AUDIO VISUAL

Don Perkins  
Stephen Kelly  
Hoyt K.  
Scott M.  
Bruce McRae  
Jacob Regensburger  
Martha Vorder Bruegge

## Sunday Services

9 a.m. Early Service, Chapel | 11 a.m. Service, Sanctuary

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