



# Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

HOPE FOR  
THE WORLD

MAY 18, 2025  
9 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR  
DR. MIKE GARRETT

# Service of Divine Worship

9:00 a.m. | May 18, 2025

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.*

*Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

## Prelude

"'Going Home', theme from  
9th Symphony, 2nd movement"  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Antonín Dvořák,  
arr. Westerhouse

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Call To Worship #406

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

HOLY GROUND

*We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

## Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Jeff Shaver

## Hymn #49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Rev. Jeff Shaver

## Assurance of Pardon

**Response #581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

**Anthem**

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"  
Charlotte McLaurin, soloist  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

Gabriel, arr. Green

**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Elder Alva Cromartie

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

**Time for Children****Scripture**

Psalm 96:10-13 &amp; Revelation 21:1-6

**Message**

"Hope For The World"

Dr. Mike Garrett

**Hymn #384**

"Soon and Very Soon"

SOON AND VERY SOON

**Benediction**

## Benediction Response

"Go Now In Peace"

Besig and Price

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

## Postlude

"Go Out With Joy!"  
Dr. Marcia Mervin. organ

Mary McDonald

## Today's Flowers

*The Chapel flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by the Chapel Flower Guild.*

*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of A. Glenn Rowell by his family.*

## 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)



## Sanctuary flower donors are needed for June 8 (Pentecost Sunday), and June 22.

Monetary donations are always welcome. Indicate "Flower Fund" on envelope or check.

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



I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed this year—whether you packed a snack kit bag, broke down boxes, delivered snack kits, donated food, or supported in any other way. Your efforts have made a real difference, and you are truly appreciated.

***We couldn't do it without you!***

Leslie

## Happening Today

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Technology Help Session
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- **3 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. Bowling at B&B Lanes**
- 5 p.m. The Gathering

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, May 19

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 12 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 6 p.m. David's Mighty Men

### Tuesday, May 20

- 6 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, May 21

- 5:30 p.m. Trivia Night & Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. Club 543

### Thursday, May 22

- 6:30 p.m. Lowlanders Meeting at Segra Stadium

## Upcoming Events

May 27

May 28

May 31

**June 1**

June 2

June 3

June 4

June 7-14

June 8

June 10

June 12

June 13

June 16-19

June 17

June 22

• COAP Meeting (Zoom)

• VBS Prep Day

• All Church Picnic and Fun Day

• Graduate Recognition & Luncheon

• Engagement Committee Meeting

• Mission Committee Meeting

• S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's

• Congregational Care Meeting

• Worship Committee Meeting

• C. E. Committee Meeting

• S.A.L.T. Seagrove Pottery Tour

• Mexico Mission Trip

• Pentecost

• Children's Sunday School on the Playground

• Stephen Ministry Meeting

• VBS Prep Day

• Stated Deacons Meeting

• Finance Committee

• Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. @ Segra

• Vacation Bible School

• Stated Session Meeting

• Summer Choir Rehearsal



## TRIVIA

Night at First Prez

**Wednesday, May 21**  
**at 5:30 p.m.**

Family Friendly & Intergenerational Trivia  
with Potluck Dinner, Prizes & Fun!

*Please let us know that you plan to attend.*

To register, scan the QR Code or visit

[bit.ly/FPCTriviaNight](http://bit.ly/FPCTriviaNight) or call the church office.



225th  
Anniversary

## All Church Picnic and Fun Day

AT PARADISE ACRES RESTAURANT

**Saturday, May 31 - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Join us for an All-Church Picnic filled with fun, food, and fellowship!

Cost: \$5 per person (cash/check) or \$5.75 per person (online)

Enjoy a delicious hot dog and hamburger buffet, plus picnic fun.

Playground Games • Beach Volleyball • Basketball • Cornhole

Horseshoes • Races for all ages • Hymn BINGO

Train and Fishing Attractions (1-3 p.m.) • more surprises to come!



To register call the church office, scan the QR Code or visit [bit.ly/FPCPicnic](http://bit.ly/FPCPicnic)



PICNIC



## Club 543

will meet on Wednesday, May 21  
at 5:30 p.m. for Trivia & Dinner  
in Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP online.  
Scan the QR Code or  
visit [bit.ly/FPCTriviaNight](http://bit.ly/FPCTriviaNight)



TRIVIA NIGHT



## 225th Anniversary Cookbooks are here!



\$10 each

Available today in Eller Hall.

Proceeds will benefit the  
225th Anniversary Celebration.

### The Congregational Care Committee is reviving "Meals that Matter"!

We're excited to announce the revival and reorganization of "Meals that Matter", a heartfelt program that provides meals to church members who are ill or recovering from surgery to lighten their load. This is a simple but powerful way to serve and support one another—and we need your help! If you love to cook (or order takeout!), and have a heart for caring for others, we'd love to add you to our volunteer team. To join or learn more, please contact:

Kellie Perkins at (910) 286-1147 or Debbie Brock at (910) 977-7307.

*Let's share God's love—one meal at a time.*



## s.a.l.t.

Seasoned Adults  
Learning Together

*Monthly Fellowship  
Breakfast & Excursions*

**Tuesday, June 3**

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at JK's

**Wednesday, June 4**

S.A.L.T. will visit Seagrove Pottery. We will depart the church at 8:30 a.m. We will have lunch during the tour.

Please contact Ann Rowell  
to RSVP at (910) 391-1482



## Summer Volunteers Needed!

Help make this summer unforgettable for our kids!

We're looking for caring volunteers to serve in Sunday School and Children's Church during the summer months. Whether you can give one Sunday or several, your time makes a big difference! We'll provide all the materials and support to help you succeed.

Sign up at [bit.ly/FPCKidzSummer](http://bit.ly/FPCKidzSummer)  
Scan the QR Code or email Britany Spivey.



SCAN ME

Thank you for being part of  
raising the next generation in faith!

**VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed during the week at the Eller Hall  
Volunteer Desk. Many days and time slots are available!

Please contact the church office at (910) 483-0121 or email [adminasst@firstprez.com](mailto:adminasst@firstprez.com)



# GRADUATE RECOGNITION & LUNCHEON

## SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Join us as we honor our high school graduates and recognize our college graduates during the 11am Sanctuary Service.

A luncheon will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a side dish to share. Fried chicken, BBQ, and dessert will be provided.

Register online by visiting [bit.ly/GradLunch25](http://bit.ly/GradLunch25) or scan the QR Code.



**Graduate Info Due May 21st**

**High School Grads:** Please submit your info and photos to Jessica Jones at [youth@firstprez.com](mailto:youth@firstprez.com)

**College Grads:** Please submit your info and photos to Nichole at [nichole@firstprez.com](mailto:nichole@firstprez.com)

## Lend a hand during VBS Prep Day

**Wednesday, May 28 - 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

We're getting ready for an amazing Vacation Bible School, and we could use your help!



Join us for VBS Prep Day as we organize supplies, set up decorations, and get everything ready for an unforgettable week.

***Want to lend a hand? Let us know you're coming!***

Visit [bit.ly/VBSPrepDay](http://bit.ly/VBSPrepDay) or scan the QR Code.



## Vacation Bible School

**June 16 - 19, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**VBS Needs You!** - Supplies listed may be dropped off at the church office or outside of Britany's office. Monetary donations can be made to the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Visit [bit.ly/FPCTrueNorth](http://bit.ly/FPCTrueNorth) or scan the QR code. For more info, email Britany Spivey at [britany@firstprez.com](mailto:britany@firstprez.com)



### Items for Decoration & Activities:

- 2 Tailgating Tents (to borrow June 14-20)
- Cotton Balls
- Streamers (yellow, red, and orange)
- Plastic Tablecloths (a variety of colors)
- Bath Towels (6 earth-tone colors)
- Hydrogen Peroxide (2 bottles)
- Duct Tape
- Paint Stir Sticks (10-12)
- Rubber Mallet (to borrow)
- Wet Wipes
- Distilled Water (1 gallon)

### VBS DONATIONS MADE EASY!



**AMAZON WISH LIST:**  
Scan this QR Code

### Food Items:

- Fruit Snack Gummies
- Graham Crackers
- Animal Crackers (large container)
- Applesauce Cups
- Pretzel Rods
- Veggie Straws
- Goldfish Crackers
- Fresh fruits and vegetables (can be donated the Sunday before and Monday of VBS)
- Small Disposable Plates & Bowls
- Foam Plates (40)
- Ziploc Bags (gallon & sandwich)
- Napkins
- Small Disposable Cups







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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. Jeff Shaver, Associate Pastor

Rev. Chris Carson,  
Director of Pastoral Care

### PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. Marcia Mervin,  
Director of Music Ministry & Organist

Britany Spivey,  
Director of Christian Education &  
Children's Ministry

Jessica Jones,  
Director of Youth Ministry

Nichole Russ,  
Director of Communications

Veronica P.,  
Office Manager

### SUPPORT STAFF

Storie Smith, Administrative Assistant

Nina McLaughlin, Facility Supervisor

### 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

### CONTACT US

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### STAY CONNECTED!

#### WEBSITE

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### AUDIO VISUAL

Don Perkins

Hoyt K.

Flora M.

Jacob Regensburger

Martha Vorder Bruegge

## Sunday Services

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

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Our mission at First Presbyterian Church is to *serve* Jesus Christ and *share* His gospel through meaningful worship, loving fellowship, spiritual growth, and compassionate outreach within our community and throughout the world.

**#ServeandShare**