



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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AS WE HAVE
OPPORTUNITY

MARCH 17, 2024
11 a.m.

GUEST SPEAKER
COLLEEN HERNANDEZ

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
The Canticle Ringers
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

John Purifoy

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #595

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ARGENTINE SANTO

Holy, holy, holy.

My heart, my heart adores you!

*My heart knows how to say to you:
you are holy, Lord! (repeat)*

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Jeff Shaver

Hymn #318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

Call To Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jeff Shaver

Leader: When we allow darkness to overcome the light,

All: forgive us, Lord.

Leader: When hardness of heart blinds us to the poverty of others,

All: forgive us, O God.

Leader: When the wars around us are of little concern,

All: forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion for all who suffer.

Leader: When our caring falls short of action,

All: move us to do what is right for our brothers and sisters.

All: We confess our sins of neglect to you and each other. Forgive us through Jesus Christ. Let there be no obstacle to our love for you and one another. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Jeff Shaver

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

"Where You Need Me I will Go"
The Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Mark Patterson

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Bill McFadyen

**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**

Prayer Response #601

"Amen"

DANISH AMEN

Offering**Offertory Anthem**

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"
Austin T., soloist

Miller & Miller

Offertory Response, #606

"Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer**Time for Children**

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

Scripture

Galatians 6:9-10

Message

"As We Have Opportunity"

Colleen Hernandez

Hymn #826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

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

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

John A. Behnke

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

+ Children's Church is available for young elementary age children 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, Lynda and Bill Deaton,

Pam and David Darden and Jeannie and Terry Plummer!

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Brett Ciccone by his wife and daughter, Serriah and Elizabeth, who have missed him dearly these last three years.

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

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 <http://www.firstprez.com/give/>.



FLOWER DONORS NEEDED FOR EASTER & APRIL

Contact Debra Chestnutt at debra@chestnutt.com or (910) 818-9006
Monetary donations for flowers can be made to the church office.
Please notate "Sanctuary Flowers" on checks.



The **sanctuary renovation** team is delighted to announce that the drive is off to a great start! Please turn in your pledge cards with the offering or drop it off in the office. To complete your pledge card on line and to view the Sanctuary Modernization Brochure, visit firstprez.com/sanctuary-modernization or scan the QR Code.



If you have questions, contact Ralph Huff, Buzz Loyd or Wade Byrd.

Happening Today

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Mexico Mission Q&A in the Chapel
- 10 a.m. Catechism
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Confirmation
- 12:30 p.m. First Friends
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & Youth
- 4:30 p.m. MOPs Meeting

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 18

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 12 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
- 1 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 6:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers

Tuesday, March 19

- 12 p.m. Pastor's Lunch Bunch
- 6 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 20

- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Christian Education Class
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 6 p.m. Theology On Tap

Saturday, March 23

- Mexico Mission Application Deadline

Upcoming Events

- Mar 24 • Palm Sunday Celebration with Congregational Potluck Luncheon and Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- "The Road To Calvary" Rehearsal
- Mar 25 • David's Mighty Men
- Mar 26 • S.A.L.T. trip to Nasher Art Museum
- COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- Mar 27 • "The Road To Calvary" Worship Service & Dinner
- Mar 30 • Easter Orchestra Rehearsal
- Mar 31 • Easter Services
- Congregational Breakfast at 9 a.m.
- H3F Easter Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.
- Apr 1 • Church Office Closed
- Engagement Committee Meeting
- Apr 2 • Worship Committee Meeting
- C. E. Committee Meeting
- Apr 7 • Cross Creek Fellowship Service
- Kingdom Kidz & Youth resumes
- Apr 8 • VBS Team Meeting
- Congregational Care Meeting
- Mission Committee Meeting
- Prayer: Beyond The Emoji begins
- Apr 9 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Apr 15 • Youth Steering Team Meeting
- Apr 20 • S.A.L.T. trip to Temple Theatre
- May 5 • Youth Sunday
- May 26 • Graduation Sunday
- Jun 1-8 • Mexico Mission Trip
- Jun 17-20 • VBS

About our guest speaker

Colleen first volunteered in Mexico with Faith Ministry at the age of 16 and was a summer intern during college. She started working for Faith Ministry in 2015 as the Communications & Community Coordinator and became Associate Director in 2022. She is based in the McAllen office, but also spends time in Reynosa and Miguel Alemán supervising activities and mission work groups. She is originally from North Carolina, but now lives in Texas with her husband, Cruz, and stepdaughters, Grecia and Aylin.

**Colleen
HERNANDEZ**
Associate Director



SAVE THE DATE - MEXICO MISSION TRIP - JUNE 1-8

Take part in this impactful experience, as we mix fun and fellowship with mission work that changes lives one family at a time. For more information, contact Debra Chestnutt at (910) 818-9006 or debra@chestnutt.com. The deadline is March 23 for applications. Get your application by visiting bit.ly/FPCMexicoMission

**KINGDOM KIDZ & YOUTH
MEETS TODAY 4:30-6:30PM**
BIBLE, FELLOWSHIP & DINNER

MARCH 24

Kids will sing during the 11 a.m. worship.

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt
will be after lunch & worship.

Kingdom Kidz & Youth will not
meet in the afternoon and
will resume on April 7



MARCH 17
Mission projects &
Youth's special guest
Mrs. Colleen Hernandez



COAP

Caregivers Of Aging Persons Meeting
March 26 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Guest Speaker Dana Bentley

Dana Bentley is a family consultant for the Southeastern NC
Project C.A.R.E (Caregiver Alternatives to Running on Empty)
Contact the church office for the Zoom meeting information.



Easter Basket Mission Project

Children's Ministry is making Easter baskets to donate to the Children's Center at Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation. These will be distributed to children in the hospital around the Easter Holiday. Our goal is to make 5 baskets for the NICU (birth to 3 years old) and 15 baskets for children (ages 3-18).

Please bring brand new items to the church by Wednesday, March 20.

NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Newborn Socks / 0-3 Months size Socks

Onesies

Baby Blankets [30" x 30"]

Baby Wipes

Board Books

*Please note that any size clothing
newborn size and larger is fine.

PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AND

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Blankets [40" x 60" for toddlers or larger]

Light-up and musical toys

Hair ties or headbands

Socks [children & youth sizes]

Stuffed animals (small)

Books [appropriate for all ages, including
middle & high school students]

Journals/Coloring books & Crayons

Character action figures

Hotwheels

Lego/Duplo

Socks/Underwear/Sweatshirts/Sweatpants/Athletic Shorts

(all sizes accepted, but there is an increased need for larger sizes)



Easter Egg Donations Needed!

**We are collecting donations of pre-stuffed eggs or individually wrapped
nut-free candy to stuff in Easter eggs for our children's Easter egg hunt.**

**Donations can be dropped off at Britany's office
by the end of today, Sunday March 17.**



All In Fellowship Wednesday Meals

Enjoy a weekly Wednesday meal with potluck sides, family & friends at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall followed by an Adult Education Class with Dr. Garrett at 6:30 p.m.

“The After Party Toward Better Christian Politics,” or join the Celebration Choir Rehearsal.

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 upon request by the prior Monday. Email britany@firstprez.com for childcare.

March 20 - Lasagna

March 27 - Holy Week Catered Meal*

*Register online at bit.ly/CalvaryDinner or in Eller Hall

Palm Sunday Celebration

Sunday, March 24

9 a.m. Worship Service in the Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Congregational Potluck Luncheon will follow the

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will follow the meal.

Register today!



The church will provide the main entrees (BBQ and Fried Chicken from Paradise Acres) and dessert. *Please bring your favorite side dish to share.* To RSVP, sign up in Eller Hall, call the church office, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/PalmSunday2024



THE ROAD TO CALVARY

*Walk with Jesus on the road to the cross.
Experience the Passion as never before.*

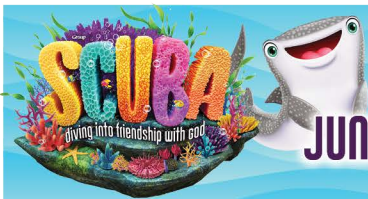
Wednesday, March 27

6 p.m. Catered Dinner in Fellowship Hall - Registration required

7 p.m. Dramatic Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary
Childcare will be provided during the service.

Performed by the First Presbyterian Church Worship Arts Troupe & the Celebration Choir.

Sign up for the dinner in Eller Hall by March 24, call the church office, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/CalvaryDinner



2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 17 - 20, 9AM TO 12PM

registration is open!

Grab your dive buddies for a whale of a good time!



REGISTER FOR VBS TODAY!

VISIT BIT.LY/FPCSCUBA 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. Jeff Shaver, Associate Pastor

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Sunday Services

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

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