



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

FINDING OUR PURPOSE:
EXPERIMENT

OCTOBER 12, 2025
11 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR
DR. MIKE GARRETT

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | October 12, 2025

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #743

"O God, You Are My God"

STEP BY STEP

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days

Prayer of Adoration

Mya S.

Hymn #49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Debra Chestnutt

Savior Jesus, we confess that we are captives of our own ambitions. We fear that if we serve you, we will lose ourselves. Forgive our misguided and self-serving ways. Remind us that greatness in your kingdom means becoming servants of all. That is your example and our calling. Forgive our sin, change our hearts, and set us free for your purposes in the world. Hear us now as we confess to you in silence. (We pray in silence.) Amen.

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

"Like A River in My Soul"

Tim Osiek

First Presbyterian Women's Ensemble

Graceful Praise Dance Team: Charlotte S., Sutton H., Madelyn K.

Jess Jones, choreography

Mary Ann Tally, accompanist

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mike Garrett

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

"Sinfonia"

J. S. Bach

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Doxology, #609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

ERFREUEN

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

Anthem

"Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet"

Dennis & Nan Allen

Kingdom Kidz

Mary Ann Tally, accompanist

Time for Children

Children are invited to Children's Church+

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-9 & Philippians 3:12-14

Message

"Finding Our Purpose: Experiment"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Reception of New Members

Hymn #741

"Guide My Feet"

GUIDE MY FEET

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

"In dir ist Freude"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J. S. Bach

+ 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 hosts: Children's Ministry**

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harlan Duenow, Army Band's man, Church Musician, and Fayetteville Symphony Director by the Regensburg Family.

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

**Flower donors are needed
for October 26 & November 6.**

Contact Debra Chestnutt at debra@chestnutt.com or (910) 818-9006

Monetary donations for flowers can be made to the church office.

Please notate "Flower Fund" on checks.

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



HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 4:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat & All Church Cook Out

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 13

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 7 p.m. Prayer Beyond the Emoji

Tuesday, October 14

- 10 a.m. Martha Circle
- 12 p.m. Finance Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Historical Tour Part 1
- 6 p.m. Stated Deacons Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 15

- 9 a.m. Soul Striders
- 2:30 p.m. Historical Tour Part 2
- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Dr. Garrett's Anxiety Class
- 6:30 p.m. God's Little Creators
- 6:30 p.m. Stretch & Scripture
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 19 • S.U.R.G.E. Game Night & Xscape Factor
 - Kingdom Kidz will not meet
- Oct 20 • Personnel Committee
 - New Officer Training
- Oct 21 • S.A.L.T. Southern Supreme Trip
 - 2026 Mission Committee Meeting
 - Stated Session Meeting
- Oct 26 • Stewardship Breakfast
 - MomCo Meeting
- Oct 27 • David's Mighty Men
- Oct 28 • COAP (Zoom)
- Nov 3 • Engagement Committee
 - Mission Committee
- Nov 4 • S.A.L.T. breakfast at JK's Deli
- Nov 9 • Stephen Ministry Training
 - S.U.R.G.E. at the Awakening Tour
 - MomCo
 - Kingdom Kidz ends at 6 p.m.
- Nov 11 • Martha Circle
 - Family Skate Party
 - Stated Deacons Meeting
- Nov 13 • Hannah Circle
- Nov 14 • S.A.L.T. trip to Rudy Theater
- Nov 16 • Dedication Sunday - Kids singing
 - Lowlanders & Gathering Friendsgiving
- Nov 18 • Stated Session Meeting
- Nov 21 • S.U.R.G.E. Friendsgiving Lock-In
- Nov 23 • Hanging of the Greens

TODAY
4:30-6:30 P.M.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Come rain or shine! In case of rain, we will meet in Fellowship Hall.
Remember to come support the Youth Ministry Mission Fundraiser!

Don't Miss the Final Historical Tours!

Tuesday, October 14 at 2:30 p.m. - Part 1

Wednesday, October 15 at 2:30 p.m. - Part 2

Join us for a special opportunity to explore the rich history of our church.

Ann Highsmith guides part 1 tours, and covers the church's history from its inception, and includes a walking tour to see historic items preserved and maintained over the years.

Bud Lafferty guides part 2 tours, and covers the famous trusses, which span the sanctuary walls to hold up the roof.

If you haven't yet experienced these fascinating tours through our church's history, now is the perfect time. Come learn, reminisce, and celebrate our story together!





Prayer : BEYOND THE EMOJI

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 7 P.M.

Growing Your Faith Through Music

at the home of Rodney and Tina Baker. For more information, contact the church office at 910-483-0121.

ALL IN FELLOWSHIP MEALS

with potluck sides, family & friends. Wednesdays - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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 will be provided in the Nursery Wing during class, and rehearsal.

October 15 - Smothered Tenderloin

After the meal, stay and take part in evening opportunities for all ages:

October 22 - Fried Chicken

Dr. Garrett's class "Managing Anxiety",
Stretch & Scripture, Celebration Choir,
and God's Little Creators for kids.

October 29 - Meatloaf

Upcoming S.A.L.T. Trips

Tuesday, October 21 - Southern Supreme Fruitcake & More Tour

We'll depart from the church at 8:30 a.m. The only cost is lunch at Lizzie's Chill & Grill. Please RSVP to Sarah Cromartie (call or text 910-977-1813) by October 14.

Friday, November 14 - Christmas Show

S.A.L.T. is heading to the Rudy Theater in Selma on Friday, Nov. 14, for the 12:45 p.m. matinee. Tickets are \$20 per person—please pay the church office by Oct. 19 to reserve your seat. Dinner plans will be announced soon. For questions and to RSVP, contact Joann Pearce at 910-978-2930.

Stewardship Kick-Off Breakfast

October 26 at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Start your day with hot biscuits,
good company, and a joyful spirit.

Come for fellowship, reflection, and
a sneak peek at all that's ahead.



SCAN ME

Please register by October 22.
To register online, scan the QR
Code or visit bit.ly/FPCBiscuits



S.U.R.G.E. GAME NIGHT & XSCAPE FACTOR

BRING A FRIEND & GAME ON!!

Join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

**Xscape Factor, Trivia,
Minute to Win It & more!**

Scan Me



Pizza & chips will be served.

Register online at
bit.ly/SURGEGameOn
or scan the QR Code.

Family Roller skating Party

Tuesday, November 11

4 to 5:30 p.m.

at Round-A Bout Skating Center 880 Elm St.

Grab your loved ones for an afternoon of skating, laughter, & memories.

All ages & skill levels welcome.

**Lace up and
roll with us!**



SCAN ME

**\$5 for skaters. Adults
not skating are free.**

Register online at bit.ly/FPCSskate

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VISIT FIRSTPREZ.COM/GIVE OR LISTEN IN THE FPC APP.**



Save the date! Sunday, November 16

Lowlanders & The Gathering will join together for a

Friendsgiving Celebration!



A Message from your Local Relief Ministry Team

On behalf of our Local Relief Ministry team, we want to express our deep and heartfelt gratitude for your incredible generosity. Your faithful commitment to our church's Local Relief Ministry is a true blessing.

In the last 12 months, your gifts and financial support have enabled us to assist families with children at Walker Spivey Elementary School by providing Snack Kits, school supplies and backpacks, Food boxes during summer months, classroom supplies, Infant Care kits, Birthday kits, Christmas Angel Tree gifts, Easter baskets, coats, and Thanksgiving meals. More recently, we have begun to provide homeless survival kits to the Myover Reese Homeless Street outreach. We are so grateful for your partnership in this vital work in our community. Every child and family that we have assisted is the result of your willingness to share the gifts God has bestowed upon you, making a profound difference in our community.

As the Winter months approach and temperatures fall, we will begin to collect children's coats for Walker Spivey, and gloves, beanies, scarves, socks, and handwarmers for our homeless kits. If you would like to support our Local Relief Ministry team, you can start by praying for the families that we serve, praying for our team, providing wish list items, providing a financial gift designated as Local Relief Ministry, and volunteering by contacting Terry Plummer or Leslie DeSessa.



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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!

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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