



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

THE POWER
TO CHANGE

FEBRUARY 22, 2026
11 a.m.

DR. MIKE GARRETT,
SENIOR PASTOR

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | February 22, 2026 | The First Sunday of Lent

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude "Soliloquy on 'Sometimes I Feel
Like A Motherless Child' *
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ Dennis Janzer

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #627 "I Love You, Lord" I LOVE YOU LORD
*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;
O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Prayer of Adoration Isabella O.

Hymn #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

Call to Confession Ron Darden

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious Father, You have chosen us for a purpose – to bear lasting fruit for Your Kingdom. You know both our faithful efforts and when we fail to live up to this call. (*Silence for self-examination.*)

Leader: When the fruit of our lives looks more like what this world approves than what your Spirit creates.

People: Forgive us.

Leader: When we fail to look for Jesus among the poor, the foreigner, the unbelieving, and the imprisoned.

People: Forgive us.

Leader: When we praise You with our lips yet fail to praise you with the righteous deeds you require.

People: Forgive us. Renew us by Your Spirit and lead us to walk in Your ways, bearing fruits of love and service in all we think, do and say. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins we can live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

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

"Create In Me (Psalm 51)"

arr. Joseph M. Martin

The Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Terry Darden

**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**

"Dig A Little Deeper"

Kenneth Morris

Men of God
Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

arr. Cathedrals Quartet

Doxology, #606

"Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDRETH

*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 - Two Cents A Meal Offering***Children are invited to Children's Church+***Scripture**

Galatians 5:13-26

Message

"The Power To Change"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper**Communion Hymn #515**

"I Come With Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

Benediction

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
 O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

Postlude"Trumpet Tune on *Free At Last*" *

Dennis Janzer

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

+ 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: Dianne Macllwinen, Lulie Harry, and Patsy Markham**

Bare Branches

Lent begins like a bare branch in winter. Just as the bare branch has been stripped of its glory, so Jesus had to surrender his glory and die for the sins of all before his Easter victory over death. It is in the stripping that we discover the mission of his life and the truth about our own. His pattern of dying, and rising, is meant for us all as well. Lent is the 40-day season of repentance when we seek to die to all that is not of Christ, so that we can rise again to the glory of all that is.

*** A Musical Note from Dr. Marcia Mervin**

This month's preludes and postludes are chosen in observance of Black History Month. They were composed by Dr. Dennis Janzer (b. 1954), an award-winning composer and now retired "Organist Emeritus" at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Memphis, TN.

From the composer:

"Spirituals come from many different times and places, but most come from the African American experience. They are folk songs, often of a religious character, passed down through a vocal tradition and only written down after many decades of use, the first time around 1840. For this reason, there are many versions of any given spiritual. This is part of their magic, somehow changing with each different usage."

May this music remind us of the rich heritage, triumphs, and adversities that are part of our nation's 250 years of history.

**Sanctuary flower donors are needed for
 March 29 (Palm Sunday), April 5 (Easter Sunday) & April 12.**

Contact Debra Chestnutt at 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



SCAN ME

HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 3:30 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.
- 4:30 p.m. MomCo Meeting

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

- 6:30 p.m. COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 25

- 4 p.m. Men of God Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Class with Dr. Garrett
- 6:30 p.m. Stretch & Scripture
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. CREATION Rehearsal

Thursday, February 26

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 4 p.m. Upwards Pickleball League
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

Friday, February 26

- 8:30 a.m. S.A.L.T. Trip to NC Museum of Art

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 1-7 • 2026 Mission Conference Week
- Mar 1 • Children's Sunday
 - Guest speaker during worship
 - Mission Conference Kick-Off Meal
- Mar 2 • Food Service Committee Meeting
 - Engagement Committee Meeting
 - Mission Committee Meeting
- Mar 3 • S.A.L.T. breakfast at JK's
 - Worship Committee Meeting
- Mar 4 • Chili Cook Off Fundraiser
 - Mission Conference Guest Speaker
- Mar 7 • Rise Against Hunger
- Mar 8 • Guest Speakers during worship
 - Stephen Ministry Meeting
 - Family Bowling Night
 - MomCo Meeting
- Mar 9 • Christian Education Meeting (Zoom)
- Mar 10 • Martha Circle
 - Stated Deacons Meeting
- Mar 12 • Hannah Circle
- Mar 14 • CREATION Concert
- Mar 16 • Personnel Committee Meeting
- Mar 17 • Finance Committee Meeting
 - Stated Session Meeting
- Mar 22 • CROP Hunger Walk
- Mar 23 • David's Mighty Men
- Mar 24 • S.A.L.T. Halifax State Historical Tour
- Mar 26 • Property Committee Meeting
- Mar 29 • Palm Sunday Celebration



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!*

February 25 - Pork BBQ & Coleslaw from BBQ Hut

March 4 - Bowls of Blessings Chili Cook-Off

March 11 - Chicken, Mixed Vegetables & Rice from Hong Kong

March 18 - Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes & Gravy

March 25 - BBQ Chicken & Corn

Lenten Family Devotionals &
Practices for Families

Now available
in Eller Hall!





BEYOND BOUNDARIES

2026 MISSION CONFERENCE WEEK

MARCH 1-8

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

10 a.m. Guest Speakers in the Chapel

11 a.m. Guest Pastor Rev. Mark Mueller



4:30 p.m. Mission Conference Kick-Off Meal

Please register online at bit.ly/MissionKick-Off or scan the QR Code.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4



5:30 p.m. Bowls of Blessings

Chili Cook Off Fundraiser

Please register online at bit.ly/bowls-blessings or scan the QR Code.

6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker in the Activity Room
Childcare will be available.



SATURDAY, MARCH 7

9 a.m. Rise Against Hunger

Volunteers register online at bit.ly/FPCRAH or scan the QR Code.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

11 a.m. Guest Speakers during worship

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:17-22

WATCH YOUR EMAIL AND MAILBOX FOR MORE DETAILS!

Bowls of Blessings

Chili
Cook-Off

FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 4
AT 5:30 P.M.

\$5 to COMPETE
(FPC MEMBERS
COMPETE FOR FREE!)
or **\$8 to EAT!**

Bring your best crockpot of chili to compete, invite your family and friends, and help support FPC Missions!

All profits will benefit Missions Local & Abroad.
Please register online at bit.ly/bowls-blessings or scan the QR Code.





Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

food · community · sustainability

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

**MEAL PACKING
BEGINS AT 9 A.M.**

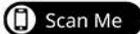
Help us pack 25,000 meals to fight hunger around the world. Every meal provides hope and nourishment for children and families in need. Join us for this hands-on mission opportunity — every pair of hands makes an impact!



All volunteers must register.

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/FPCRAH

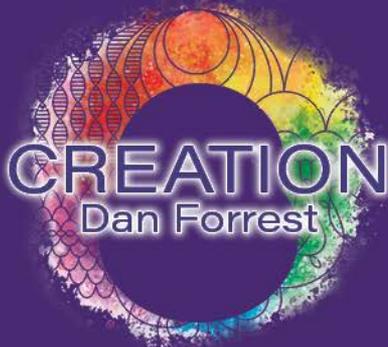
Childcare will be provided for younger children. Elementary age and up are welcome to help with packing. To help with planning, please



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register for childcare by visiting bit.ly/RAHKids

Experience CREATION,
Dan Forrest's newest
and most expansive work,
performed for the first
time in the Fayetteville area.



**Join us in wonder
and praise as this
breathtaking oratorio
celebrates the
beauty of God's Creation
on Saturday, March 14th
at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

Admission is free.

Donations are appreciated.

Childcare will be available.

s.a.l.t. **Halifax
Historical Tour**

Tuesday, March 24

We will depart the church at 8 a.m.

Cost will be lunch at Two Doors

Down. **RSVP by March 10** with Nancy
Billman at 910-916-5994.



**United in
Christ with
Faith Ministry**

Join us June 6–13 for our Mexico
Mission Trip as we serve, learn, and
share God's love through hands-on
ministry. Come be part of what God
is doing in Reynosa!

Open to adults 18+ and youth
(14 by June 1) accompanied by
a parent or adult guardian.

Can't go? Some of our members
feel called to serve but can't afford
the trip - consider a donation
to help send them.

Visit firstprez.com/mexico
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apply today!



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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