

# Be Not Afraid



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Fayetteville, NC | Established 1800

December 24, 2023 10 p.m.

Dr. Mike Garrett, Senior Pastor

# Service of Divine Worship

10:00 p.m. | December 24, 2023

## Prelude

"O Holy Night"  
Lauren Holmes, flute  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Adolph, arr. Larson

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Hymn #133

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

## *Lighting the Candle of Hope*

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Opening Prayer

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Anthem

"Breath Of Heaven"  
The First Presbyterian Women's Ensemble  
Jennifer McFadyen Hammond, soloist  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

arr. Courtney

## *Lighting the Candle of Love*

Nichole Russ

## The Greeting of One Another

## Anthem

"See, Amid the Winter's Snow"  
Melissa Cole, soloist  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

arr. Dan Forrest

# *Lighting the Candle of Peace*

Rev. Mitch Watson

## **Scripture**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. Mitch Watson

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Mitch Watson

## **Hymn #119**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

# *Lighting the Candle of Joy*

Rev. Jeff Shaver

## **Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:1-20

## **Homily**

Rev. Jeff Shaver

## **Anthem**

"Ave Maria"  
Roger Holmes, trumpet  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Bach-Gounod

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **Communion Anthem**

"O Holy Night"  
A. J. Macks, soloist  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Adolphe Adam, adpt. Macks

# *Lighting the Candle of Light*

The Garrett Family

## **Scripture Reading**

John 1:1-5, 14

The Garrett Family

## **Sharing the Light**

## **Hymn #122**

"Silent Night, Holy Night!"

STILLE NACHT

## Reflections on the Light

### Benediction

#### Benediction Response #134

"Joy to the World, vs 1"

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

### Postlude

"He Is Born"

Mary McDonald

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ



## Advent Memorials

In memory of Linda and Greg Holmes by Cindy and David Farrell.

In memory of Linda and Greg Holmes by Page Farrell.

In memory of Colby Breece Farrell by Cindy and David Farrell.

## Today's Flowers

*The sanctuary flowers this Fourth Sunday of Advent are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Eloise and George Masters, and Marguerite and David Wherren by their children, Allyson and Don Wherren.*

*The chapel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Johnson Chestnutt on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by his soulmate, Debra Chestnutt.*

# 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/>.



The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who has already pledged, and reminds members who have not yet made their 2024 Stewardship pledge to do so soon.

## Ways to submit your Stewardship pledge:

**In person** - Drop your pledge card into one of the offering boxes during Sunday worship services, or bring it to the church office Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm. Pledge cards are available by the entrances to the chapel and the sanctuary.



**By mail** - Mail your pledge card to:  
102 Ann Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

**Online** - Visit [firstprez.com/2024pledge](http://firstprez.com/2024pledge) or scan the QR Code

*We look forward to serving and sharing with you in 2024!*

## End of Year Giving

As 2023 comes to a close, we want to thank you for your gifts and contributions that have sustained the church's ministry and missions through the years.

Year end gifts that you wish to count as contributions for 2023 must be dated no later than December 31st, 2023 and received in the church office no later than 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd. Mailed contributions should be post marked no later than December 31st, 2023.

# **GLOW**

## **AND MAKE DISCIPLES!**

**JANUARY 7, 2024**

**4:30-6:30 PM**

### **KINGDOM KIDZ AND YOUTH KICK-OFF 2024 WITH A GLOW PARTY!**

**KIDZ ARE ENCOURAGED TO INVITE THEIR FRIENDS TO THIS  
SPECIAL EVENING WHERE THEY WILL LEARN THAT JESUS CAN  
BRIGHTEN ANYONE'S LIFE JUST AS A LIGHT BRIGHTENS A DARK ROOM.**

**COME WEARING WHITE OR NEON COLORS. DINNER WILL BE SERVED.**



**GET YOUR GLOW ON AND  
LET'S GLOW WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS!**



Join us for worship next  
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>!

Epiphany - "We Three Kings"

9 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

*s.a.l.t.*

Seasoned Adults Learning Together

*Monthly Fellowship Breakfast & Excursions*

S.A.L.T. will meet for breakfast  
at JK's on January 9th at 8:30 a.m.

### Upcoming Trips

#### January 16th Airborne & Special Operations Museum

Admission is free, donations are appreciated. The Pritzker Motion Simulator is available for \$10. We will have lunch at MiCasita. Meet at 11a.m. at ASOM 100 Bragg Blvd.

Contact Nancy Billman for a reservation (910) 916-5994

#### February 27th International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro, NC

Explore the story of the civil rights struggle in the United States as part of the International Civil Rights Center & Museum's permanent galleries, The Battlegrounds. This engaging encounter includes captivating audio/video narratives, pictorial depictions, artifacts, video re-enactments, and interactive components.

Contact Ann Rowell for a reservation (910-) 867-3556 or [growell@nc.rr.com](mailto:growell@nc.rr.com)

SAVE  
THE DATE!  
Youth  
Ski Trip

February 16 - 19, 2024  
Middle & High Schoolers  
Ski, learn to ski, & enjoy fellowship!



If your youth is interested in joining the ski trip, or if you are interested in being an adult volunteer, please notify Kimberhly Hopkins at [youth@firstprez.com](mailto:youth@firstprez.com) as soon as possible.

*In case you missed it...*

Walk To Bethlehem is available on  
the FPC app and the First Prez website.





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102 Ann Street Fayetteville, N.C.

## 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. Mitch Watson,  
Director of Pastoral Care

### PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. Marcia Mervin,  
Director of Music Ministry & Organist

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Alice Ann Campbell, Accompanist & Assistant Organist

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#### AUDIO VISUAL

Don Perkins

Flora M.

Jacob Regensburger

Martha Vorder Bruegge

## Sunday Services

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

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**#ServeandShare**