



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

SUMMER FRUIT:
GENTLENESS

AUGUST 27, 2023
11 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR
DR. MIKE GARRETT

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | August 27, 2023

Prelude

"Prelude au Kyrie"
Alice Ann Campbell, organist

Jean Langlais

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Choral Call To Worship #288

"Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

Call To Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of love, forgive us. We have been careless in our thoughts, cutting with our words, and cruel in our actions. There is a harshness born of hopelessness that seeks our souls. Send your Spirit among us to soften our hearts and reveal the gentle ways of Jesus Christ in our lives. As you have been gentle with us, show us how to practice your gentleness with one another. Hear now our personal and silent confessions. (Our prayer continues 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.

Two Cents A Meal Offering

"House of the Lord"
Maryn Hammond, soloist
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Wickham, Smith

Time for Children - Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Bengie Hair

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

"Gentle Spirit Dwell With Me"

Jay Althouse

The Celebration Choir
Tim Lloyd, guest conductor
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Offertory Response, # 609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

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

Scripture

NT Ephesians 4:1-3

Message

"Summer Fruit: Gentleness"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Recognition of Julie MacRae

Hymn #744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

Benediction

Dr. Mike Garrett

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

"Gavot with variations"
Alice Ann Campbell, organist

Sanders Dupuis

+ Children's church is available in the Nursery Wing, Room 118 for young elementary children.

Join us for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert "Luke" Paschal, by James and Susan Bartz Herrick.

The Chapel and Narthex flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Julie MacRae for her many years of service to the First School children, by the Chapel Flower Guild.

The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 3, 2023, immediately following the 11 AM service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report and recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for the congregation to issue a call for the position of Associate Pastor. Please make every effort to attend.



The Two-Cents a Meal Offering benefits the House of Moses Crisis Nursery in Lusaka, Zambia and Fayetteville Urban Ministry.

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/>.



SCAN ME

Flower donors are needed for September and October.

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



happening Today

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Guest Speaker in the Chapel
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Hot Dog Luncheon with Sunset Slush in Fellowship Hall

A Look Ahead

August 28

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

August 29

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

August 31

- 9 a.m. First School Open House

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 3 • Congregational Meeting
- Sept. 4 • Labor Day, Church Office is closed
- Sept. 5 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Worship Committee Meeting
- C. E. Committee Meeting
- Sept. 10 • Unified Worship Service
- Fall Kick Off - Rally Day
- Canticle Ringers
- Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- Men's Ensemble
- Kingdom Kidz & Youth Resume
- MOPs Meeting
- Sept. 11 • Finance Committee Meeting
- Mission Committee Meeting
- Sept. 12 • Martha Circle
- Stated Deacons Meeting
- Sept. 13 • All In Fellowship Meals Resume
- Adult Christian Ed. Classes Resume
- Sept. 14 • Tapestry
- Sept. 18 • Personnel Committee Meeting
- Sept. 19 • Stated Session Meeting
- Sept. 25 • David's Mighty Men
- Sept. 26 • S.A.L.T. Billy Graham Library Trip

FALL KICK OFF

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10TH

9:30AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST 11AM UNIFIED WORSHIP SERVICE



To register online, scan the QR Code
or visit bit.ly/FPC2023KickOff



ALL IN FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Enjoy a meal with potluck sides, family & friends at 5:30 p.m.,
followed by an Adult Education Class with Dr. Garrett at 6:30 p.m.
"Alongside: The Ministry of Mentoring Others"

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. Nursery provided for young children. Study hall, followed by social time, provided for school age children.



Wednesday, September 13th - BBQ Chicken from Kinlaw's

Register online by scanning the QR Code or by visiting bit.ly/FPCFellowship913
Please register by Sunday, September 10th.



Wednesday, September 20th - BBQ Pork from BBQ Hut

Register online by scanning the QR Code or by visiting bit.ly/FPCFellowship920
Please register by Sunday, September 17th.

THE SNACK KIT MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Why we need your help: Food requests from the Social Workers at area schools are steadily rising, and we want to grow our Snack Kit Ministry so that we can help. The intent of the Snack Kit Ministry is to provide nutritional food items for use over a weekend to children in need when they leave school on each Friday.

What we need: Dedicated volunteers to assist with food inventory, packing, and delivery to schools every two weeks. We are also in desperate need of the following food items for the kits.

Donations needed*:

- Milk shelf stable whole or 2% (Horizon Organic Whole Milk, 8 fl. oz.)
- Chef Boyardee Pasta (small cans or microwaveable)
- Beans with Franks
- Juice (Capri Sun)
- Pop Tarts
- Fruit Snacks
- Applesauce
- Soup
- Oatmeal Packets
- Nutri Grain Bars
- Pudding Cups
- Raisins (individual boxes)
- Mac & Cheese Packets
- Grits Packets
- Fruit Cups
- Granola Bars (no peanut butter)
- Cheese Crackers

*Please check the expiration dates on items before donating.

It takes about \$180 to provide food for the entire year to one student. Drop off donations in Eller Hall and monetary donations will be accepted in the church office. Please note "Local Relief Ministry" on checks.

If you, your Sunday School Class, or small group is interested in helping, please contact: Leslie DeSessa, ldesessa@gmail.com or Terry Plummer, plummer.terry57@gmail.com



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Make a difference in the lives of our youth!

To volunteer, contact Kimberhly Hopkins at youth@firstprez.com as soon as possible.

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin...

Zechariah 4:10 NLT



Have you ever gotten to the end of a week, month or year and thought, "How did I get here? Where has the time gone?" It happens in our parenting, friendships, marriage and work- we get caught up in the urgent demands of the day-to-day, and then years go by, and we realize we haven't been making the small choices that will get us where we actually wanted to be. **So this is the year to make some moves. Say "Yes."**

MOPs and MOMSnext is for mothers of preschoolers and school-age children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with our church.

**MOPs meets twice a month on Sundays 4:30-6:30pm
September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22, November 5 & 19**



VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE A MEAL FOR KINGDOM KIDZ & YOUTH!

Kingdom Kidz and Youth gather on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. During their time, they share a fellowship meal together. This meal is made possible by a combination of volunteers, families and the church.

If you would like would like to help provide a meal for the children during their Sunday evening gatherings please sign up for a date below and indicate what you plan to bring. Pairing up with another family is a great idea as well! Samples of meals that were provided last fall include: hot dogs, tacos, pizza, pastas, and chicken tenders.



To sign up online visit bit.ly/KingdomMeals2023 or scan the QR Code.

4:30-6:30PM EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT - BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10TH



First Prez Kingdom Youth

For 6th - 12th graders looking for a time of fellowship, friendship, food & fun! Explore what it means to look at the Bible in the 21st century as we answer the big question, "How can we apply the Bible to our lives today?"

First Prez Kingdom Kidz

For ages PreK 3 - 5th Grade. Children will explore music through singing and instruments, along with engaging Bible Stories through crafts and mission projects and enjoy a fellowship meal together.



NEW TO KINGDOM KIDZ & YOUTH?

Register online by scanning the QR code or by visiting bit.ly/KingdomKidz2023



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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. Mitch Watson,
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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