



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THANKFULNESS

NOVEMBER 23, 2025
11 a.m.

REV. CHRIS CARSON
MINISTER OF
PASTORAL CARE

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | November 23, 2025

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J. S. Bach,

arr. Hopson

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #647

"Give Thanks"

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong; let the poor say,

"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

And now let the weak say, "We are strong; let the poor say,

"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Loving God, we gather today, rich in blessing. Forgive us Lord when we close our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare in our direction.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: With stomachs soon to be full, we forget those who are hungry and think we have done enough. Forgive us for keeping a distance between us and them.

People: Christ, have mercy on us.

Leader: With hands closed too tightly on what is ours, we struggle to reach out to those around this world who suffer the burdens of injustice and oppression. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving, so we may work to bring freedom and justice for all.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: Lord have mercy on us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Hear now our silent prayers. *(We pray in silence.)*

All: 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

"Lift Thine Eyes"

The Women's Ensemble
Mary Ann Tally, accompanist

Felix Mendelssohn,
arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Tina Baker

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

"Give Thanks, O Christian People"
Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Michael Burkhardt

Doxology, #609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*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

Time for Children

Children are invited to Children's Church+

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Message

"Maintaining Thankfulness"

Rev. Chris Carson

Hymn #367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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

"Now Thank We All Our God"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

+ 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: Martha Circle**

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Debra Chestnutt on the occasion of her birthday by her family.

The Chapel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Billy Herring, by his family.

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



HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 2 p.m. Herring Family Visitation in the Parlor
- 3 p.m. Rev. Billy Herring Memorial Service in the Chapel
- 4 p.m. Hanging of the Greens
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.
- 4:30 p.m. MomCo Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at Hay Street UMC

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 25

- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 27

- Church Office closed
- 12 p.m. H3 F Thanksgiving Luncheon

Friday, November 29

- Church Office closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 1 • Engagement Committee
- Mission Committee
- Dec 2 • S.A.L.T. breakfast at JK's
- Worship Committee
- Dec 4 • Property Committee
- Dec 6 • Vivaldi Gloria Rehearsal
- Dec 7 • Children sing during 11 a.m. worship
- Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. Christmas Party
- MomCo Meeting
- Dec 8 • Children's Ministry Committee
- Dec 9 • Martha Circle
- Joint Session/Deacons Meeting
- Dec 11 • Hannah Circle
- Dec 12 • S.A.L.T. Christmas Lights Tour
- Dec 13 • Vivaldi Gloria Rehearsal
- Dec 14 • Music Ministry Christmas Party
- Dec 15 • Personnel Committee
- Dec 16 • Finance Meeting
- Dec 17 • Darkness to Light dinner & service
- Dec 20 • Church Orchestra Rehearsal
- Dec 22 • David's Mighty Men
- Dec 24 • Christmas Eve Services
- Dec 25 • Church office closed



Supporting Fayetteville Urban Ministry

- Canned Veggies
- Soups
- Canned Meats
- Peanut Butter

Drop off donations in First School hallway by Nov 24.



Home & Hearth Holiday Fellowship Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Thursday, November 27th at 12 p.m.

*Your family looks forward to having you
join them on Thanksgiving Day!!*

Feel free to invite and bring a friend!

There's no fee—just bring a side, salad, bread, or dessert to serve 8–10. The main entrée and drinks will be provided by the Congregational Care Committee.



Let us know what you'll bring—salads, sides, or desserts (store-bought or homemade). Register online by November 23 at 3 p.m.

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/H3FThanksgiving25

KINGDOM KIDZ MEMORY VERSE CELEBRATION

All children who memorize these verses are welcome!
Today - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13



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 available upon request—contact Britany or Wanda no later than the Sunday prior. (Will not meet on Wednesday, Nov 26.)
Dec 10 - Baked Chicken & Dressing

COCOA & COOKIE GIFT JARS ARE BACK!

Enjoy a special holiday treat
made by your very own FPC youth!

Funds support youth missions and retreats.

- Hot Cocoa w/ marshmallows (12oz-\$8, 24oz-\$10)
- Hot Cocoa w/ peppermint & marshmallows (12oz-\$8, 24oz-\$10)
- Sugar Cookies (\$12) makes approx. 30 cookies
- Chocolate Chip Cookies (\$12) makes approx. 30 cookies

Preorder now through Nov 23. Pick up Dec 1 - 7 in Eller Hall.



To preorder online, scan the QR Code or
visit bit.ly/SURGEJars

If you'd prefer to pay by cash or check,
please email Jess at youth@firstprez.com



Christmas Eve Services

"God Is With Us"

12 p.m. Noon in the Chapel
Christmas Eve Worship with Communion

5 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Family Friendly Lessons and Carols with Nativity

8 p.m. in the Chapel
Intimate Worship Service with Communion





THE *Angel Tree*

This Christmas, help share the love of Christ through our Angel Tree Ministry—a tradition that brings joy to children in need.

Our Children's Ministry and Mission Committee are partnering with Walker Spivey Elementary to sponsor 20 children. Each Angel Tag represents a gift for one child—take one or several!

Stop by Eller Hall to choose a tag. **Gifts are due Sunday, December 14 and can be dropped off under the Christmas tree in Eller Hall or outside Britany Spivey's office.** Gifts may be wrapped, but please attach the gift receipt and Angel Tag securely on the outside.

If you prefer to contribute financially, contact Britany at britany@firstprez.com

Let's share Christ's love and generosity with our community this Christmas.

VIVALDI'S *Gloria*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
AT 11 A.M.
IN THE SANCTUARY**

The Celebration Choir, joined by community friends, will present Vivaldi's Gloria on the second Sunday of Advent, accompanied by a string ensemble with trumpet, oboe, and bassoon.

Vivaldi's joyful work celebrates the angels' proclamation from Luke: "Glory to God in the highest..." Originally written for the orphaned girl's chorus of the Ospedale della Pietà in Venice, the twelve-movement piece features SATB choir and several soloists. Lost after Vivaldi's death and rediscovered in the 1920s, it has become a beloved Christmas classic.

All are welcome to join us for this beautiful "Angel's Song"

Darkness to Light

A SERVICE OF COMFORT & HOPE

**Wednesday, December 17 at 5:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall**



Scan Me

Join us for a meal followed by a service of comfort and hope led by Rev. Chris Carson.

Please register online if you plan to attend at bit.ly/FPCD2L 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!

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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