

# EXTRA

ORDINARY

Youth Sunday  
May 3, 2026 | 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
Fayetteville, NC | Est 1800

# Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | May 3, 2026

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.*

*Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

**Prelude** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven,  
Sarah Szopinski, piano arr. Szopinski

**Introductory Anthem** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven,  
Youth Music, boomwhackers arr. Szopinski

**Welcome and Announcements** Jess Jones

**Call To Worship** "Here & Now" Eddie Kirkland

*We want to be a door that's open wide  
We want to see compassion come to life  
We want to carry truth that shines a beacon in the night  
We want to see the city fill with hope  
We want to bring peace to troubled souls  
We want to tell the story of a God that we can know*

**Prayer of Adoration** Bryson H.

**Hymn #39** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

**Call to Confession** Cameron H.

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious and sovereign God, we come before You aware of our weakness and sin. You have declared that the wisdom of this world is foolishness in Your sight, yet we confess that we have trusted in our own understanding. We have sought recognition, success, and control, boasting in what we have done rather than in what Christ has done for us. Forgive us, Lord, for our pride, for valuing status over humility, and for overlooking the power of the cross. Humble our hearts, that we may boast only in You. Teach us to depend not on our strength, but on Your grace alone. We offer you our silent confessions. (We pray in silence.) In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** Mya S.

**Assurance Response** "Your Grace is Enough" Matt Maher

*Great is Your faithfulness, O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart  
So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, o God  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me (repeat)*

**Anthem** "Awesome God" Rich Mullins  
Youth Music, boomwhackers arr. Szopinski

**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** Sebastian O.

**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** Noah H.

**Offertory Anthem** "Honest" Leanna Crawford  
Maryn H. and Mya S.  
Sarah Szopinski, 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** Henry S.

**Time for Children** Hoyt K. & Scott M.  
*There is no children's church today. Children are encouraged to remain in the Sanctuary for Youth Sunday.*

**Prayer of Illumination** Adelyn A.

**Scripture** 1 Corinthians 1:20-31 August A.

**Message** "EXTRAordinary" Isabella O. & Ava R.

## Apostle's Creed

Maryn H.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn #372

"O For A World"

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## Benediction

Isabella O.

## Benediction Response

"Your Grace is Enough"

Matt Maher

*Great is Your love and justice, God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along*

*So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, o God*

*Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me (repeat)*

## Postlude

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow/  
My Tribute"  
Vivian K. , viola  
Sarah Szopinski, accompanist

arr. Morrozoff, Kramer

**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 loving memory of Myra Garrett, the Mom of Mike and Marcia Garrett.

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

## HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 3 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 3:15 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 4 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. End of Year Celebration - Rock Climbing & Pizza
- 5 p.m. The Gathering: Foundations

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, May 4

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 4 p.m. UPWARDS Spring Pickleball
- 5 p.m. Food Service Meeting
- 6 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, May 5

- 8:30 a.m. S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- 4 p.m. VBS Leader Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, May 7

- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 8

- 5:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 5:30 p.m. Engagement Committee
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 11 • CE Committee Meeting
- May 12 • Martha Circle
  - Stated Deacons Meeting
- May 14 • Hannah Circle
- May 17 • Graduate Sunday
  - The Gathering: Foundations
- May 18 • Personnel Committee
- May 19 • S.A.L.T. Lunch at Sammio's
  - Finance Committee
  - Stated Session Meeting
- May 24 • **Pentecost Sunday**
- May 25 • Church Office Closed
  - David's Mighty Men
- May 26 • COAP Zoom Meeting
- May 28 • Property Committee Meeting
- May 29 • VBS Work Day
  
- June 3 • S.A.L.T. Seagrove Pottery Tour
- June 5 • VBS Work Day
- June 6 -13 • Mexico Mission Trip
- June 10 - 12 • VBS Set Up
- June 14 • Stephen Ministry Meeting
- June 15 - 18 • Vacation Bible School
- June 28 - July 4 • Youth Mission Trip

# Thank You

to Sarah Szopinski, for generously sharing her time and talents to arrange, teach, and lead Youth Music.

Her dedication, creativity, and heart for our young people have made a lasting impact, helping them grow in both confidence and faith.



**Sanctuary flower donors are needed for  
May 24 (Pentecost Sunday),  
May 31 (Memorial Day Weekend), and June 7.**



**Contact Debra Chestnutt at [debra@chestnutt.com](mailto: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](http://www.firstprez.com/give)



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Seasoned Adults Learning Together



**Tuesday, May 5**

Fellowship Breakfast at  
8:30 a.m. JK's Deli

**Tuesday, May 19**

We will meet at Sammio's  
at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to  
Ann Rowell at 910-391-2134

**Wednesday, June 3**

Seagrove Pottery tour and lunch  
at Cagle Family Restaurant. We will depart the  
church at 8:30 a.m. RSVP to Ann Rowell at 910-391-2134.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

**May 17 at 11 a.m.**

High school and college graduates will be recognized during the 11 a.m. worship service, followed by a potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall.



Please register for lunch at  
[bit.ly/FPCGrad](https://bit.ly/FPCGrad) or scan the QR code.

Have a graduate in your family?  
Contact Jess at [youth@firstprez.com](mailto:youth@firstprez.com)

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**Looking for deep spiritual wisdom... but also a good laugh?**

The Calvin Class has been going strong for over 75 years — which means we've got a lot of prayer... and a lot of thoughts.

**Come join us for:**

- **Prayer that actually "hits"**
- **Open, informal discussion**  
*(yes, questions are allowed... even the tough ones)*
- **Comfortable Environment** — because wisdom takes time

**Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Rankin Building**

No pressure. No pop quiz. Just good people, real conversations, and maybe a few "aha!" moments along the way.

**Come as you are... and bring your curiosity  
(and maybe your coffee).**



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FIRST PREZ

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures.

Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God.

They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.



**JUNE**  
**15 - 18**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**

**REGISTRATION**  
**IS ALMOST FULL!**

**Volunteers & campers:**

Register online at:  
[bit.ly/VBSatFPC](http://bit.ly/VBSatFPC)  
or scan the QR code



## VBS needs your help!

Here are some items for VBS that you may already have at home or they can be purchased new.

**We are starting to make decorations now and appreciate your help!**

**Paint (new or opened)** - house, acrylic, spray (greens, browns, blues, bright colors)

**Brown Packing Paper** - pieces or rolls (the stuff from your amazon boxes)

**Foam Craft Sheets** - any size, but larger is better (green, brown, white)

**Foam Insulation Boards/Large Foam Sheets** - whole or partial

**Faux Greenery, Plants, Trees** - purchased or borrowed

**Flat Sheets** - blues, tans, browns, greens, whites

**Green Foam Floral Blocks** - whole or damaged

**Plastic Table Cloths** - GREENS, blues, whites

**Large Appliance or TV Boxes** - flattened is fine

**2x4s** - if you have any extras laying around

**Cardstock** - white, green, bright colors

**Cupcake Liners** - white, colorful

**Wooden BBQ Skewers** - 8" - 36"

**Tissue Paper** - green, brown

**White Foam Poster Boards**

**Wire Hangers**

**Floral Wire**

**Green Floral Tape**

**VBS**  
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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. Chris Carson,  
Minister of Pastoral Care

### PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. Marcia Mervin,  
Director of Music Ministry & Organist

Jessica Jones,  
Director of Youth Ministry &  
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Director of Communications

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Alice Ann Campbell, Accompanist &  
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Don Perkins

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Jacob Regensburger

Martha Vorder Bruegge

## Sunday Services

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

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