

Welcome to Worship



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

WELCOME THE CHILD

DECEMBER 21, 2025
9 a.m.

DR. MIKE GARRETT
SENIOR PASTOR

Service of Divine Worship

9:00 a.m. | December 21, 2025 | The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"The Coventry Carol"
Kim Hall, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #95

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

PREPARE THE WAY

*Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.*

(Repeat)

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Matt Jackson and Ella Wrenn

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in peace, the peace
that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.

All: Prepare, then, the way of the Lord!

Hymn #133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1, 2 & 3

ADESTE FIDE LIS

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response #121

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

Time for Children**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Elder Don Perkins

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.

Anthem

"Welcome to Our World"

Chris Rice

Jennifer McFadyen Hammond, solo

Kim Hall, accompanist

Scripture

Isaiah 7:10-16 & Matthew 1:18-25

Message

"Welcome The Child"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Hymn #119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

Benediction

Benediction Response, #88

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Postlude

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Kim Hall, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

Today's Flowers

The Chapel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Johnson and Debra Chestnutt by the Chestnutt Family.

The Sanctuary flowers this fourth Sunday of Advent are given to the glory of God by Bobby Bleecker in celebration of the first birthday of Hallie Brendle who is his great-great granddaughter and also the birthdays of daughter, Leigh Bleecker, and son-in-law, Travis Hibler.

Save the date!

"Crossing Thresholds" on Sunday, January 11.

Please hold the date on your calendar for both worship and a special congregational event and meal beginning at 4:30 pm. Details are coming!

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. Reception for Britany Spivey
- 12:30 p.m. Canticle Ringers

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, December 23

- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 24

- 12 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship in the Chapel
- 5 p.m. Family Friendly Lessons & Carols with Nativity in the Sanctuary
- 8 p.m. Intimate Worship Service in the Chapel

Thursday, December 25

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 1 | • Church office closed |
| Jan 4 | • Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. resume |
| Jan 5 | • The Gathering: Foundations |
| Jan 6 | • Engagement Committee |
| Jan 7 | • Mission Committee |
| Jan 8 | • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's Deli |
| Jan 11 | • All In Fellowship Meals resume |
| Jan 13 | • Adult Christian Education Class resumes |
| Jan 16-19 | • Tapestry resumes |
| Jan 19 | • Hannah Circle |
| Jan 20 | • Upwards Pickleball Youth League begins |
| Jan 25 | • Congregational Enrichment Event |
| Jan 26 | • MomCo Meeting |
| Jan 27 | • Martha Circle |
| | • Stated Deacons Meeting |
| Jan 16-19 | • Youth Ski Trip |
| Jan 19 | • Personnel Committee |
| Jan 20 | • S.A.L.T. Lunch at Sammios |
| Jan 25 | • Stated Session Meeting |
| Jan 26 | • MomCo Meeting |
| Jan 27 | • David's Mighty Men |
| | • COAP Meeting (Zoom) |

End of Year Giving

As 2025 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 contributions you wish to count for 2025 must be dated no later than December 31, 2025. In person or dropped off contributions must be received at the church no later than 12 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31st. Mailed contributions must be dated and postmarked no later than December 31, 2025.

PICKLEBALL YOUTH LEAGUES ARE COMING

REGISTER TODAY!

STARTS
JANUARY
2026

TO FIRST PREZ!



Grades 4-12
Register online.
Visit bit.ly/FPCPickleball
or scan the QR Code.



You are invited to join us for
**Christmas Eve
Worship Services**

12 p.m. Noon in the Chapel

Christmas Eve Candlelight
Worship with Communion

5 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Family Friendly Lessons and Carols with Nativity

8 p.m. in the Chapel

Intimate Candlelight Worship
Service with Communion



We're excited to host a no-rehearsal Christmas Nativity Pageant on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m.! All children are welcome to dress up and join the Christmas Story by helping bring the nativity scene to life. Our volunteers will gently guide them when it's time to come forward.

If your family will be attending and your child would like to dress up as a shepherd, wise person, sheep, or angel, please let Britany or Jess know as soon as possible. We would love to include them!



H³ F Home & Hearth Holiday Fellowship

Christmas Potluck Dinner

Thursday, December 25th at 12 p.m.

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

Join us for a warm and festive Christmas Day meal!

Invite a friend and bring a side, salad, bread, or dessert to serve 8–10. The main entrée and drinks will be provided by the Congregational Care Committee.

Please RSVP by December 21 at 3 p.m.

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/H3FChristmas25

to let us know what you'll bring.



Scan Me



**KINGDOM KIDZ & S.U.R.G.E. WILL RESUME
ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 - 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.
AND BEGIN THE BIBLELYMPICS!**

With the winter Olympics around the corner, our first night back will be the Bible Olympics!

Kids are encouraged to come dressed to support the country of their choice. It's going to be a fun and energetic kickoff to the new year! We had an amazing time at our Christmas celebration—keep an eye out for pictures in the January Newsletter.



THANK YOU

to everyone who donated to the Angel Tree this Christmas season. Through your generosity, 22 children were blessed with gifts. Your kindness helped share hope, love, and the true spirit of Christmas with these children and their families.



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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

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#ServeandShare