



# *Our Mission Beyond*

11 a.m. March 8, 2026

Dr. Mike Garrett & Guest Panelists

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fayetteville, NC | Established 1800

# Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | March 8, 2026 | The Third Sunday of Lent

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.*

*Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

## Prelude

"Linstead"

John A. Behnke

(Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ)

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Call To Worship #388

"Come All You People"

UYAI MOSE

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;*

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;*

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;*

*Come now and worship the Lord. (sing twice)*

## Prayer of Invocation

Bryson H.

## Hymn #733

"We All Are One in Mission"

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WALDVOGELELEIN

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

Brian Pearce

**Merciful God, you have moved and changed our lives in amazing ways, but we have kept these stories to ourselves. We confess the many times we have silenced our witness out of fear of rejection or ridicule. We confess the many times we have looked at this broken world and let fear be our guide. Forgive us through the mercies of Christ. Help us believe that your good news of grace is the best story to tell. Help us to tell it with love, courage, and joy. Hear now our silent confessions. (We pray in silence.) Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

## Response #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me" GLORY TO GOD

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,*

*And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,*

*And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be – Amen.*

## Anthem

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

Christi Jones

Women's Ensemble

Mary Ann Tally, accompanist



+ Children's Church is available for 2nd grade 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: Stephen Ministers**

### **Bare Branches**

*Lent begins like a bare branch in winter. Just as the bare branch has been stripped of its glory, so Jesus had to surrender his glory and die for the sins of all before his Easter victory over death. It is in the stripping that we discover the mission of his life and the truth about our own. His pattern of dying, and rising, is meant for us all as well. Lent is the 40-day season of repentance when we seek to die to all that is not of Christ, so that we can rise again to the glory of all that is.*

## **ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST PANELISTS:**



### **Rev. Leon Dorleans**

Founding Director of Haiti Outreach Ministries

Leon graduated from Cincinnati Christian Seminary in 1987 and started his ministry in Cite Soleil in 1988. Haiti Outreach Ministries began in 1990 with Leon as the founding director. Over the last 25 years, Leon has led efforts to build churches, schools and clinics as well as developing the leaders in Haiti needed to sustain the ministry. He is married to Jacky who is the superintendent of all of the primary schools with an enrollment of more than 1,300 students and of the new secondary school which opened in September 2015.



### **Rick Kearney**

Chief Executive Officer of Rise Against Hunger

Rick joined Rise Against Hunger in 2007 and has continued to step into new leadership and expanded role opportunities since then, applying his diverse skills and experiences in banking, teaching, ministry and missions. He has served in multiple leadership roles across community engagement, logistics, operations, and the Executive Team. Rick now leads our mission as CEO and strongly believes that while passion and purpose may first draw a person to Rise Against Hunger, purpose and fulfillment will sustain them.



### **Diane V. Regensburger**

Diane first traveled to Reynosa, Mexico, in 2000 to participate in the international mission work of Faith Ministries, McAllen, Texas. She has made this mission trip nearly every year since. She has served on the Faith Ministries Board of Directors since 2025.

Diane joined First Presbyterian Church in 1999, with her husband Mark and two now-adult sons, Jacob and Paul. She has served as an Elder, Deacon, Stephen Minister, Stephen Ministry Leader, and in the music ministry. She currently serves as the team leader for our Mexico Mission Team.

## HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 3 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting.
- 4:30 p.m. Family Bowling Night

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, March 9

- 9 a.m. Women of the Church
- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 4 p.m. UPWARDS Spring Pickleball
- 7 p.m. Prayer Beyond the Emoji
- 7:30 p.m. CE Committee

### Tuesday, March 10

- 10 a.m. Martha Circle
- 6 p.m. Stated Deacons Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 11

- 4 p.m. Men of God Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Class with Dr. Garrett
- 6:30 p.m. Stretch & Scripture
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. CREATION Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 12

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 5 p.m. Hannah Circle
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

### Saturday, March 14

- 10 a.m. CREATION Rehearsal
- 4 p.m. CREATION Concert

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 15 • The Gathering: Foundations
- Mar 16 • Personnel Committee Meeting
- Mar 17 • Finance Committee Meeting
  - Stated Session Meeting
- Mar 20 • Crossing Thresholds Listening Groups
- Mar 21 • Crossing Thresholds Listening Groups
- Mar 22 • MomCo Meeting
  - Crossing Thresholds Listening Groups
- Mar 23 • David's Mighty Men
- Mar 24 • S.A.L.T. Halifax State Historical Tour
  - VBS Committee
- Mar 26 • Property Committee Meeting
- Mar 28 • Palm Sunday Orchestra Rehearsal
- Mar 29 • Palm Sunday Celebration
  - Palm Sunday Meal & Egg Hunt
- Mar 31 • COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- Apr 2 • Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
- Apr 5 • Easter Sunday
  - Congregational Breakfast
- Apr 6 • Church Office Closed
- Apr 7 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
  - Worship Committee Meeting
- Apr 9 • Hannah Circle
- Apr 13 • Mission Committee
  - CE Committee
- Apr 14 • Martha Circle
  - Stated Deacons Meeting

## Sanctuary flower donors are needed for

April 19, April 26 and May 3.

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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## Lenten Family Devotionals & Practices for Families

Now available in Eller Hall!





**Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E:**  
**Tonight is Family Bowling Night!**  
**4:30 to 6 p.m. at Lafayette Lanes**

Join us for strikes, spares, and tons of fun.

If you're able, please consider donating \$5 per bowler to help cover the cost. We can't wait to see you there!

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



**Prayer:**  
 BEYOND THE EMOJI 6

**Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m.**

**"Practical Christian Living"**

at the home of Rodney & Tina Baker.

Call the church office for more information.

**s.a.l.t. Halifax Historical Tour**

**Tuesday, March 24**

We will depart the church at 8 a.m.  
 Cost will be lunch at Two Doors Down.  
**RSVP by March 10** with Nancy Billman  
 at 910-916-5994.



**ALL IN FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

**with potluck sides, family & friends.**

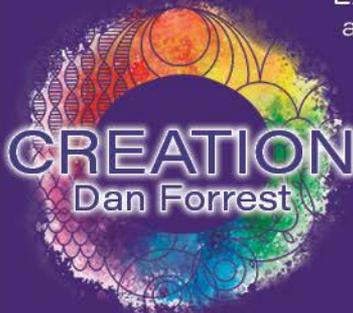
The church will provide the main entree. You can bring a salad, side, dessert or bread that will serve 8 to 10 people or pay \$8 per adult (age 13+) and \$3 per child (age 5-12). The meal cap is \$20 per family. Childcare available upon request—contact Wanda ([wanda@firstprez.com](mailto:wanda@firstprez.com)) no later than the Sunday prior. **Vegan & Gluten-Free options are available!**

**March 11 - Chicken, Mixed Vegetables & Rice from Hong Kong**

**March 18 - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy**

**March 25 - BBQ Chicken & Corn**

**April 2 - Maudy Thursday Service - Smothered Tenderloin, Potatoes & Gravy**



Experience CREATION, Dan Forrest's newest and most expansive work, performed for the first time in the Fayetteville area.

**Join us in wonder and praise as this breathtaking oratorio celebrates the beauty of God's Creation on Saturday, March 14th at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

Admission is free. Donations are appreciated.  
 Childcare will be available.



## Help Us Prepare for Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

We need nut-free, individually wrapped candy and help stuffing 1,000 eggs.

Pick up empty eggs and prizes in Eller Hall, fill the eggs at home, and return them to Eller Hall by March 22.

Candy donations may be dropped off in Eller Hall by March 29.

*Thank you for helping make this event special!*

## Children's Ministry needs your help!

We are hoping to collect enough items to donate 15 Easter baskets to the Children's Center at Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation. They will distribute the baskets we make to the children in the hospital around Easter.

Please bring brand new items to Eller Hall by Sunday, March 15.

### NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Socks - Newborn or 0-3 Months

Onesies

Baby Blankets [30" x 30"]

Baby Wipes

\*Please note that any size clothing newborn size and larger is fine.

### PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AND PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT



Blankets [40" x 60" for toddlers or larger]

Light-up and musical toys

Hair ties or headbands

Socks [children & youth sizes]

Stuffed animals (small)

Books [appropriate for all ages, including teenagers]

Journals/Coloring books & Crayons

Character action figures

Hotwheels

Legos/Duplo




**VBS at First Prez June 15 - 18**

**Early registration is OPEN!**

Open to:  
FPC & First School families:  
rising PreK 4 to rising 5th grade

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




**H<sup>3</sup>F EASTER SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

Sunday, April 5  
following the 11 a.m. service.

Your family looks forward to having you join them on Easter!! Feel free to invite and bring a friend!

The Congregational Care Committee will provide the plates napkins, cups, drinks, turkey and ham.

Please let us know what you will bring.  
Suggestions include salads, sides, and desserts, either purchased or homemade, your choice.

Sign up in Eller Hall.  
Sign up online at  
[bit.ly/H3FEaster](http://bit.ly/H3FEaster)  
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!

### 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 &  
Interim Director of Children's Ministry

Nichole Russ,  
Director of Communications

### SUPPORT STAFF

Wanda Ussery, Nursery Director

Anji Martinez, Office Manager

Nina McLaughlin, Facility Supervisor

Elisabeth Pait, Administrative Assistant

Xavier Medina, Custodian

### MUSIC SUPPORT STAFF

Alice Ann Campbell, Accompanist &  
Assistant Organist

Tim Lloyd, Section Leader

Joe Evans, Section Leader

Erin Jackson, Choral Scholar

Theodore Schwamm, Choral Scholar

Annalise Sears, Choral Scholar

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#### AUDIO VISUAL

Don Perkins

Stephen Kelly

Hoyt K.

Scott M.

Bruce McRae

Jacob Regensburger

Martha Vorder Bruegge

## Sunday Services

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

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**#ServeandShare**