



# Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

DON'T HOLD  
YOUR BREATH

FEBRUARY 11, 2024  
11 a.m.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
REV. JEFF SHAVER

# Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | February 11, 2024

**Prelude** "Variations on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'" Hal H. Hopson  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Jeff Shaver

**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** Dr. Mike Garrett

**Hymn #2** "Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

## Call To Confession

**Prayer of Confession** Dr. Mike Garrett  
**Gracious God, who pours out freely the gift of Your Holy Spirit: We confess before You that we have failed to recognize this most valuable gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things. Cleanse and forgive us, O Lord. Burn away our presumption and self-sufficiency. Open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of Your hand. Hear our prayers as we continue our confession in silence...** (Our prayer continues in silence.) **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** Dr. Mike Garrett

**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** "Benedictus" Brian Lewis  
The First Presbyterian Women's Ensemble  
Mary Ann Tally, accompanist  
*Translation: "Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest."*

## Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Wade Byrd

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** "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" arr. Angerman & Harris  
The Celebration Choir  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

**Offertory Response, # 609** "Praise God, from Whom LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
All Blessings Flow"

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

Scripture

Acts 1:1-9

Message

"Don't Hold Your Breath"

Rev. Jeff Shaver

## The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**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**

"Psalm XIX"

Benedetto Marcello, arr. Dubois

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

+ 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 Eller Hall.**

**Thank you to today's fellowship hosts, Elders Class of 2024 & Julie Diltz!**

**Today's Flowers**

*The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God  
 by Mark and Janice Luce in thanksgiving and remembrance for  
 our loved ones whom we hold dear both past and present.*

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

**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/>.

**FLOWER DONORS NEEDED FOR MARCH**

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

The sanctuary renovation team made a presentation to the congregation last Sunday. The drive is off to a great start! Please turn in your pledge cards with the offering or drop it off in the office. If you have questions, contact Ralph Huff, Buzz Loyd or Wade Byrd.



## Happening Today

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!
- 10 a.m. Catechism
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Club 543
- 12:15 p.m. Worship Arts Troupe Interest Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. First Friends
- 3 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 3 p.m. Stitch Buddies
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & Youth
- 4:30 p.m. MOPs
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party

## Upcoming Events

- Feb 19 • Personnel Committee Meeting
- Feb 20 • Stated Session Meeting
- Feb 25 • Confirmation begins
- Feb 26 • David's Mighty Men
- Feb 27 • S.A.L.T. tour of Fayetteville Historical Museum
- COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- Mar 3 • Children's Sunday
- Mar 4 • VBS Committee Meeting
- Mar 9 • Rise Against Hunger
- Mar 10-17 • Mission Conference
- Mar 24 • Palm Sunday
- Mar 26 • S.A.L.T. trip to Nasher Art Museum
- Mar 31 • Easter Service
- Apr 20 • S.A.L.T. trip to Temple Theatre
- June 17-20 • VBS

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, February 12

- 10 a.m. United Way Blood Drive
- 12 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 5:15 p.m. Missions SUB Committee
- 5:15 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 6:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers

### Tuesday, February 13

- 10 a.m. Martha Circle
- 12 p.m. Pastor's Lunch Bunch
- 6 p.m. Stated Deacons Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 14

- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service

### Thursday, February 15

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 11 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
- 6 p.m. Theology On Tap

### Friday, February 16

Youth Ski Trip begins

### Saturday, February 17

Mexico Mission Application Deadline

**For more information, contact Debra Chestnutt at (910) 818-9006 or [debra@chestnutt.com](mailto:debra@chestnutt.com).**

**Visit [bit.ly/FPCMexicoMission](http://bit.ly/FPCMexicoMission) for the application**

## First Prez will host the United Way Day of Caring Blood Drive



**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

**Sign up to donate by scanning the QR code, visit [bit.ly/FPCBloodDrive2024](http://bit.ly/FPCBloodDrive2024) or call the church office.**

## KINGDOM KIDZ & YOUTH MEETS TODAY 4:30-6PM

*BIBLE, FELLOWSHIP & DINNER*

**Feb. 18**

Kingdom Kidz & Youth will not meet.  
Youth ski trip weekend.

**Feb. 11**

**Team Night 4:30 to 6 p.m.**

Bring an item for Souper Bowl of Caring!  
Youth will have a Super Bowl Party at the Hall's home 6:15-9 p.m.

**Feb. 25**

**Children's Sunday Rehearsal**



**First Friends will meet today at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at Haymount Truck Stop (100 Broadfoot Avenue).**

# CLUB 543



Club 543 will meet today  
12 - 1:30P.M.



## All In Fellowship Wednesday Meals

Enjoy a weekly Wednesday meal with potluck sides, family & friends at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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 upon request by the prior Monday. Email britany@firstprez.com for childcare.

**February 14th - Ham**  
followed by the  
**Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*Please RSVP and sign up for a dish by visiting [bit.ly/AshMeal](http://bit.ly/AshMeal) or call the church office.*

**February 21st - BBQ Chicken**  
followed by an **Adult Education Class** with  
**Dr. Garrett at 6:30 p.m. "The After Party**  
**Toward Better Christian Politics,"**  
or join the **Celebration Choir Rehearsal**  
RSVP is not necessary, however you can sign up for a  
dish at [bit.ly/AIFPotluck](http://bit.ly/AIFPotluck) or call the church office.



Youth Ministry is collecting food donations for Fayetteville Urban Ministry.

Items being collected are:

- Grits
- Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Syrup
- Pancake Mix
- Muffin Mix
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Hamburger Helper

**Help us score our goal of 150 items!**

Drop off donations in Eller Hall or outside of the Activity Room.



For more info, email [youth@firstprez.com](mailto:youth@firstprez.com)

## The After Party

*Toward Better Christian Politics*



with Dr. Mike Garrett & Rev. Jeff Shaver  
6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays  
beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>

***WE NEED TO RADICALLY RECENTER ON JESUS.***

We don't have all the answers, but we know we have lost our way. As Christians, we must confront toxic polarization and heal our broken politics. As we rebuild, we have a perfect example. Jesus refused to be defined by the politics of his day, and he calls us to be salt and light for our world as well.

Our identity in Christ is far more important than any political party. But separating our Christian identity from our political one can be challenging. That's what we're here to explore together.

## Ash Wednesday Worship Service

February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary after the All In Fellowship Meal. If you plan on attending the meal, please RSVP by visiting [bit.ly/AshMeal](http://bit.ly/AshMeal) or call the church office.

This is My Body, a Lenten devotional, explores how Jesus lived in his body on earth and invites us to take care of—and embrace the goodness of—our own bodies. Each week highlights a different story from Jesus' life and connects it to shared human experiences—like growing up, taking naps, or drinking water.

Find printed copies in Eller Hall or download a copy at [bit.ly/2024LentenDevotional](http://bit.ly/2024LentenDevotional)



WELCOME

INTERESTED IN JOINING OR LEARNING MORE  
ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

**NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON - MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 12:15PM**

PLEASE JOIN DR. GARRETT AND OTHERS FOR LUNCH AT 12:15PM FOLLOWING OUR  
11AM WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM. TO RSVP CALL THE  
CHURCH OFFICE AT (910) 483-0121 OR EMAIL [ASHLEY@FIRSTPREZ.COM](mailto:ASHLEY@FIRSTPREZ.COM)

A GREAT FAMILY EVENT!

**Rise**

**AGAINST HUNGER**

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**HELP US GET CLOSER TO  
1 MILLION MEALS!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>**

MISSION CONFERENCE KICK OFF AT 8:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY.  
MEAL PACKING BEGINS AT 9AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Volunteers must register for RAH. Scan the QR Code or  
visit [bit.ly/RAHMarch2024](http://bit.ly/RAHMarch2024) to register online.

Childcare will be provided for younger children. Elementary age and up  
are welcome to help with packing. To help with planning, please register  
for [childcare](http://childcare) by visiting [bit.ly/RAHKids](http://bit.ly/RAHKids)



SCAN ME

**SCUBA**  
Saving little friendships with sea!



**2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 17 - 20, 9AM TO 12PM**

**registration begins in March!**

Grab your  
dive buddies for  
a whale of a  
good time!

**vbs volunteers are needed!**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:

Andrea Horosko at [ahorosko82@gmail.com](mailto:ahorosko82@gmail.com) or Britany Spivey at [britany@firstprez.com](mailto:britany@firstprez.com)





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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. Jeff Shaver, Associate Pastor

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Director of Pastoral Care

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#### AUDIO VISUAL

Don Perkins

Flora M.

Jacob Regensburger

Martha Vorder Bruegge

## Sunday Services

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

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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**