

# Welcome to Worship



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Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

MORE THAN WE  
CAN IMAGINE

JANUARY 11, 2026  
11 a.m.

GUEST SPEAKER  
REV. MARK TIDSWORTH

# Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | January 11, 2026

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.  
Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

## Prelude

"Phoenix Processional"  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Dan Locklair

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Call To Worship #468

"In My Life"

LORD BE GLORIFIED

*In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified*

*In my life, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified*

*In your church, Lord, be glorified today.*

## Prayer of Adoration

## Hymn #366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

## Call to Confession

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you forgive us whenever we ask. We ask you now to forgive all our sins. Your Spirit longs to make us more and more like Jesus, but we resist. We cling to old ways even when you call us to new ways. We presume upon your grace. Give us, loving God, a faith which changes us day by day into Christ's likeness. Help us to follow in his way and forgive us when we lose our way. We ask it in Jesus' name. Hear us as we bring to you the silent confessions of our hearts. (We pray in silence.) 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

"By Faith"

The Celebration Choir  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

arr. Lloyd Larson

## Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Winnie Grannis

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

"Step into The Water"

Kirk L. Talley

Men of God

Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

### Doxology, #609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

ERFREUEN

*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

Ephesians 3:14-21

## Message

"More Than We Can Imagine"

Rev. Mark Tidsworth

## Congregational Commissioning

Leader: Now O Church, we know who we are and who we follow.

**People: The God who can do more than we imagine**

Leader: Now O Church, we know that God has hopes, and dreams, and plans for this particular body of Christ.

**People: We know that God loves this church, leading us forward into new sacred adventures.**

Leader: So this day we launch the Crossing Thresholds Visioning Journey, committing ourselves to prayer and discernment.

**People: We commit ourselves to pray regularly for this church, to join one another in discerning God's calling for us.**

Leader: Through the grace, power, and love of Jesus Christ our Lord, may it be so.

**People: May we follow every nudge, whisper, and shout of the Spirit as we cross over thresholds into new seasons of life and ministry. So be it, Amen!**

**Hymn #305****"Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!"**

DARWALL'S 148th

**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****"Rondo"**

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

John Bull

• 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: Deacons Class of 2026****Today's Flowers**

The Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in honor of the members of the Crossing Threshold Coordinating Team through donations to the Flower Fund.

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

**Sanctuary flower donors are needed  
for January & February.****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)



## HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Elder Training
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.
- 4:30 p.m. MomCo
- 4:45 p.m. Crossing Thresholds

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, January 12

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Education

### Tuesday, January 13

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

### Wednesday, January 14

- 4 p.m. Men of God
- 5 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 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 Devotional
- 6:45 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 15

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 4 p.m. Upwards Pickleball League
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

### Friday, January 16

- 5 p.m. Youth Ski Trip departure

### Saturday, January 17

- 10 a.m. Creation Rehearsal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 16-19 • Youth Ski Trip
- Jan 18 • Women's Ensemble
- Jan 19 • Church Office closed
  - Personnel Committee
- Jan 20 • Finance Committee
  - S.A.L.T. Lunch at Sammios
  - 2026 Mission Conference Committee
  - Stated Session Meeting
- Jan 25 • MomCo Meeting
- Jan 26 • Forty Days of Prayer begins
  - David's Mighty Men
- Jan 27 • COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- Jan 29 • Property Committee
- Jan 31 • Creation Rehearsal
- Feb 2 • Food Service Committee
  - Engagement Committee
  - Mission Committee
- Feb 8 • Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Feb 9 • Christian Education Meeting
- Feb 10 • Martha Circle
  - Stated Deacons Meeting
- Feb 12 • Hannah Circle
- Feb 16 • Personnel Committee
- Feb 17 • Finance Committee
  - Stated Session Meeting
- Feb 24 • S.A.L.T. trip to NC Museum of Art
- Feb 28 • Ash Wednesday



## 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!**

### Family Celebration Night JANUARY 14

*Invite the families you know & welcome the families you don't!*

Baked Chicken with dressing & gravy from Kinlaws

For planning purposes, please register online by 12 p.m. on January 13 at [bit.ly/AIFJan14](http://bit.ly/AIFJan14) or scan the QR Code.

 January 14

### Beloved Community Supper JANUARY 21

*Beloved community begin begins when everyone has a seat at the table.*

Stewed Beef, Rice & Gravy from Kinlaws

For planning purposes, please register online by 12 p.m. on January 20 at [bit.ly/AIFJan21](http://bit.ly/AIFJan21) or scan the QR Code.



 January 21



## Stretch & Scripture resumes January 14! Meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in room 225

Classes are open to youth (6th grade and up) as well as adults, with a focus on exercising the body, mind, and spirit by integrating Scripture and Christian music with low-impact aerobics and gentle stretching. The class may include elements of floorwork and breathwork, creating a sense of peace and centering on Christ.

*Participants are encouraged to bring a towel/yoga mat and yoga blocks.*



## SUPERBOWL OF CARING FOOD DRIVE

JAN 25  
TO  
FEB 8

GIRLS VS BOYS

Blue donation box Pink donation box  
**TEAM UP AND TACKLE HUNGER**

SECOND HARVEST  
FOOD BANK  
Food. Health. Growth.  
Food. Health. Growth.

Team up with our youth to tackle hunger in our community -  
**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 500 NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS!**

*The winning team wins a special treat and surprise!*

**We love the big game, but we love our neighbors more!**

Join the youth and be a game changer for our neighbors in need through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Bring in any of the listed goods below OR donate to Youth Missions. All donations go to Second Harvest Food Bank. \$1=1 item  
Last year ended in a tie. Who will win this year, boys or girls?

### DONATIONS BEING COLLECTED:

PEANUT BUTTER

CEREAL

CANNED FRUITS

CANNED VEGETABLES

RICE

PASTA

FRUIT CUPS

PUDDING CUPS

CANNED SOUPS

CANNED MEATS

**TOGETHER, WE CAN TACKLE HUNGER —ONE DONATION AT A TIME!**

*s.a.l.t.* Seasoned Adults Learning Together

**Lunch at Sammio's - Tuesday, January 20 at 11:30 a.m.**

We will meet at Sammio's, located at 2623 Raeford Road. Cost will be lunch. Please RSVP by January 13. Contact Sarah Cromartie at 910-977-1813.

**Trip to NC Museum of Art - Tuesday, February 24**

"The Book of Esther in the Age of Rembrandt" We will depart the church at 8:30 a.m. Cost will be lunch at Bella Monica. Reservations are needed by January 20. RSVP to Nancy Billman at 910-916-5994



# Help Us Feed the Fun!

## Sundays | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Each week, our Kingdom Kidz and Youth group S.U.R.G.E. gather for fun, faith, and fellowship—and one of the most meaningful parts of their time together is sharing a meal! We need your help to keep this tradition going. Meals are made possible by our amazing volunteers, families, and church members. Would you consider signing up to provide dinner one Sunday this season?

### Past favorites include:

Hot dogs • Tacos • Pizza • Pasta • Chicken tenders  
(Feel free to team up with another family!)



Sign up today! Visit [bit.ly/KidzMeal](http://bit.ly/KidzMeal) or scan the QR code.

**Have questions?** Contact Jess Jones at [youth@firstprez.com](mailto:youth@firstprez.com).

Thank you for being a part of nurturing both the bodies and hearts of our young disciples!

 Sign up here!



# ¡UNIDOS EN CRISTO!

### United in Christ with Faith Ministry in Reynosa Mexico.

You are invited to join our Mexico Mission Trip, June 6–13, as we partner with Faith Ministry in Reynosa, Mexico. United in Christ, we will serve, learn, and build relationships while sharing God's love through hands-on ministry. This trip is an opportunity to grow in faith and make a meaningful impact across the border. Come be part of what God is doing in Reynosa!

This trip is open to adults age 18 and older, as well as high school and middle school youth who will be at least 14 years old by June 1, 2026, and who are accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

Visit [firstprez.com/mexico](http://firstprez.com/mexico) or scan the QR Code for details and to view and submit your 2026 Mexico Mission Trip Application today!



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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,  
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### CONTACT US

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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.

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