



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

TESTS, TRIALS &
TEMPTATIONS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
11 a.m.

GUEST PASTOR
REV. CRAIG MORRISON

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | September 28, 2025

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Alfred V. Fedak

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #410, verse 1

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

*God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
Through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder;
God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?*

Prayer of Adoration

Cameron H.

Hymn #610

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Mike Garrett

Leader: Merciful God, you pardon all who repent and turn to You. We confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with our God. Have mercy on us, O God. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

People: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Here the good news of the gospel. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

People: He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

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

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. Mark Hayes

Ross Wells, soloist
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Joann Pearce

**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**

"How Firm A Foundation"

Tom Trenney

The Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, 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 - Two Cents A Meal Offering**

Children are invited to Children's Church+

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

Message

"Tests, Trials & Temptations"

Rev. Craig Morrison

Hymn #175

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

LAFFERTY

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

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Alfred V. Fedak

+ 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: Session Class of 2027**

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God through contributions to the Flower Fund by grateful members of the congregation.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, October 5, 2025

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following the 11 a.m. Worship Service, to act on the report of the nominating committee, and elect Elders and Deacons for the class of 2028. Please attend this brief meeting.



The Two-Cents a Meal Offering benefits the House of Moses Crisis Nursery in Lusaka, Zambia and Fayetteville Urban Ministry.

Flower donors are needed for October 5, 12 & 26.

Contact Debra Chestnutt at debra@chestnutt.com or (910) 818-9006
Monetary donations for flowers can be made to the church office.
Please notate "Flower Fund" on checks.

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



SCAN ME

HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Junior Usher Training
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Youth Parents Ski Trip Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 3:15 p.m. Graceful Praise Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.
- 4:30 p.m. MomCo Meeting

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 29

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 5:15 p.m. Women's Ensemble

Tuesday, September 30

- 6:30 p.m. COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 1

- 9 a.m. Soul Striders
- 10 a.m. S.A.L.T. Trip to Sweet Valley Ranch
- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Dr. Garrett's Anxiety Class
- 6:30 p.m. God's Little Creators
- 6:30 p.m. Stretch & Scripture
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

Saturday, October 4

- 9 a.m. Rise Against Hunger
- 11 a.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 5

- Stephen Ministry
- Junior Usher Recognition

Oct 6

- Women of the Church Meeting
- New Officer Training
- Engagement Committee
- Mission Committee

Oct 7

- S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Worship Committee
- C. E. Committee

Oct 9

- Hannah Circle

Oct 11

- Jubilate Deo Concert

Oct 12

- Children Sing at 11 a.m. worship
- Trunk or Treat

Oct 13

- Prayer Beyond the Emoji

Oct 14

- Martha Circle
- Finance Committee
- Historical Tour Part 1
- Stated Deacons Meeting

Oct 15

- Historical Tour Part 2

Oct 19

- S.U.R.G.E. at Xscape Factor

Oct 20

- Personnel Committee
- New Officer Training

Oct 21

- S.A.L.T. Southern Supreme Trip
- 2026 Mission Committee Meeting
- Stated Session Meeting

Oct 26

- Stewardship Breakfast

Nov 9

- S.U.R.G.E. at the Awakening Tour

Nov 11

- Family Skate Party

Nov 14

- S.A.L.T. trip to Rudy Theater

WEDNESDAYS ARE BETTER TOGETHER



All In Fellowship meal with potluck sides, family & friends Wednesdays - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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 will be provided in the Nursery Wing during class, and rehearsal.

October 1
Lasagna

October 8
Chicken & mixed vegetables
from Hong Kong

October 15
Smothered Tenderloin

October 22
Fried Chicken

October 29
Meatloaf

After the meal, stay and take part in evening opportunities for all ages: Dr. Garrett's class "Managing Anxiety", Stretch & Scripture, Celebration Choir, and God's Little Creators for kids.

STILL RISING.
STILL FIGHTING HUNGER.

Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

food • community • sustainability

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
MEAL PACKING BEGINS AT 9 A.M.

We've already changed lives — let's keep pushing forward!

Together we will pack another 25,000 meals to help fight hunger around the world. Each meal you pack provides hope and nourishment for children and families in need. Join us for this hands-on mission opportunity. Every pair of hands makes an impact — let's rise together!



All volunteers must register.

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/FPCRAH

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 by visiting bit.ly/RAHKids



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TRUNK OR TREAT

GAMES, INFLATABLES, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 12 - 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.

David's Mighty Men are firing up the grill with burgers and hot dogs!

Carnival Row hosted by Youth Ministry.
Make a donation, grab a wristband, and play your favorite carnival games!

- **Carnival Games**
- **Basketball**
- **Dunk Tank**

and more!

Donations will benefit Living Waters for the World.

Invite your friends & family -
everyone is welcome!

Peanut-free candy donations needed by October 8.

Drop off in Eller Hall.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Volunteers Needed!

Decorate your trunk & pass out candy.
Need help with young child friendly themes?
Britany has ideas & decorations for you.

Register online for dinner & to volunteer.
Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/FPCTRUNKorTREAT



JUBILATE DEO

BY DAN FORREST

JUBILATE DEO RETURNS!

Saturday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m.

In celebration of our 225th Anniversary, Music Vision has invited the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra for a special reprise of the Jubilate Deo concert. This powerful work will once again fill our sanctuary with joy and praise as we mark this historic milestone together.

Purchase your tickets online at www.fayettevillesymphony.org/2025-2026-season/

Upcoming S.A.L.T. Trips

Tuesday, October 21 - Southern Supreme Fruitcake & More Tour

We'll depart from the church at 8:30 a.m. The only cost is lunch at Lizzie's Chill & Grill. Please RSVP to Sarah Cromartie (call or text 910-977-1813) by October 14.

Tuesday, November 14 - Christmas Show

S.A.L.T. is heading to the Rudy Theater in Selma on Friday, Nov. 14, for the 12:45 p.m. matinee. Tickets are \$20 per person—please pay the church office by Oct. 19 to reserve your seat. Dinner plans will be announced soon. For questions and to RSVP, contact Joann Pearce at 910-978-2930.

JUNIOR USHERS ARE BACK!

Children in grades 2–5 are invited to serve as Junior Ushers—greeting, handing out bulletins, and assisting in worship at 11:00 a.m.

Training Sessions:

- Sept. 28 | 10–10:45 a.m.
- Oct. 5 | 10 a.m. (during Sunday School in Room 207; refresher for returning ushers)

Questions? Contact Britany Spivey at 910-483-0121 or britany@firstprez.com.

YOUTH SKI TRIP PARENTS MEETING

TODAY

FOLLOWING

11 A.M. WORSHIP

IN ROOM 225



KINGDOM KIDZ

& S.U.R.G.E.

MEET TODAY!

4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.

BIBLE, DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

**NEED TO SIGN
UP YOUR CHILD?**

VISIT BIT.LY/KIDZANDYOUTH

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THURSDAYS ARE PICKLE-TASTIC!

6th graders to adults-

LET'S PLAY PICKLEBALL!

A fun, friendly night for all skill levels

No experience needed.

Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



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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

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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