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# *Palm Sunday*

The Royal Priest

Associate Pastor Rev. Jeff Shaver

Palm Sunday | March 24, 2024 | 11 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FAYETTEVILLE, NC | EST. 1800

# Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday

## Prelude

"The Palms"  
Roger Holmes, trumpet  
Dr. Larry Wells, trumpet  
Alice Ann Campbell, organ

Jean-Baptist Faure

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jeff Shaver

## Call To Worship #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*Let every creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen!*

## Prayer of Adoration

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Palm Processional Hymn #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

## Anthem

"Hosanna"  
The Kingdom Kidz  
Mary Ann Tally, accompanist

Lynn Russell

## Call To Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Dr. Mike Garrett

**As we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem, we see how we fall short. We welcome You with joy but don't keep our promise to follow You fully. Please forgive us for not making room for You in our lives and for letting our own interests take over places meant for worship and love. Cleanse our hearts and help us to love and serve others like Jesus did. Help us to be more like Jesus, caring for those who are often forgotten and showing Your love in everything we do. Guide us to live right and make our lives a clear sign of Your love and forgiveness. Now, in the silence of our hearts, we confess our sins to you.** (Our prayers continue 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**

"Jesus Loves Me"

Mary McDonald

The First Presbyterian Women's Ensemble  
Mary Ann Tally, accompanist

**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Elder Buzz Loyd

**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**

**Recognition of Catechism Class**

Britany Spivey

**Offering****Offertory Anthem**

"Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!"

Mark Hayes

The Celebration Choir  
Dr. Larry Wells, trumpet  
Roger Holmes, trumpet  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

**Offertory Response, #606**"Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Offertory Prayer****Time for Children**

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

**Scripture**

Matthew 21:1-14

**Message**

"The Royal Priest"

Rev. Jeff Shaver

**Communion Hymn #518**

"Your Only Son"

LAMB OF GOD

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

## Communion Anthem

"Arioso"  
Dr. Larry Wells, trumpet  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J. S. Bach

## Benediction

### Benediction Response #199

"Filled with Excitement"

HOSANNA

*As in that entrance to Jerusalem,  
hosannas we will sing to Jesus Christ,  
to our Redeemer who still calls today,  
asks us to follow with our love and faith.*

*From every corner a thousand voices sing  
praise to the One who comes in the name of God.  
Our acclamation breaks forth in shouts of praise,  
our triumphant song of joy;  
"Hosanna, hosanna to the King!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the King!"*

## Postlude

"Toccatà"

Charles Marie Widor

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

+ Children's Church is available for young elementary age children 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 the Fellowship Hall!**

### Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Benny Pearce by his family.

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 APRIL & MAY

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

The **sanctuary renovation** team is delighted to announce that the drive is off to a great start! Please turn in your pledge cards with the offering or drop it off in the office. To complete your pledge card on line and to view the Sanctuary Modernization Brochure, visit [firstprez.com/sanctuary-modernization](http://firstprez.com/sanctuary-modernization) or scan the QR Code.



If you have questions, contact Ralph Huff, Buzz Loyd or Wade Byrd.

## Happening Today

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Palm Sunday Potluck Luncheon & Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- 3 p.m. "The Road To Calvary" Rehearsal

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, March 25

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 5:15 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 6 p.m. David's Mighty Men

### Tuesday, March 26

- 8:30 a.m. S.A.L.T. trip to Nasher Art Museum
- 12 p.m. Pastor's Lunch Bunch
- 6:30 p.m. COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 27

- 12 p.m. Property Committee Meeting
- 6 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 7 p.m. "The Road To Calvary" Worship Service

### Thursday, March 28

- 10 a.m. Tapestry

### Saturday, March 30

- 10 a.m. Easter Orchestra Rehearsal

## Upcoming Events

- Mar 31 • Easter Services
- Congregational Breakfast at 9 a.m.
- H3F Easter Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.
- Apr 1 • Church Office Closed
- Engagement Committee Meeting
- Apr 2 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Sanctuary Packing Party
- Worship Committee Meeting
- C. E. Committee Meeting
- Apr 7 • Cross Creek Fellowship Service
- Kingdom Kidz & Youth resume
- Apr 8 • VBS Team Meeting
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Congregational Care Meeting
- Mission Committee Meeting
- Prayer: Beyond The Emoji begins
- Apr 9 • Martha Circle
- Stated Deacons Meeting
- Apr 11 • Hannah Circle
- Apr 14 • MOPs Meeting
- Apr 15 • Youth Steering Team Meeting
- Apr 16 • Stated Session Meeting
- Apr 18 • Theology On Tap
- Apr 20 • S.A.L.T. trip to Temple Theatre
- Apr 21 • Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Apr 24 • Fellowship Trivia Night
- May 5 • Youth Sunday
- May 26 • Graduate Recognition Sunday
- Jun 1-8 • Mexico Mission Trip
- Jun 17-20 • VBS



# KINGDOM KIDZ & YOUTH

## BIBLE, FELLOWSHIP & DINNER



**WILL RESUME ON APRIL 7 4:30-6:30 PM**

# THE ROAD TO CALVARY

*Walk with Jesus on the road to the cross.  
Experience the Passion as never before.*

**Wednesday, March 27**

**6 p.m.** Catered Dinner in Fellowship Hall - Registration required

**7 p.m.** Dramatic Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary  
Childcare will be provided during the service.

Performed by the First Presbyterian Church Worship Arts Troupe & the Celebration Choir.

Sign up for the dinner in Eller Hall by March 24,  
call the church office, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/CalvaryDinner](http://bit.ly/CalvaryDinner)



# Worship with us this Easter

**7 a.m. Community Sunrise Worship Service in Lafayette Park**  
*Remember to bring your lawn chair!*

**10 a.m. Sunday School**

**9 a.m. Congregational Breakfast**  
*Assorted Biscuit Sandwiches &  
Casseroles in the Activity Room*



To RSVP sign up in Eller Hall, call the church office,  
scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/FPCEasterBreakfast24](https://bit.ly/FPCEasterBreakfast24)



**11 a.m. Unified Easter Worship Service**  
in the Sanctuary with the Church Orchestra

## Flowering of the Cross

*This beautiful tradition continues at First Presbyterian!*

A barren cross will be moved to the Sanctuary porch in observance of Good Friday on March 29. Please bring fresh flowers Saturday, March 30, or on Easter Sunday morning to transform the barren cross into a beautiful celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!

Feel free to take photos at the cross and post on social media using the hashtag #Easteratfirstprez. Tag @1stprez on Facebook and @firstprezfay on Instagram. You can also email them to [nichole@firstprez.com](mailto:nichole@firstprez.com) for possible inclusion in future publications.



# H<sup>3</sup>F

**Home & Hearth Holiday Fellowship**  
Easter Potluck Luncheon  
**March 31 at 12:30 p.m.**

You may bring your food to the Fellowship Hall before the 11 a.m. service and put it in the Fellowship Hall refrigerator. The luncheon will start at 12:30 p.m., following the Easter Worship Service. Ham and turkey will be provided. **Please sign up & let us know what side, salad or dessert you plan to bring to the Potluck Easter Luncheon by March 25 to avoid duplications & allow us to order enough ham and turkey.** To register in person, sign up in Eller Hall or call the church office (910) 483-0121. To register online, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/H3FEaster2024](https://bit.ly/H3FEaster2024)



# All In Fellowship Wednesday Meals

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

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](mailto:britany@firstprez.com) for childcare.

**March 27 - Holy Week Catered Meal\*** **April 3 - Popcorn Shrimp**

\*Register online at [bit.ly/CalvaryDinner](http://bit.ly/CalvaryDinner) or in Eller Hall

COAP

## Caregivers Of Aging Persons Meeting March 26 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Guest Speaker Dana Bentley

Dana Bentley is a family consultant for the Southeastern NC Project C.A.R.E (Caregiver Alternatives to Running on Empty)  
Contact the church office for the Zoom meeting information.



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**Prayer:**  
**BEYOND  
THE EMOJI**

“Prayer: Beyond the Emoji” was created in 2023 by the Engagement Committee. We met twelve times during the year, always at the home of a member. We discussed topics pertaining to our prayer lives. The goal was that prayer be much more than only a pair of yellow hands in a text emoji.

**April 8th at 7 p.m.**

*Come early for hors d'oeuvres.*

**Week 1 – “Praying for a Miracle”**

at the home of Bud Lafferty. Call the church office for the address.

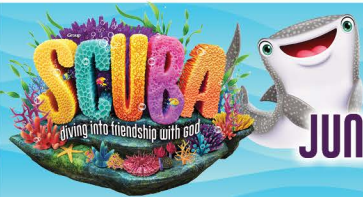
## SANCTUARY PACKING PARTY!

Tuesday, April 2 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



It's time to pack the Sanctuary and prepare for the Sanctuary Modernization construction! Volunteers are needed to help staff pack the hymnals, Bibles and other materials in the pews. Afterwards, a pizza lunch will be provided. To register online, scan the QR code, visit [bit.ly/SanctuaryPacking](http://bit.ly/SanctuaryPacking), or call the church office.

*For planning purposes, please register by Sunday, March 29.*



## 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

**registration is open!**

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



**REGISTER FOR VBS TODAY!**

**VISIT BIT.LY/FPCSCUBA 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. Jeff Shaver, Associate Pastor

Rev. Mitch Watson,  
Director of Pastoral Care

### PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. Marcia Mervin,  
Director of Music Ministry & Organist

Britany Spivey,  
Director of Christian Education &  
Children's Ministry

Kimberly Hopkins,  
Interim Director of Youth Ministry

Nichole Russ,  
Director of Communications

Veronica P.,  
Office Manager

Jessica Jones,  
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### SUPPORT STAFF

Nina McLaughlin, Facility Supervisor

Ashley Kronwetter, Executive Assistant

### MUSIC SUPPORT STAFF

Alice Ann Campbell, Accompanist & Assistant Organist

Tim Lloyd, Section Leader & Men's Director

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### STAY CONNECTED!

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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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**#ServeandShare**