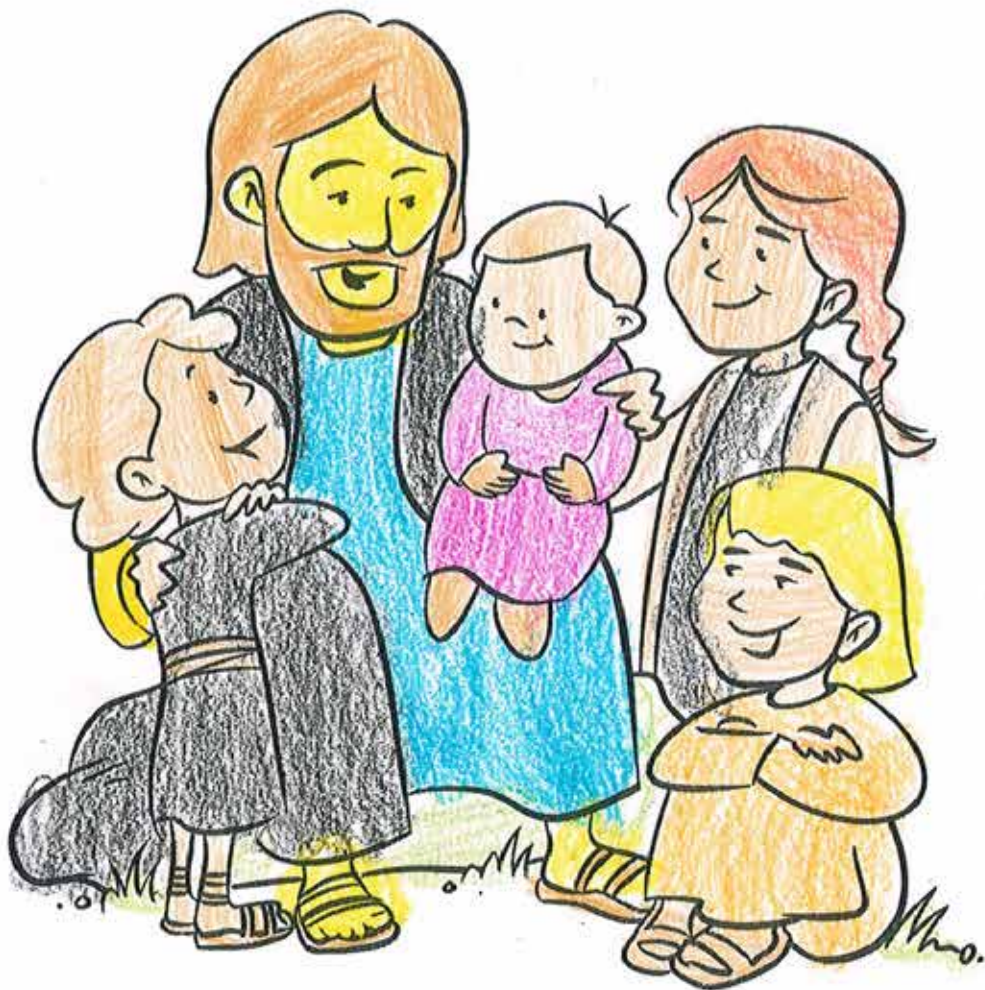


First Presbyterian Church
Fayetteville, NC | Established 1800

Welcome to Worship!



Children's Sunday

THE FORGIVEN
FAMILY

MARCH 3, 2024
11 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR
DR. MIKE GARRETT

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | March 3, 2024 | Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude

"Come Thou Fount"

arr. Meadowlark Violin

Noah H., Bryson H., Benjamin O., violin
Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett & Britany Spivey

Call to Worship #616

"Our God Is an Awesome God"

AWESOME GOD

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above.
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!
(Repeat)*

Prayer of Invocation

Olivia H.

Leader: Who are you?

All: I am a child of God.

Leader: Who are we?

All: We are children of God, the family of faith.

Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?

All: We belong to God, who loves us and calls us God's own. In life and death, we belong to God. Amen.

Hymn #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

Call to Confession

Emilia O. & Benjamin O.

Prayer of Confession (Choral Response)

Madelyn K.

*As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way!*

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have turned away from you and fallen into sin. We put ourselves in the center of our world; we think of ourselves first and others later.

Response: *"O sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray."*

Leader: We fail to pray and read our Bibles as we should. We fail to give to others. We have plenty, while others have little.

Response: *“O sinners, let’s go down, down to the river to pray.”*

Leader: Our relationship with you is broken and our relationships with others are confused. We have closed our hearts to you and disobeyed your law.

Response: *“O sinners, let’s go down, down to the river to pray.”*

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you that although you hate our sin, you never stop loving us. During this season of Lent, help us return to you, receive forgiveness, and claim the new life offered by Jesus Christ. We are asking now for your mercy and forgiveness. Hear the silent confessions of our hearts. *(Our prayer continues in silence.)* Lord help us to claim our status as your beloved children. Through Jesus Christ, who suffered, died, and rose for us, we pray. Amen.

Confession Response

*As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way!*

*O sinners, let’s go down
Let’s go down, come on down
O sinners, let’s go down
Down to the river to pray*

Assurance of Pardon

Britany Spivey

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

“Rebel Heart”

Lauren Daigle

Madison S., soloist

Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

Get Ready, Get Set, Worship Recognition

Morning Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

William D. & Madison S.

**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.**

Offertory Introduction

Lilly M.

Offertory Anthem

"If I Were A Butterfly"
Kingdom Kidz Preschool and Kindergarten
Mary Ann Tally, accompanist

Brian Howard

Doxology #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

Sutton H.

Time for Children

Britany Spivey & Dr. Mike Garrett

Prayer of Illumination

Bryson H.

Scripture

Acts 2:36-41

John Cameron M.

Sermon

"The Forgiven Family"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Anthem

"I Speak Jesus"
Maryn H., soloist
Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

Charity Gayle

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed

Riley H.

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.

Hymn #649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
verses. 1, 2, 5

AMAZING GRACE

Benediction Response #729 "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian" I WANT TO
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; BE A CHRISTIAN
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Ludwig van Beethoven,
 Alice Ann Campbell, organ arr. Anna Laura Page

+ 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 Eller Hall.
 Thank you to today's fellowship hosts, Children's Ministry families!**

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Children's Ministry, parents, and volunteers who make a positive impact on the lives of the children in our church from a grateful congregation.

The Chapel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond C Pfaff, Sr, to celebrate his heavenly 98th birthday on March 8th by Kellie Pfaff Perkins & Don Perkins.

The rosebud on the Communion Table is placed in honor of the birth of Patrick James McLaurin, Jr., born on February 28, 2024 to parents Laurie and Patrick McLaurin, Sr. and grandparents Stella Nelson and Hal McRaney.

Thank you Stuart, from Children's Ministry, for the bulletin cover artwork!

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/>.



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 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. Confirmation
- 12 p.m. Newcomers Luncheon
- 12:30 p.m. First Friends
- 3:30 p.m. "The Road To Calvary" Speakers Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & Youth

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 4

- 10 a.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting
- 11 a.m. VBS Team Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Care Meeting
- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 5:15 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 5:30 p.m. Engagement Committee
- 6 p.m. Mission Committee
- 6:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers

Tuesday, March 5

- 8:30 a.m. S.A.L.T. breakfast at JK's
- 12 p.m. Pastor's Lunch Bunch
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee
- 7 p.m. C. E Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 6

- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Christian Education
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

- 10 a.m. Tapestry

Saturday, March 9

- 8:30 a.m. Mission Conference Kick Off
- 9 a.m. Rise Against Hunger

Upcoming Events

- Mar 10 • Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller
- Confirmation
- Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller presentation & dinner
- Mar 11 • Officers Mission Meeting
- Mar 12 • Stated Deacons Meeting
- Martha Circle
- Mar 13 • Rev. Craig Morrison Presentation & Meal
- Club 543
- Mar 14 • Hannah Circle
- Mar 16 • Officer Mission Meeting
- Mar 17 • Guest Speaker Mrs. Colleen Hernandez
- Mar 19 • Stated Session Meeting
- Mar 21 • Theology On Tap
- Mar 23 • Mexico Mission Trip Deadline
- Mar 24 • Palm Sunday Celebration with Congregational Potluck Luncheon and Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- "The Road To Calvary" Rehearsal
- Mar 25 • David's Mighty Men
- Mar 26 • S.A.L.T. trip to Nasher Art Museum
- Mar 27 • "The Road To Calvary" & dinner
- Mar 30 • Easter Orchestra Rehearsal
- Mar 31 • Easter Services
- Congregational Breakfast
- H3F Easter Luncheon
- Apr 20 • S.A.L.T. trip to Temple Theatre
- May 5 • Youth Sunday
- May 26 • Graduation Sunday
- Jun 1-8 • Mexico Mission Trip
- Jun 17-20 • VBS



WELCOME

**INTERESTED IN JOINING OR LEARNING MORE
ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?**

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

MARCH 3 AT 12:15PM

**PLEASE JOIN DR. GARRETT AND OTHERS FOR LUNCH AT 12:15PM FOLLOWING
OUR 11AM WORSHIP SERVICE ON MARCH 3, IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM.**

Palm Sunday Celebration

Sunday, March 24


9 a.m. Worship Service in the Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Congregational Potluck Luncheon will follow the 11 a.m. Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will follow the meal.



The church will provide the main entrees (BBQ and Fried Chicken from Paradise Acres) and dessert. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. To RSVP sign up in Eller Hall, call the church office, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/PalmSunday2024

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.

Register for the dinner in Eller Hall, call the church office, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/CalvaryDinner



Easter Sunday

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

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

To RSVP sign up in Eller Hall, call the church office, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/FPCEasterBreakfast24

10 a.m. Sunday School

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



SCAN ME

Remember to bring your flowers for the Flowering of the Cross!



H³F

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. A double-sided buffet will allow everyone to be served promptly, but the luncheon will be leisurely. The Congregational Care Committee will provide ham and drinks. Please sign-up to bring sides, salads, and desserts. These food items can be purchased or homemade, your choice. **Please sign up & let us know what you plan to bring to the Potluck Easter Luncheon by March 25 to avoid duplications & allow us to order enough ham and turkey.**



SCAN ME

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

Easter Egg Donations Needed!

We are collecting donations of pre-stuffed eggs or individually wrapped nut-free candy to stuff in Easter eggs for our children's Easter egg hunt.

Donations can be dropped off at Britany's office now through Sunday, March 17.

Easter Basket Mission Project

Children's Ministry is making Easter baskets to donate to the Children's Center at Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation to distribute to children in the hospital around the Easter Holiday. Our goal is to make 5 baskets for the NICU (birth to 3 years old) and 15 baskets for children (ages 3-18).

Please bring brand new items to the church by Wednesday, March 20.

NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Newborn Socks / 0-3 Months size Socks

Onesies

Baby Blankets [30" x 30"]

Baby Wipes

Books

*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 middle & high school students]

Journals/Coloring books & Crayons

Character action figures

Hotwheels

Legos/Duplo

Pop-Its (and other sensory toys)

Socks/Underwear/Sweatshirts/Sweatpants/Athletic Shorts

(all sizes accepted, but there is an increased need for larger sizes)





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HELP US GET CLOSER TO 1 MILLION MEALS!
SATURDAY, MARCH 9

MISSION CONFERENCE KICK OFF AT 8:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY.



MEAL PACKING BEGINS AT 9AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Volunteers must register for Rise Against Hunger. Scan the QR Code or visit 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 by visiting bit.ly/RAHKids



REV. DR. MARK MUELLER
Executive Director of
The Outreach Foundation

MISSION CONFERENCE WEEK MARCH 9 - 17

MRS. COLLEEN HERNANDEZ
Associate Director of Faith Ministry



FIND THE SCHEDULE,
DETAILS AND REGISTER
ONLINE BY VISITING
firstprez.com/mission-conference

**WHAT IN THE WORLD
IS GOD DOING?
GOD'S MISSION IN OUR TIME**



VBS registration is now open!

At SCUBA, kids (entering kindergarten to entering 6th grade) plunge into an undersea world brimming with colorful coral, flashy fish, and abundant life. Immersed in oceans of fun, kids discover God is a real friend who loves them forever!

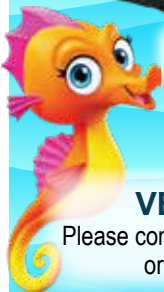


JUNE 17 - 20
9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

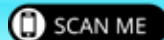
**Grab your dive buddies for
a whale of a good time!**

VBS Volunteers are needed!

Please contact Andrea Horosko at ahorosko82@gmail.com
or Britany Spivey at britany@firstprez.com



REGISTER FOR VBS TODAY!
VISIT BIT.LY/FPCSCUBA OR SCAN THE QR CODE





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

First Friends is an inviting church group that embraces individuals typically between 20 and 40 years old, who wish to grow together as young or "young-ish" adults while exploring different meeting locations around Fayetteville. Whether you've been a long time member or completely new to First Presbyterian, First Friends is simply a fun way to be together and make new friends!

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 for childcare.

March 6 - Chicken with Mixed Vegetables

March 13 - Mission Conference Catered Meal

Register online at bit.ly/March13Dinner or in Eller Hall



THEOLOGY
on **tap**
with Rev. **Jeft Shaver** at District
House of Taps

Meeting monthly
every third Thursday!
Thursday, March 21 - 6 p.m.
at 1240 Fort Bragg Rd

Whether you're deeply rooted in your faith or just curious about life's big questions, this is for you. Share your thoughts, connect with like-minded individuals, and enjoy a fun evening of theological exploration over your favorite beverages.

We welcome everyone, regardless of background or beliefs to join us. So bring a friend and we'll see you there!

FLOWER DONORS NEEDED FOR MARCH

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

s.a.l.t.

Seasoned Adults Learning Together
Monthly Fellowship Breakfast & Excursions

S.A.L.T. will meet for breakfast at JK's deli on March 5 at 8:30 a.m.

March 26 Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University

Contact Nancy Billman 910-916-5994 for reservations by March 16.

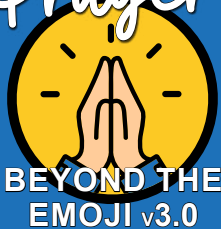
April 20 Million Dollar Quartet at Temple Theatre, Sanford

Contact Melanie Strickland at mhstrickland01@aol.com by March 1st.

May 16 Historic Hillsborough

Visit the Montrose Gardens and Ayr Mount Historic Site. Cost will be \$10, plus the cost of lunch.
Contact Patsy Markham at (910) 868-3001 by May 13th.

Prayer



The Engagement Committee is planning “Prayer: Beyond the Emoji v3.0” beginning in the spring. We meet in the homes of members to facilitate prayer in our Christian walk. We want prayer to be even more than folded hands in a text thread. If you have topics related to the discipline of prayer that you would like to see discussed in small group, send an email to vice moderator Rodney Baker at baker4state@gmail.com.



CROSS CREEK FELLOWSHIP:

A FRESH APPROACH TO WORSHIP

With great excitement and a spirit of renewal, we invite you to a newly refashioned worship service: Cross Creek Fellowship!

Sunday, April 7 at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Cross Creek Fellowship invites us to come as we are—whether that means jeans and t-shirts or Sunday best—embracing the joy of fellowship and worship without formalities. This service is a place where children are welcome, and where the music blends the lyrics of old with a fresh, folksy twist.

Cross Creek Fellowship is not simply another option for our Sunday worship; it is a mission. It reaches out to those beyond our church doors who might feel intimidated or uncomfortable in a traditional worship setting. It is a beacon for those seeking a spiritual home where they can explore their faith in a relaxed and nurturing environment.

If you feel called to contribute or simply wish to learn more about how you might help with the Cross Creek Fellowship launch, we warmly invite you to reach out to Pastor Jeff Shaver directly at Jeff@firstprez.com.

Presbyterian Women Organization of the Month for March

BETTER HEALTH

Better Life. Better Community.

Better Health provides assistance, referral, and education for unmet healthcare needs.

- Cleaning supplies
- Paper Products
- Disposable Briefs & Bed Pads
- Diabetic Testing Strips
- Liquid Nutritional Supplements (Ensure, Boost, or Glucerna)





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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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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