



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

LIVING OUR LIVES IN
THE HANDS OF GOD

JULY 12, 2026
11 a.m.

DR. DAVID CAGLE
INTERIM PASTOR

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | July 12, 2026

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" *

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

arr. Ron Boud

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #620

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

Prayer of Invocation

Dr. Mike Garrett

Hymn #610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of fear so we can see ourselves and others as your children. 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

"Prayer of St. Francis"

Allen Pote

Vicki Hogan, soloist
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

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**

"Seek Ye First"
The Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Lafferty, arr. Wagner

Offertory Response, #609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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**

Today is Family Sunday. Please return to sit with your family+

Scripture

Psalm 23 & Luke 12:13-21

Message

"Living Our Lives in the Hands of God"

Dr. David Cagle

Hymn #661

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"

SPARROW

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.*

+ *Children's Church will be on break from July 5 to August 2.*
Children's Worship Bags with resources are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Join us for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Eller Hall.
Thank you to today's hosts: Stephen Ministers

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. David Cagle as he begins his pastoral ministry with our congregation, through contributions to the Flower Fund.

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

Today's Prelude and Postlude are offered in honor of Dr. Mike Garrett, with deep gratitude for his faithful service to First Presbyterian Church over the past eleven years. It has been both a joy and a true privilege to serve this congregation alongside Mike and under his thoughtful leadership throughout these years.

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" has long been one of Mike's favorite hymns, and today's musical selections are based on the beloved hymn tune Ellacombe, chosen at his request. It is my hope that these pieces will serve as a small expression of appreciation for his ministry, friendship, and unwavering support of the music ministry.

As I will be away the next two Sundays, today will be our final Sunday in worship together. Mike, thank you for your kindness, encouragement, and faithful leadership. I pray that God will richly bless you as you begin this new chapter called retirement. May you enjoy precious time with your family, discover new opportunities for joy and renewal, and experience the peace, rest, and fulfillment you so richly deserve. May God's presence continue to guide and sustain you in all the days ahead.

With gratitude and every good wish,
Marcia Heirman Mervin

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



HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Celebration Choir Summer Rehearsal & Lunch
- 12 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 19 • Family Movie Night
- July 20 • Personnel Committee
 - Children's Ministry Meeting
- July 21 • Finance Committee Meeting
 - Stated Session Meeting
- July 26 • Dr. Garrett's Retirement Event
- July 27 • David's Mighty Men
- July 28 • COAP Zoom Meeting
- July 30 • Property Committee Meeting
- Aug 3 • Mission Committee Meeting
- Aug 4 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
 - Worship Committee Meeting
- Aug 6 • Engagement Committee
- Aug 9 • Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Aug 10 • Christian Education Meeting
- Aug 11 • Stated Deacons Meeting
- Aug 12 - 16 • Summer Mission Conference
- Aug 23 • Carolina Sound Concert

The budget for sanctuary flowers is very limited, and we have always relied on members of the congregation to sponsor memorials or honorariums.

We understand that times are difficult and that the cost of flowers continues to rise. If you're able, consider partnering with friends or family to honor someone special in your life—perhaps for a birthday, anniversary, in memory of loved ones, or even to mark the start of a new school year.

If sponsoring an arrangement isn't possible right now, you might consider contributing to the Flower Fund by placing an envelope in the offering plate marked "Flower Fund." Any amount is truly appreciated.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Debra Chestnutt at 910-818-9006 or debra@chestnutt.com.



WEAR YOUR PJS & JOIN US IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM.

bring a pillow and sleeping bag

SUNDAY, JULY 19

4:30 TO 6:30PM

Pizza and popcorn will be served.

Guardians are welcome to join!

Childcare will be available for the littles.

Please RSVP.

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/MovieNight26



Scan Me

First Presbyterian Church joyfully invites you
to a day of worship and celebration honoring
the remarkable career and retirement of

Dr. Mike Garrett

Together, we will give thanks for God's faithfulness,
for a lifetime of devoted service, and for the many ways
Dr. Garrett has blessed our church and community.

Sunday, July 26, 2026

11:00 a.m. — Worship Service in the Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. — Celebration Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP on or before July 15.

Register online at bit.ly/FPCRetirement or scan the QR Code.

Register in person in Eller Hall
or call the church office at (910) 483-0121.



RSVP Online

We invite you to participate in the celebration by sending cards, photos,
videos, or digital messages for Dr. Garrett to nichole@firstprez.com.

Considering a monetary gift to honor Dr. Garrett's retirement?

If you're considering a monetary gift to celebrate Dr. Garrett's retirement, there are two ways to contribute. You may write a check either to First Presbyterian Church or directly to Michael W. Garrett. Here's what distinguishes the options: Gifts made out to the Church are tax-deductible for the donor but will count as taxable income for Dr. Garrett. In contrast, checks payable directly to Michael Garrett are not tax-deductible for the donor, yet are not taxable to him. All direct contributions will be gathered and presented to Dr. Garrett at the retirement luncheon, while the Church will issue a separate check to him covering all honorariums it receives on his behalf. If you have questions about the tax implications, please consult your tax advisor.

**Save the date for
Summer 2026 Mission Conference!**

August 12 through August 16

Let your Light Shine

*And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and
satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday. Isaiah 58:10*

\$11 cash/check
paid to the church office.
Please note Mission Conference
T Shirt on checks or envelopes.
or **\$12.05** if paying online
with a debit/credit card



Scan Me

To preorder online,
scan the QR Code or visit
bit.ly/FPCMissionShirt

**Preorder your 2026 Summer
Mission Conference T Shirt today!**



Or preorder by calling
the church office at (910) 483-0121



Together We Can LAUNCH Brighter Futures at Walker Spivey Elementary

Local Relief Ministry is collecting school supplies for Walker Spivey Elementary School to support students and teachers as they begin the new year. If you'd like to help, please drop off donations in Eller Hall. Your generosity makes a real difference for our community. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office. Please note "Local Relief Ministry" on checks or envelopes.

Student Supply List:

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Composition Notebooks | ☐ Pencils |
| ☐ Spiral Notebooks | ☐ Highlighters |
| ☐ Three Ring Pocket Folder | ☐ 24 Count Crayons |
| ☐ Plastic Pocket Folders | ☐ Expo Dry Erase Markers |
| ☐ Index Cards | ☐ Expo Dry Erase Cleaner |
| ☐ Sticky Notes | ☐ Colored Pencils |
| ☐ Ziploc Bags | ☐ Jumbo/Large Erasers |
| ☐ Gallon | ☐ Pencil Pouch (no boxes) |
| ☐ Half Gallon | ☐ Scissors |
| ☐ Quart | ☐ Glue Sticks |
| ☐ Pint | ☐ Headphones |
| ☐ Back Pack | ☐ Kleenex/Tissues |
| ☐ Reuseable Water Bottle | ☐ Clorox Wipes |
| ☐ Germ-X (Hand Sanitizing Wipes) | ☐ Pocket Folders (with & without prongs) |
| ☐ Binder 1/2 inch (with clear front cover) | ☐ Binder 1 inch (with clear front cover) |
| ☐ Notebook Paper (wide & college rule) | |

Teacher Wish List:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| ☐ Tissues | ☐ Dry Erase Markers | ☐ Label Maker |
| ☐ Hand Sanitizer | ☐ Pre Sharpened Pencils | ☐ Multi-colored Pens |
| ☐ Paper Towels | ☐ Sticky Notes | ☐ Band Aids & Ointment |
| ☐ Clear Tape | ☐ Disinfectant Wipes | ☐ Heavy Duty Stapler & Staples |
| ☐ Glue Sticks | ☐ Stackable Paper Trays | ☐ Non-Perishable Wrapped Snacks |



A Smart Way to Give

Shop these Amazon wish
lists, and send your donation
directly to the church.



Student List

Scan the above QR Code
or visit bit.ly/LRMStudent
for the Student Supply List.



Teacher List

Scan the above QR Code
or visit bit.ly/LRMTeacher
for the Teacher Wish List.



First Presbyterian Church
102 Ann Street Fayetteville, N.C.

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

Dr. David Cagle, Interim Pastor

Rev. Chris Carson,

Minister of Pastoral Care

PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. Marcia Mervin,

Director of Music Ministry & Organist

Britany Spivey

Interim Director of Christian Education &
Children's Ministry

Nichole Russ,

Director of Communications

SUPPORT STAFF

Wanda Ussery, Nursery Director

Anji Martinez, Office Manager

Nina McLaughlin, Facility Supervisor

Elisabeth Pait, Administrative Assistant

Xavier Medina, Custodian

MUSIC SUPPORT STAFF

Alice Ann Campbell, Accompanist &
Assistant Organist

Tim Lloyd, Section Leader

Erin Jackson, Choral Scholar

Theodore Schwamm, Choral Scholar

Annalise Sears, Choral Scholar

CONTACT US

(910) 483-0121

info@firstprez.com

STAY CONNECTED!

WEBSITE

www.firstprez.com

LIVE STREAM

www.firstprez.com/worship-with-us

FACEBOOK

facebook.com/1stprez

INSTAGRAM

instagram.com/firstprezfay

AUDIO VISUAL

Don Perkins

Stephen Kelly

Hoyt K.

Scott M.

Bruce McRae

Jacob Regensburger

Martha Vorder Bruegge

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.

#ServeandShare