



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR
GOD'S PEOPLE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
11 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR
DR. MIKE GARRETT

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | September 14, 2025

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Morning Hymn"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Flor Peeters

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #315 vs. 1

NEW DIMENSIONS

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We, your people, ours, the journey now and ever
Now and ever, now and evermore.*

Prayer of Adoration

Isabella O'Keefe

Hymn #394

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Bud Lafferty

Merciful God, You have called us to be imitators of Your Son, the firm foundation of Your Church. His sacrificial love for You and our neighbors humbles us. Our love for You is fleeting. Our love for neighbors is conditional. Forgive our sins of lukewarm devotion and convenient righteousness, through Christ our Lord. Create in us a love for your Son and His ways that both changes us and this world. Hear now the silent prayers of your church. (Our prayer continues 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**"Only Hope"****Jonathan Foreman**

Maryn H., soloist
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**Elder Bud Lafferty**

**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****"With a Voice of Singing"****Martin Shaw**

The Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Doxology, #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**

Children are invited to Children's Church+

Scripture**Mark 12:28-34****Message****"God's Purpose For God's People"****Dr. Mike Garrett**

Benediction**Benediction Response #315 vs. 1**

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Postlude

"Vita Gioiosa (Joyous Life)"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Jeff Perks

+ 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 2027**

Today's Flowers

*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of staff of First Presbyterian Church through
contributions to the Flower Fund.*

*The Chapel flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Martha Reich Pfaff on the occasion of her
94th heavenly birthday September 17th by Kellie Pfaff Perkins & Don Perkins.*

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
- 12:30 p.m. Newcomers Luncheon
- 3 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 3 p.m. Graceful Praise Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.
- 4:30 p.m. MomCo

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 15

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 12 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 1 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday, September 16

- 6 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 17

- 9 a.m. Soul Striders
- 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, September 18

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 20 • Jubilate Deo Rehearsal
- Sep 21 • The Gathering: Foundations begins
- Sep 22 • Women's Ensemble
 - David's Mighty Men
 - Canticle Ringers
- Sep 24 • S.A.L.T. Trip to Sweet Valley Ranch
- Sep 25 • Property Committee
- Sep 28 • Guest Pastor Rev. Craig Morrison
 - Junior Usher Training
 - Youth Ski Trip Parent Info Meeting
 - MomCo
- Sep 30 • COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- Oct 4 • Rise Against Hunger
- Oct 6 • 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
 - Historical Tour Part 1
- Oct 15 • Historical Tour Part 2

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. For planning purposes, please register for the meals in September.



September 17

September 17 - Stewed Beef

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/AIFSept17 to register online.



September 24

September 24 - Baked Chicken

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/AIFSept24 to register online.

**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.

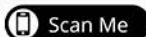
We've already changed lives — let's keep pushing forward!
Together we will pack another 25,000 meals to help fight hunger around the world. Each meal you pack provides hope and nourishment for children and families in need. Join us for this hands-on mission opportunity. Every pair of hands makes an impact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



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





Snack Kit Ministry Help Needed

We're looking for volunteers to help deliver Snack Kits to Walker Spivey or Douglas Byrd. Deliveries can be made on Thursday or Friday. Please note that the Snack Kit bins are heavy.

SOUTHERN SUPREME FRUITCAKE & MORE TOUR **➤TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21<**

Join S.A.L.T. for a trip to Bear Creek to tour Southern Supreme Fruitcake & More. 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.**



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/

Women of the Church – Find Your Circle

All adult women are invited to be part of Women of the Church, a ministry rooted in fellowship, service, and care. Together, we support the flower ministry, visit the sick and homebound, and encourage our children's ministry. This year, both circles will be studying "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ" by Rhashell D. Hunter.

You are welcome to join one of our two circles:

Hannah Circle – Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at The Coffee Scene (3818 Morganton Rd). For more information contact Debra Chestnutt (debra@chestnutt.com) or Kathy Nickell (nickell.katherinem@gmail.com)

Martha Circle – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Church Parlor. For more information contact Debra Chestnutt (debra@chestnutt.com) or Joann Pearce (joannpearce@nc.rr.com)

***Come find encouragement, friendship,
and a place to grow in faith and service together!***



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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.

#ServeandShare