



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

CHOOSING LIFE

APRIL 14, 2024
11 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR
DR. MIKE GARRETT

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | April 14, 2024

Prelude

"All Depends On Our Possessing"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Flor Peeters

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #743

"O God, You Are My God"

STEP BY STEP

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

(Repeat)

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Jeff Shaver

Hymn #263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

Call To Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jeff Shaver

Mighty God, by raising Jesus from the tomb, you shattered the power of sin and death. But we are slow to believe and slower still to live like those who will live forever. Turn our hearts toward a new way of life in Jesus Christ. Forgive our sins and overcome all evil in us and this world. Make us faithful followers of our risen Lord, who rules the world and is head of the Church. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent confessions. (Our prayer continues in silence.) **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Jeff Shaver

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.*

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Bill Boyette

**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

"The Father's Song" Matt Redman, arr. Allen
The First Presbyterian Women's Ensemble
Sarah Szopinski, accompanist

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

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

Scripture

Acts 3:11-20

Message

"Choosing Life"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Hymn #691

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

LAND OF REST

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

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

David German

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 Eller Hall.

Thank you to today's fellowship hosts, Dianne MacIlwinen,

Lulie Harry and Betty Jo Wilkins!

Today's Flowers

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 & JUNE

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.

The **sanctuary renovation** team is delighted to announce that the drive has raised \$1 million in pledges! If you haven't made your pledge, please turn in your pledge cards with the offering or drop it off in the office by April 30.



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.

A word of thanks from The Snack Kit Ministry

Many thanks to all who helped with The Snack Kit Ministry this school year. This ministry could not succeed without you.

Please check the Lost & Found basket in Eller Hall for your misplaced items. Items left unclaimed will be donated.

Happening Today

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Confirmation
- 4 p.m. Cross Creek Fellowship
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & Youth
- 4:30 p.m. MOPs Meeting

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 15

- 12 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 1 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 6 p.m. Youth Steering Team Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 7 p.m. Prayer Beyond the Emoji

Tuesday, April 16

- 12 p.m. Pastor's Lunch Bunch
- 6 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 17

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

Thursday, April 18

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 6 p.m. Theology On Tap

Saturday, April 20

- 10 a.m. S.A.L.T. Trip to Temple Theatre

Upcoming Events

- Apr 21 • Stephen Ministry Meeting
• Club 543
- Apr 22 • David's Mighty Men
- Apr 24 • Fellowship Trivia Night
- Apr 30 • COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- May 5 • Youth Sunday
• Teacher & Volunteer Appreciation
• Kingdom Kidz & Youth Rock Climbing
- May 6 • PW Coordinating Team Meeting
• Congregational Care Meeting
• Engagement Committee Meeting
• Mission Committee Meeting
- May 7 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
• Worship Committee Meeting
• C. E. Committee Meeting
- May 9 • Hannah Circle
- May 13 • Finance Committee Meeting
- May 14 • Martha Circle
• Stated Deacons Meeting
- May 16 • S.A.L.T. trip to Hillsborough
• Theology On Tap
- May 19 • Family Field Day
- May 21 • Stated Session Meeting
- May 26 • Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 27 • Church Office is closed
- May 28 • COAP Meeting
- May 30 • VBS Prep & Volunteer Dinner
- Jun 1-8 • Mexico Mission Trip
- Jun 11-14 • S.A.L.T. Biltmore Trip
- Jun 16 • VBS Dedication Sunday
- Jun 17-20 • VBS
- Jul 7-12 • Youth Works Mission Trip



CROSS CREEK FELLOWSHIP:

Where Roots Grow Deep & Branches Reach High
Beginning today at 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

THE CHURCH OF MISFIT TOYS: A 6-week Sermon Series

This sermon series is designed to explore the beauty of diversity, acceptance, and grace within the context of the Christian faith, using the metaphor of the "Island of Misfit Toys" to discuss how the church can be a place for everyone, especially those who feel like they don't quite fit in. Through this series, "The Church of Misfit Toys" can become a powerful message of hope, inclusivity, and grace, resonating deeply with those longing to find their place in God's family.

Cross Creek Fellowship offers a beacon of hope and a place of refuge for those seeking to reconnect with their faith. Childcare is available. **Spread the word. Invite your neighbors and friends to worship with us on Sunday afternoons.**

KINGDOM KIDZ & YOUTH 4:30 – 6:30 P.M.

BIBLE, FELLOWSHIP, DINNER & FUN

April 14 - Twins Day – Copy Cat Night

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Kids can dress up as twins with a friend or volunteer.

April 21 - Earth Day – Creation

April 28 - Kidz Ice Cream Sundae Party &

Youth rehearsal for Youth Sunday



Prayer:

V3.0 BEYOND THE EMOJI

April 15th at 7 p.m.

Come early for hors d'oeuvres.

Week 2 – "How to Pray When God Does Not Change Our Circumstances"

at the home of Tina & Rodney Baker.
Call the church office for the address.

ROCK CLIMBING & PIZZA

AT THE CLIMBING PLACE

MAY 5

4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.



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

Registration is needed by April 30.

All In Fellowship Wednesday Meals

Bring a potluck side and enjoy a weekly Wednesday meal with 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.

April 17 - Pork Chops

April 24 - Fried Chicken & Trivia Night Fun!

Meeting monthly - every third Thursday!

Thursday April 18 at 6 p.m. - 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!**

THEOLOGY

on tap

with Rev.  at District
Jeff Shaver House of Taps



SAVE THE DATE!

Youth Sunday is May 5

Save the date!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 26

HELP US RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR GRADUATES!

If you know someone who is graduating from high school or college, please let us know by contacting Kimberhly at youth@firstprez.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 17 - 20, 9AM TO 12PM

Registration is now open!



Group
SCUBA
diving into friendship with God

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



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!



SCAN ME

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



VBS needs YOU!

Supplies listed may be dropped off at the church office or outside of Britany's office. Monetary donations can be made to the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Food Items:

- Small Disposable Plates & Bowls
- Ziploc Bags (gallon & sandwich)
- Paper Towels or Napkins
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cups (small disposable)
- Water Pitchers (4)
- Mini Muffins
- Fruit Snack Gummies
- Graham Crackers
- Animal Crackers (large container)
- Applesauce Cups
- Pretzel Rods
- Veggie Straws
- Goldfish Crackers



Other Items:

- Pool Noodles (any color)
- 2 Tailgating Tents (to borrow from June 14-20)
- Containers of Salt
- Q-Tips
- Cotton Balls
- Empty Shoe Boxes
- Tissue Paper (yellow, red & orange)
- Streamers (blue, green, pink, red & purple)
- Coffee Filters (all sizes)
- Plastic Table Cloths
(variety of colors - blue, black, white, etc.)
- Paper Cupcake Liners
- Spray Bottles (4)

VBS IS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF AWESOME VOLUNTEERS!

Please contact Andrea Horosko at ahorosko82@gmail.com or Britany Spivey at britany@firstprez.com if you are interested in volunteering during Vacation Bible School.



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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,
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Martha Vorder Bruegge

Sunday Services

9 a.m. Early Service, Chapel | 11 a.m. Service, Chapel | 4 p.m. Cross Creek Fellowship

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