



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

THE SOUND OF
GRATITUDE

NOVEMBER 16, 2025
11 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR
DR. MIKE GARRETT

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | November 16, 2025

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Prelude" from All Nature Sings
Psalms 8: "When I consider the heavens..."
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Alfred V. Fedak

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

AURELIA

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start;
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

Prayer of Adoration

Maryn H.

Hymn #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jenny MacKethan

Gracious God, we thankfully receive the fruit of your creation. We confess our struggle to give to others when you have so generously given to us. We are tempted to seek both our maximum benefit and minimum sacrifice. Forgive us through the mercy of Jesus Christ. You, the giver of every good gift, call us to live differently. Now fill our hearts with gratitude and open our hands to give, that others might see your generous grace and love. Hear now the silent prayers of our hearts. (We pray 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.*

A Moment for Stewardship

Ralph Huff

Anthem

"Look At the World"
The Celebration Choir
Maryn H., soloist
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

John Rutter

Reception of New Members**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Elder Kim Hall

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**

"All Nature Sings"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Alfred V. Fedak

Doxology, #609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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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**Anthem**

"Sing With Joy, Children of God"
The Kingdom Kidz
Mary Ann Tally, accompanist

Lynn Shaw Bailey

Time for Children

Children are invited to Children's Church+

Scripture

Psalm 67 & 2 Corinthians 9:12-15

Message

"The Sound of Gratitude"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Act of Dedication**Hymn #712**

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

FOREST GREEN

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

"Postlude: A Litany of Joy" from All Nature Sings Alfred V. Fedak
Psalm 136
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

+ 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: Bud Lafferty, Ann Rowell, and Gillie Revelle

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Ed Grannis, Jr. by his family.

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

Monetary donations are welcome for flowers in the Sanctuary.
Just indicate "Flower Fund" on envelope or check.



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
- 12:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.
- 4 p.m. Lowlanders & The Gathering: Foundations Friendsgiving

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 17

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 12 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 7 p.m. Prayer Beyond the Emoji

Tuesday, November 18

- 5 p.m. Mission Conference Planning
- 6 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 19

- 4 p.m. Men of God
- 5 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Biblical Justice Class
- 6:30 p.m. Stretch & Scripture
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Devotional
- 7 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

- 7 p.m. S.U.R.G.E. Friendsgiving Lock In

Saturday, November 22

- 9 a.m. Vivaldi Gloria Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 23 • Hanging of the Greens
 - Kidz Memory Verse Celebration
 - MomCo Meeting
- Nov 24 • David's Mighty Men
- Nov 25 • COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- Nov 27 • H3F Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon
 - Church Office closed
- Nov 28 • Church Office closed
- Dec 1 • Engagement Committee
 - Mission Committee
- Dec 2 • S.A.L.T. breakfast at JK's
 - Worship Committee
- Dec 6 • Vivaldi Gloria Rehearsal
- Dec 7 • MomCo Meeting
- Dec 9 • Martha Circle
 - Joint Session/Deacons Meeting
- Dec 11 • Hannah Circle
- Dec 12 • S.A.L.T. Christmas Lights Tour
- Dec 13 • Vivaldi Gloria Rehearsal
- Dec 16 • Finance Meeting
- Dec 17 • Darkness to Light dinner & service
- Dec 20 • Church Orchestra Rehearsal
- Dec 22 • David's Mighty Men



First School Food Drive

Supporting Fayetteville Urban Ministry

- Canned Veggies
- Soups
- Canned Meats
- Peanut Butter

Drop off donations in First School hallway by Nov 24.

FRIENDSGIVING



Drop off - Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

Pick up - Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7 a.m.

Come celebrate friendship and the love of God! Bring a buddy, dress alike for a chance to win, and enjoy games, snacks, and a movie together. **\$10 per youth. Buddies are free!**

Register online. Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/SURGELockin

Potluck dinner will be served. Don't forget to sign up for what dish you'll bring here: bit.ly/SURGEpotluck



Lock-In Wish List

We need your help making our friendsgiving extra special!
Contact Jess Jones to see how you can help!



This Christmas season, share the love of Christ by being part of our Angel Tree Ministry—a cherished tradition that brings hope and joy to families in need.

The Children's Ministry and Mission Committee are partnering with Walker Spivey Elementary to sponsor 20 children this year. Each Angel Tag represents a gift to an assigned child. Feel free to take one Angel Tag or more.

The Angel Tree will be in Eller Hall beginning Sunday, November 16. Stop by to select an Angel Tag and help make Christmas morning special for a child in our community. **Gifts are due by Sunday, December 14.**

Drop off gifts under the Christmas tree in Eller Hall or outside Britany Spivey's office. Gifts may be wrapped, but please remember to attach both the gift receipt and the Angel Tag securely to the outside of your package.

If you would like to make a financial contribution toward gifts, please contact Britany Spivey at britany@firstprez.com.

Let us come together as the body of Christ to share His love, light, and generosity this Christmas season.

Prayer : BEYOND THE EMOJI
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 7 P.M.
*Growing Your Faith
Through Life Experiences*
at the home of Ralph and Linda Huff.
For more information, contact the church office at 910-483-0121.



KINGDOM KIDZ

- Nov. 16
- Nov. 23 - Memory Verse Party
- Nov. 30
- Dec. 7 - Christmas Party

Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. will break following the December 7 meeting until Sunday, January 4, 2026.

S.U.R.G.E.

- Nov. 16 - NEW series begins
- Nov. 23
- Nov. 30 - Cocoa Jar Pack Night
- Dec. 7 - Christmas Mission Project

MEMORY VERSE CELEBRATION

All children who memorize these verses are welcome!

Sunday, November 23 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. during Kingdom Kidz

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

S.U.R.G.E. NEW Series Starts TODAY - The Centered Life

We hope you have had a terrific year! We know that things get chaotic during the holidays with finals, celebrations, shopping, and travel. We can lose focus on what is most important. This is why we are beginning a series called The Centered Life! We will focus on some spiritually forming practices to stay in step with Jesus ourselves and our community.

UPWARD

PICKLEBALL YOUTH LEAGUES ARE COMING

TO FIRST PRZ!

STARTS JANUARY 2026
REGISTER TODAY!



Grades 4-12
Register online.
Visit bit.ly/FPCPickleball
or scan the QR Code.





**November 19
BBQ**

ALL IN FELLOWSHIP MEALS

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 available upon request—contact Britany or Wanda no later than the Sunday prior.

Dec 3 - Popcorn Shrimp Dec 10 - Baked Chicken & Dressing

H³F

Home & Hearth Holiday Fellowship

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Thursday, November 27th at 12 p.m.



The H3F Program is a special gathering designed to create connection, build relationships, and foster a sense of community during the holidays. It's for anyone who might be spending the season away from family or simply wants to share the day with others.

You may find this event especially meaningful if you are:

- Military—single or with family—stationed away from home,
 - New to the church,
 - Grieving a recent loss,
 - Living alone or without family nearby,
 - Feeling overworked, tired, or stressed,
 - A parent needing a break from holiday meal prep,
 - Part of a small household not wanting to cook for just one or two,
- or if you simply want to enjoy good company, great food, & the joy of being together!



Your family looks forward to having you join them on Thanksgiving Day!!

Feel free to invite and bring a friend!

There's no fee—just bring a side, salad, bread, or dessert to serve 8–10. The main entrée and drinks will be provided by the Congregational Care Committee.



Let us know what you'll bring—salads, sides, or desserts (store-bought or homemade). Register online by November 23 at 3 p.m.

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/H3FThanksgiving25

COCOA & COOKIE GIFT JARS ARE BACK!

Enjoy a special holiday treat
made by your very own FPC youth!

Funds support youth missions and retreats.

- Hot Cocoa w/ marshmallows (12oz-\$8, 24oz-\$10)
- Hot Cocoa w/ peppermint & marshmallows (12oz-\$8, 24oz-\$10)
- Sugar Cookies (\$12) makes approx. 30 cookies
- Chocolate Chip Cookies (\$12) makes approx. 30 cookies

Preorder now through Nov 23. Pick up Dec 1 - 7 in Eller Hall.



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

If you'd prefer to pay by cash or check,
please email Jess at youth@firstprez.com



s.a.l.t.
Seasoned Adults
Learning Together

S.A.L.T. Fellowship Breakfast
Tuesday, December 2
JK's Deli at 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming S.A.L.T. Trip

Friday, December 12 - Festival of Lights Tour

We will depart the church at 6 p.m. and tour Sweet Valley Ranch's Christmas Lights. Cost will be dinner at MiCasitas.

RSVP by November 21 to Kathy Nickell at
(703) 283-7230 or nickell.katherinem@gmail.com

Darkness to Light

A SERVICE OF COMFORT & HOPE

Wednesday, December 17 at 5:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall



Scan Me

Join us for a meal followed by a service of comfort
and hope led by Rev. Chris Carson.

Please register online if you plan to attend at
bit.ly/FPCD2L or scan the QR Code.





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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!

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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