



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

A Very Foolish Farmer

Dr. David Cagle, Interim Pastor

11 a.m. | August 2, 2026 | Sanctuary

Service of Divine Worship

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Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Prelude in C, BWV 547"

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. David Cagle

Call To Worship #475, v.1 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Prayer of Invocation

Don Perkins

Hymn #35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. Though you are faithful to send the seed of life to us, we are lax in preparing ourselves to receive it. We allow the worries of life to grow up and choke new life. We allow the circumstances of life to make our hearts hard. We allow past events to be like rocks just below the surface of our hearts. Forgive us for blocking your gracious gifts and send your Spirit upon us so that we may work the soil of our hearts to prepare for your gracious work within, among, and through us. Hear now the silent confessions 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.*

Anthem

"Spirit of the Living God"
 The Celebration Choir
 Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Iverson, arr. Kogut

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Don Perkins

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**

"Goodness of God" Johnson, Johnson, Ingram,
 Jennifer McFadyen Hammond, soloist Cash and Fielding
 Alice Ann Campbell, 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**

Dr. David Cagle

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

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9

Message

"A Very Foolish Farmer"

Dr. David Cagle

Hymn #462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

Benediction

Dr. David Cagle

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 in Eller Hall.
Thank you to today's hosts: Deacons Class of 2026

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of First Presbyterian Church as we begin our next chapter by Janice and Mark Luce.

The Chapel flowers are given to the glory of God by Debra Chestnutt in loving memory of Johnson Chestnutt on his birthday which was July 31st.

Today's Prelude and Postlude – Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach's **Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547** was likely composed during his years in Leipzig, though some scholars believe it may date from his earlier Weimar period. The Prelude, in an unusual 9/8 meter, unfolds with a graceful, pastoral character and displays Bach's masterful contrapuntal writing.

The Fugue grows from a simple one-measure subject into a richly woven and highly concentrated musical structure. Bach heightens the drama by delaying the entrance of the pedal until well into the fugue, after 49 measures, where it presents the subject in majestic augmentation before leading the music back to its home key in a powerful conclusion.

The sanctuary flower budget is limited, and we rely on congregation members to sponsor arrangements in memory or honor of loved ones. We understand that flower costs have increased, but if you're able, please consider sponsoring an arrangement—perhaps with family or friends—for a birthday, anniversary, memorial, or other special occasion.

If sponsoring flowers isn't possible, donations to the Flower Fund are always appreciated. Simply place an envelope marked "Flower Fund" in the offering plate. For questions, contact Debra Chestnutt at 910-818-9006 or debra@chesnutt.com.

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. Stewardship Committee

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 3

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 6 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 4

- 8:30 a.m. S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 6

- 5:30 p.m. Engagement Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 9 • Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Aug 10 • Christian Education Meeting
- Aug 11 • Stated Deacons Meeting
- Aug 12 • Family Pool Party
- Aug 12 - 16 • Summer Mission Conference
- Aug 17 • WOC Planning Meeting
• Personnel Committee Meeting
- Aug 18 • Finance Committee Meeting
• Stated Session Meeting
- Aug 23 • Back-to-School Blessing
• Carolina Sound Concert
- Aug 24 • David's Mighty Men
- Aug 25 • COAP Meeting
- Sep 1 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
• Worship Committee Meeting
- Sep 3 • Engagement Committee Meeting
- Sep 7 • H3 F Birthday Bash
- Sep 8 • Martha Circle
- Sep 10 • Hannah Circle
- Sep 13 • Fall Kick-Off
• Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. resume

END OF SUMMER BASH AT THE



**Pool &
splash pad**
with lifeguards on duty

Pizza, popcorn, watermelon & lemonade
Bring your swimsuit, towel & sunscreen!

Wednesday, August 12
5 to 7:30 p.m.
at Highland Country Club

Family fun before school starts.

*Bring a friend
& make a splash!*

RSVP TODAY

For more info
and to register, visit
bit.ly/FPCPoolParty
or scan the QR Code.



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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!



2026 SUMMER MISSION CONFERENCE

AUGUST 12 - 16

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 become like the noonday.
Isaiah 58:10

Wednesday, August 12 - 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Seeing Our Neighbors Clearly:

A Conversation about Poverty, Dignity, and Compassion.

You are invited to join us for a discussion on Poverty lead by members of our Local Relief Team focusing on how we define poverty, who is affected, and what are some of the root causes.

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A light dinner will be provided for attendees.

Space is limited, so advance registration is required.

Register online at bit.ly/FPCNeighbors or scan the QR code.

Need help registering? Call the church office.

If registration is full, email Terry Plummer at plummer.terry57@gmail.com to be added to the waitlist.

Saturday, August 15 - 9 a.m. to Noon

Come join us for a morning of hands-on mission activities and fellowship for all ages. We will be packing a variety of kits to provide for our community partners who serve those in need. There will also be information tables available where you can learn more about our outreach in Haiti, Mexico, Cuba, and locally.

The morning will begin with coffee, juice, and refreshments. We will also have the opportunity to meet Ivan Pride, the Executive Director of Myrover Reese Recovery Homes, along with some of his staff.

Sunday August 16

9 a.m. - Worship with guest speaker Rev. Craig Morrison in the Chapel

10 a.m. - Presentation in the Chapel by Ivan Pride, Executive Director of Myrover Reese Recovery Homes.

11 a.m. - Worship with guest speaker Rev. Craig Morrison in the Sanctuary

Following the 11 a.m. service, join us in the Fellowship Hall for our annual

Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social

hosted by members of your Mission Committee.

Let us know you're coming to the Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social!

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

Can't register online? Call the church office.



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Kick Off the School Year with Inspiration, Worship, and Award-Winning Music!

Sunday, August 23

at 11 a.m.:

Back-to-School Blessing & Carolina Sound during worship
Kids - Bring your empty backpack for the blessings of the backpacks during the 11 a.m. worship!

at 4 p.m.:

Carolina Sound in Concert
A special concert by Carolina Sound, the award-winning a cappella ensemble from the University of Mount Olive. Admission is free, and all are welcome!



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:

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| ☐ 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 |
| ☐ Backpack | ☐ Kleenex/Tissues |
| ☐ Reusable Water Bottle | ☐ Clorox Wipes |
| ☐ Germ-X (Hand Sanitizing Wipes) | |
| ☐ Binder 1/2 inch (with clear front cover) | |
| ☐ Notebook Paper (wide & college rule) | |

Teacher Wish List:

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| ☐ 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.

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|---|
| ☐ Pocket Folders (with & without prongs) |
| ☐ Binder 1 inch (with clear front cover) |



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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.

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