



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

DON'T BE AFRAID

JUNE 28, 2026
9 a.m.

DR. MIKE GARRETT
SENIOR PASTOR

Service of Divine Worship

9:00 a.m. | June 28, 2026

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #76

"Do Not Be Afraid"

ISAIAH 43

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

Chosen and beloved, you are my own.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you:

By your name, I called you for my own. (repeat)

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #463

"How Firm A Foundation"

FOUNDATION

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

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

"On Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas,

Erin Jackson, clarinet

arr. Schrader

Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Kellie Pfaff 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.

Time for Children - Two Cents A Meal Offering**Scripture**

Matthew 10:24-31

Message

"Don't Be Afraid"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Hymn #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

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

"Lift High the Cross"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Larry Shackley

Today's Flowers

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

The Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of all of the hard-working musicians who share their talents each week
by members of the congregation who make donations to the Flower Fund.

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@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



SCAN ME

HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, June 29

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 6 p.m. David's Mighty Men

Tuesday, June 30

- 6:30 p.m. COAP Zoom Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 2

- 5:30 p.m. Engagement Committee

Friday, July 3

- Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

- 12 p.m. H3 F 4th of July Luncheon

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 7 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Worship Committee Meeting
- July 12 • Choir Summer Rehearsal
- Stewardship Meeting
- July 13 • Christian Education Meeting
- July 19 • Family Movie Night
- July 20 • Personnel Committee
- 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 • Family Pool Party
- Aug 12 - 16 • Summer Mission Conference
- Aug 23 • Carolina Sound Concert



4th of July Potluck Luncheon • Saturday at 12 p.m.

***We'd love to celebrate Independence Day with you!
Friends are welcome too!***



SCAN ME!

Just bring a side, salad, bread, or dessert for 8–10 people.
The Food Service Committee will provide BBQ and drinks.

Let us know what you're bringing by signing up in Eller Hall,
calling the church office, scanning the QR code,
or visiting bit.ly/H3FJuly4th.



Walker Spivey Elementary
Teachers' Wish List

**Help us support the teachers
at Walker Spivey Elementary
School by donating essential
classroom supplies.**

Your generosity directly
impacts the students' success.

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



***Let's check off these teacher
wish-list items together!***

Donations can be dropped off in Eller Hall.

Monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office.

Please note "Local Relief Ministry" on checks or envelopes.



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.

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Bring this list along on your summer shopping trips.

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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 hard box) |
| ☐ Half Gallon | ☐ Scissors |
| ☐ Quart | ☐ Glue Sticks |
| ☐ Pint | ☐ Headphones |
| ☐ Pocket Folders (with & without prongs) | ☐ Kleenex/Tissues |
| ☐ Binder 1/2 inch (with clear cover on front) | ☐ Reuseable Water Bottle |
| ☐ Binder 1 inch (with clear cover on front) | ☐ Germ-X (Hand Sanitizing Wipes) |
| ☐ Notebook Paper (wide & college rule) | ☐ Clorox Wipes |
| | ☐ Back Pack |



SUGGESTION FORM FOR OFFICERS | CLASS OF 2029

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear Church Member:

The Officer Nominating Committee requests your assistance in the nominating process for elders and deacons to serve on the Session and Diaconate. Seven persons are needed for the Session Class of 2029. The Board of Deacons, Class of 2029, requires eight persons. In making your recommendations, we ask you to be guided by these principles:

- From the Book of Order, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):
Elders should be "persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit...they have responsibilities for the life of the congregation as well as the whole of the church." (G-2.0301)
Deacons are to be "persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment..." their ministry is one of "compassion, witness, and service..." (G-2.0201)
- From Manual of Operations, First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville: Nominees for church office: **attend worship** services regularly; support the work of the church **financially**; participate **actively** in the life and activities of the church; have been church members for **at least one year**; and have expressed a willingness to fulfill the office to which nominated, if elected."
- Only active members of First Presbyterian Church may make recommendations and/or serve as elders and deacons.
- Active elders are not eligible to be nominated. Active deacons may be nominated for elder, but are not eligible to be nominated for deacon unless they are filling an unexpired term of one year.

Ways to submit your nominations: complete the other side of this form; place completed forms in the offering plate; give your completed form to a nominating committee member; return completed forms to the church office; call the church office at (910) 483-0121; or use the following link - <https://bit.ly/2029OfficerNom>

* This form does NOT need to be submitted if nominations are entered online.

Your 2026 Officer Nominating Committee:

Joann Pearce - Elder Moderator
Brant Brock - Elder Vice-Moderator
Linda Huff - Elder
Ann McRae - Elder

Serria Ciccone - Deacon
Kate O'Keefe - Deacon
Bill McFadyen - At Large
Dr. Mike Garrett Garrett - Pastor/Advisor

SUGGESTIONS FOR ELDER (you may suggest one or more):

Active elders are not eligible to be nominated. An active deacon may be nominated for elder.

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | |

SUGGESTIONS FOR DEACON (you may suggest one or more):

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

ACTIVE ELDERS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION AS ELDER:

Class of 2026

Rodney Baker
Debra Chestnutt
Winnie Grannis
Linda Huff
Ralph Huff
Buzz Loyd
Ann McRae
Kellie Pfaff Perkins

Class of 2027

David Allred
Maude Bledsoe
Al Cromartie
Terry Darden
Lorene McBryde
Joann Pearce
Don Perkins

Class of 2028

Brant Brock
Debbie Brock
Brandon Hammond
Kristan Mathews
Steve McRae
Brian Pearce
Bowman Smith

ACTIVE DEACONS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION AS DEACON, BUT MAY BE NOMINATED FOR ELDER:

Class of 2026

Serriah Ciccone
Paul Haddow-Green
Rob Hasty
Vicki Kelly
Jenny MacKethan
Marcia MacKethan
Marty Sutherlin

Class of 2027

Nancy Billman
Lou Brooks
Julie Dilts
Drew Kramer
Alex McFadyen
Madeline McFadyen
Kate O'Keefe

Class of 2028

Paddy Armstrong
Jeb Cleveland
Lulie Harry
Meagan Kramer
Janice Luce
Mark Luce
Robert Mathews
Kathy Nickell

Suggestions may be submitted immediately. Please return suggestions on this form to the Nominating Committee or the church office by June 28th. Thank you for your prayers and participation.

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.



RSVP Online

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

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.



This summer, while many of our regular Sunday School classes pause, we invite you to a special limited-run series: The Chosen: Scenes & Scripture. Each week, we'll watch a short clip from The Chosen and use it as a springboard for discussion, reflection, and Bible study. Instead of full episodes, we'll focus on key moments from Jesus' ministry and what they reveal about His character, His message, and our own faith.

Whether you're a longtime fan of The Chosen or brand-new to it, you're welcome to join us.

Sundays at 10 a.m. in Room 405

Pick up a bracelet in Eller Hall and use it throughout the week as a reminder to pray for our youth serving on their mission trip to Copper Hill, TN.

As they work, worship, and grow together, let these bracelets prompt us to lift them up daily—asking God to guide their hands, strengthen their hearts, and bless the community they are serving.



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



**Did you miss the
Crossing Thresholds Vision Guide?**

To view or download the guide,
visit firstprez.com/crossingthresholds

**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



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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. Chris Carson,
Minister of Pastoral Care

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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