



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

MORE THAN WE
CAN IMAGINE

JANUARY 11, 2026
9 a.m.

GUEST SPEAKER
REV. MARK TIDSWORTH

Service of Divine Worship

9:00 a.m. | January 11, 2026

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Phoenix Processional"

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Dan Locklair

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #468

"In My Life"

LORD BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer of Invocation

Dr. Mike Garrett

Hymn #366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

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

"Step into The Water"
Men of God
Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

Kirk L. Talley

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Winnie Grannis

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

Scripture

Ephesians 3:14-21

Message

"More Than We Can Imagine"

Rev. Mark Tidsworth

Congregational Commissioning

Leader: Now O Church, we know who we are and who we follow.

People: The God who can do more than we imagine

Leader: Now O Church, we know that God has hopes, and dreams, and plans
for this particular body of Christ.

**People: We know that God loves this church, leading us forward into new
sacred adventures.**

Leader: So this day we launch the Crossing Thresholds Visioning Journey,
committing ourselves to prayer and discernment.

**People: We commit ourselves to pray regularly for this church, to join one
another in discerning God's calling for us.**

Leader: Through the grace, power, and love of Jesus Christ our Lord, may it
be so.

**People: May we follow every nudge, whisper, and shout of the Spirit as we
cross over thresholds into new seasons of life and ministry. So be it, Amen!**

Hymn #305

"Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148th

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

"Rondo"

John Bull

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

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 the members of the Crossing Threshold Coordinating Team
through donations to the Flower Fund.

Sanctuary flower donors are needed for January & February.

Contact Debra Chestnutt at debra@chestnutt.com or (910) 818-9006

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



SCAN ME

HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Elder Training
- 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.
- 4:30 p.m. MomCo
- 4:45 p.m. Crossing Thresholds

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 12

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Education

Tuesday, January 13

- 10 a.m. Martha Circle
- 6 p.m. Stated Deacons Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 14

- 4 p.m. Men of God
- 5 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Class with Dr. Garrett
- 6:30 p.m. Stretch & Scripture
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Devotional
- 6:45 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 15

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 4 p.m. Upwards Pickleball League
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

Friday, January 16

- 5 p.m. Youth Ski Trip departure

Saturday, January 17

- 10 a.m. Creation Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 16-19 • Youth Ski Trip

Jan 18 • Women's Ensemble

Jan 19 • Church Office closed

• Personnel Committee

Jan 20 • Finance Committee

• S.A.L.T. Lunch at Sammios

• 2026 Mission Conference Committee

• Stated Session Meeting

Jan 25 • MomCo Meeting

Jan 26 • Forty Days of Prayer begins

• David's Mighty Men

Jan 27 • COAP Meeting (Zoom)

Jan 29 • Property Committee

Jan 31 • Creation Rehearsal

Feb 2 • Food Service Committee

• Engagement Committee

• Mission Committee

Feb 8 • Stephen Ministry Meeting

Feb 9 • Christian Education Meeting

Feb 10 • Martha Circle

• Stated Deacons Meeting

Feb 12 • Hannah Circle

Feb 16 • Personnel Committee

Feb 17 • Finance Committee

• Stated Session Meeting

Feb 24 • S.A.L.T. trip to NC Museum of Art

Feb 28 • Ash Wednesday



ALL IN FELLOWSHIP MEALS

with potluck sides, family & friends.

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 Wanda (wanda@firstprez.com) no later than the Sunday prior. **Vegan & Gluten-Free options are available!**

Family Celebration Night

JANUARY 14

Invite the families you know & welcome the families you don't!

Baked Chicken with dressing & gravy from Kinlaws

For planning purposes, please register online by 12 p.m. on January 13 at bit.ly/AIFJan14

or scan the QR Code.



January 14

Beloved Community Supper

JANUARY 21

Beloved community begin begins when everyone has a seat at the table.

Stewed Beef, Rice & Gravy from Kinlaws

For planning purposes, please register online by 12 p.m. on January 20 at bit.ly/AIFJan21

or scan the QR Code.



January 21

Stretch & Scripture resumes January 14!
Meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
at 6:30 p.m. in room 225

Classes are open to youth (6th grade and up) as well as adults, with a focus on exercising the body, mind, and spirit by integrating Scripture and Christian music with low-impact aerobics and gentle stretching. The class may include elements of floorwork and breathwork, creating a sense of peace and centering on Christ.

Participants are encouraged to bring a towel/yoga mat and yoga blocks.



**SUPERBOWL OF CARING
FOOD DRIVE**

**JAN 25
TO
FEB 8**

GIRLS

VS

BOYS

Blue donation box

Pink donation box

TEAM UP AND TACKLE HUNGER



Team up with our youth to tackle hunger in our community -

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 500 NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS!

The winning team wins a special treat and surprise!

We love the big game, but we love our neighbors more!

Join the youth and be a game changer for our neighbors in need through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Bring in any of the listed goods below OR donate to Youth Missions. All donations go to Second Harvest Food Bank. \$1=1 item. Last year ended in a tie. Who will win this year, boys or girls?

DONATIONS BEING COLLECTED:

PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED VEGETABLES
FRUIT CUPS
CANNED MEATS

CEREAL
RICE
PUDDING CUPS

CANNED FRUITS
PASTA
CANNED SOUPS

TOGETHER, WE CAN TACKLE HUNGER —ONE DONATION AT A TIME!

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

Lunch at Sammio's - Tuesday, January 20 at 11:30 a.m.

We will meet at Sammio's, located at 2623 Raeford Road. Cost will be lunch. Please RSVP by January 13. Contact Sarah Cromartie at 910-977-1813.

Trip to NC Museum of Art - Tuesday, February 24

"The Book of Esther in the Age of Rembrandt" We will depart the church at 8:30 a.m. Cost will be lunch at Bella Monica. Reservations are needed by January 20. RSVP to Nancy Billman at 910-916-5994



Help Us Feed the Fun!

Sundays | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Each week, our Kingdom Kidz and Youth group S.U.R.G.E, gather for fun, faith, and fellowship—and one of the most meaningful parts of their time together is sharing a meal! We need your help to keep this tradition going. Meals are made possible by our amazing volunteers, families, and church members. Would you consider signing up to provide dinner one Sunday this season?

Past favorites include:

Hot dogs • Tacos • Pizza • Pasta • Chicken tenders
(Feel free to team up with another family!)



Sign up here!

Sign up today! Visit bit.ly/KidzMeal or scan the QR code.

Have questions? Contact Jess Jones at youth@firstprez.com.

Thank you for being a part of nurturing both the bodies and hearts of our young disciples!



United in Christ with Faith Ministry in Reynosa Mexico.

You are invited to join our Mexico Mission Trip, June 6–13, as we partner with Faith Ministry in Reynosa, Mexico. United in Christ, we will serve, learn, and build relationships while sharing God's love through hands-on ministry. This trip is an opportunity to grow in faith and make a meaningful impact across the border. Come be part of what God is doing in Reynosa!

This trip is open to adults age 18 and older, as well as high school and middle school youth who will be at least 14 years old by June 1, 2026, and who are accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

Visit firstprez.com/mexico or scan the QR Code for details and to view and submit your 2026 Mexico Mission Trip Application today!



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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