



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

A Very Patient Farmer

Dr. David Cagle, Interim Pastor

11 a.m. | August 9, 2026 | Sanctuary

Service of Divine Worship

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Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. David Cagle

Call To Worship #439

"O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

STUTTGART

*O my soul, bless your Redeemer;
all within me bless God's name;
bless the Savior, and forget not
all God's mercies to proclaim.*

*Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
ever under God's control,
all throughout God's vast dominion.
Bless the Lord of all, my soul!*

Prayer of Invocation

Ralph Huff

Hymn #624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We look around at people who commit violent crimes and who seem to want to destroy everything decent. Then we look at our actions and see only minor mistakes. We have lost sight of how pride and anger make our hearts just as ugly as theirs. Help us to remember that we all are in need of your grace and to allow you, the only good and true one, to make judgments. Forgive us our folly and fill us once again with the love of your Spirit, not only for you, but for all your creatures. Hear now, Merciful God, 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

"Teach Me Your Way, O Lord"
The Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Lloyd Larson

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Ralph Huff

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

"Pie Jesu"
Melissa Cole, soloist
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

John Rutter

Translation:

*Blessed Jesu, Lord, I pray, in thy mercy grant them rest, grant them rest eternal,
Lord our God, I pray thee, Lord our God, I pray thee.
Blessed Jesu, Lord, I pray, in thy mercy grant them rest, grant them everlasting rest.*

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

*Children 2nd grade and younger are invited to Children's Church**

Scripture

Genesis 32:22-31 & Matthew 13:24-30

Message

"A Very Patient Farmer"

Dr. David Cagle

Hymn #804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

MARION

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.*

Postlude

"Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein, BWV 734"

J. S. Bach

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

+ Children's Church is available for 2nd grade 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 in Eller Hall.
Thank you to today's hosts: Deacons Class of 2027**

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Linda and Ralph Huff as they celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 12, 2026, by the Johnson Family.

The Chapel flowers are given to the glory of God by and in celebration of Crawford MacKethan's birthday by his wife, Marcia MacKethan.

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@chestnutt.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



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HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 3 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 10

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

Tuesday, August 11

- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 12

- 4:30 p.m. Family Pool Party
- 5:30 p.m. Mission Conference Discussion

Saturday, August 14

- 9 a.m. Mission Conference Activities & Fellowship

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 12 - 16 • Summer Mission Conference
- Aug 17 • WOC Planning Meeting
 - Personnel Committee Meeting
- Aug 18 • Finance Committee Meeting
 - Joint Session/Deacons 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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You've asked and now is your chance!

Pre-Order your copy of the 225th Anniversary Congregational Photo
8" x 10" Gloss Photo

Proceeds will benefit Local Relief Ministry!

\$10 (cash/check) or \$11 (online payment)

+ \$1 postage if you would like your photo mailed

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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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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 |
| ☐ Back Pack | ☐ Kleenex/Tissues |
| ☐ Reuseable Water Bottle | ☐ Clorox Wipes |
| ☐ Germ-X (Hand Sanitizing Wipes) | ☐ Pocket Folders (with & without prongs) |
| ☐ Binder 1/2 inch (with clear front cover) | ☐ Binder 1 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.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

Sunday, August 23



10 a.m. - Sunday School

Children will create special crafts for their teachers during Sunday School.

11 a.m. - Worship Service

Join us for a Back-to-School Blessing for students (children and youth), teachers, and administrators as we launch a new school year together.

Bring your backpack, briefcase, or tote bag with you. During the service, you'll be invited forward for a special prayer and blessing.

Special Music during worship:

The acclaimed Carolina Sound a cappella ensemble will also share their incredible music during worship!

After Worship:

Cool off and celebrate
with Italian Ice from Sunset Slush!



4 p.m. - Carolina Sound in Concert

Looking for a fun family outing before the school year gets into full swing? **Don't miss this exciting concert by Carolina Sound, the award-winning a cappella ensemble from the University of Mount Olive.**

Kids, teens, parents, and grandparents alike will love the energy, creativity, and amazing vocal talent of this group. With contemporary favorites, upbeat arrangements, and music made using only their voices, Carolina Sound delivers a show that keeps audiences of all ages entertained from beginning to end.

Bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon of unforgettable music together. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Admission is free, and everyone is welcome!



If you're a fan of the rich vocal harmonies of Pentatonix or the energy of the Pitch Perfect films, you won't want to miss this special performance.

Award-winning collegiate a cappella ensemble **Carolina Sound** will visit First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 23. The group will share music during the 11:00 a.m. worship service before presenting a full concert at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. **Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to experience an afternoon of exceptional music and inspiring artistry.**

Based at the University of Mount Olive in eastern North Carolina, Carolina Sound is made up of talented students selected for their outstanding vocal ability and musicianship. In April 2026, the ensemble earned third place at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) National Finals in New York City.

Directed by Lester and Holly Rector, the group is committed to sharing outstanding music while representing the University of Mount Olive. Before leading Carolina Sound, the Rectors performed with Walt Disney World's renowned Voices of Liberty, bringing years of professional performance experience to the ensemble.

Carolina Sound performs a wide variety of music, including pop, gospel, jazz, and timeless favorites. Their polished arrangements, impressive vocal percussion, and beautifully blended harmonies demonstrate the remarkable possibilities of a cappella performance. Every concert is designed not only to entertain but also to connect with audiences through meaningful, memorable music.

Whether performing in churches, concert halls, or community venues, Carolina Sound consistently leaves audiences inspired by the power and beauty of the human voice.

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year with this outstanding concert on Sunday, August 23, at 4:00 p.m. **We look forward to sharing this unforgettable musical experience with you!**



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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!

PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. David Cagle, Interim Pastor

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AUDIO VISUAL

Don Perkins
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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