



# Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

WHAT HAPPENS  
WHEN WE ARE STILL  
BEFORE GOD

APRIL 12, 2026  
9 a.m.

REV. CHRIS CARSON,  
MINISTER OF  
PASTORAL CARE

# Service of Divine Worship

9:00 a.m. | April 12, 2026

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.*

*Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

## Prelude

"Thine Is The Glory"  
Alice Ann Campbell, organ

Anna Laura Page

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chris Carson

## Call To Worship #410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper" vs. 1 W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

*God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of still-ness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling - can you hear? God is calling - can you hear?*

## Prayer of Invocation

Lorene McBryde

## Hymn #824

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

MCAFEE

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

**Response #245** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" vs. 2

LLANFAIR

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

**Anthem**

"It Is Well With My Soul *with* Be Glorified"

Hayes & Adkins

Don Perkins and Kellie Pfaff Perkins, duet  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Elder Lorene McBryde

**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**

2 Chronicles 20:1-23

**Message**

"What Happens When  
We Are Still Before God"

Rev. Chris Carson

**Hymn #836**

"Abide with Me" vs. 1, 3 & 5

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**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

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"  
Alice Ann Campbell, organ

Calvin Hampton

## Today's Flowers

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

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory Carol Conklin. Carol is deeply missed, but fondly remembered by her husband, William Conklin, daughter Grace Bogan, and her family and friends, including all of the students she taught during her 50 years as an instructor.

### Sanctuary flower donors are needed for April 19, April 26, and May 3 (Youth Sunday).

Contact Debra Chestnutt at [debra@chestnutt.com](mailto: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](http://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
- 3:30 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 4:30 p.m. MomCo Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Kindom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, April 13

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 4 p.m. UPWARDS Spring Pickleball
- 5 p.m. Food Service Committee
- 6 p.m. Mission Committee
- 7:30 p.m. CE Committee (Zoom)

### Tuesday, April 14

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

### Wednesday, April 15

- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Class with Dr. Garrett
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 16

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 5:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 19 • Visioning Summary
- Women's Ensemble
- The Gathering: Foundations
- Apr 20 • Personnel Committee
- Apr 21 • S.A.L.T. Botanical Gardens Trip
- Finance Committee
- Stated Session Meeting
- Apr 26 • MomCo
- Apr 27 • David's Mighty Men
- Apr 28 • COAP Zoom Meeting
- Apr 29 • Trivia Night
- May 3 • Stephen Ministry
- Kidz & Youth Rock Climbing & Pizza
- May 4 • Mission Committee
- May 5 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Worship Committee
- May 11 • CE Committee
- May 12 • Martha Circle
- May 19 • S.A.L.T. Lunch at Sammio's
- Stated Session Meeting
- May 25 • David's Mighty Men
- May 26 • COAP Meeting
- May 28 • Property Committee
- June 3 • S.A.L.T. Seagrove Pottery Tour
- June 6-13 • Mexico Mission Trip
- June 15-18 • VBS

# CROSSING THRESHOLDS

## Congregational Survey

Our Congregational Survey is now available as the next step in the Crossing Thresholds process. We invite everyone to participate. Your input will help guide our church's future and areas of growth.



*The survey takes about 18–20 minutes, and all responses are confidential.*

**To submit the survey online**, scan the QR Code or visit [bit.ly/FPCCongregationalSurvey](https://bit.ly/FPCCongregationalSurvey)

The password is FPC-Crossing2026



**Need a paper copy?** Pick one up in Eller Hall today!

**The survey is open through April 13. Results will be shared at the congregational meeting on April 18.**

# KINGDOM KIDZ & S.U.R.G.E. RESUME TODAY - 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.



## BIBLE, MUSIC & DINNER

Kingdom Kidz will learn about Fruits of the Spirit and the Fruits from Paul's letter to the Galatians and enjoy some of the fruits in smoothies!



## It's Dinner Time!

Sign up for Dinner for Six-ish today!  
For Singles, Couples & Families

First Prez's fabulously successful and wonderfully enjoyable dining program is starting a new session.

Sign up forms are in Eller Hall.

Contact Lou Brooks or Ann McRae at [dinnerforsixishfpc@gmail.com](mailto:dinnerforsixishfpc@gmail.com) for more info.



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

**April 15**

**Chicken Salad,  
Potato Salad &  
Macaroni Salad**

*A fresh season  
of fellowship.*

**April 22**

**Fried Chicken &  
Green Beans**

*Winner Winner  
Chicken Dinner!*

**April 29**

**Hot Dogs,  
Hamburgers  
& Trivia**

*Come for the trivia,  
stay for the fellowship!*



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

**Tuesday, April 21 -**

**Trip to Paul J. Cierner Botanical Gardens**

The gardens are a unique place with various styles of gardens including some 25,000 tulips blooming in April. Cost will be lunch at Sixty-six Grill & Taproom. We will depart the church at 8 a.m. RSVP by April 11 with Nancy Billman at 910-916-5994.

**Tuesday, May 19 - Lunch at Sammio's**

We will meet at Sammio's at 11:30 a.m.  
RSVP to Ann Rowell at 910-391-2134



**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT  
OF ROCK-SOLID FAITH,  
FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!**


**ROCK CLIMBING & PIZZA  
AT THE CLIMBING PLACE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

**436 W. RUSSELL STREET  
4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.**

For more information & to register online visit  
[bit.ly/KidzRockClimbing](http://bit.ly/KidzRockClimbing) or scan the QR Code.  
*Registration is needed by April 29.*

**ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE INVITED!**



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**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 15 to 18**  
**9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

**Be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer!**  
**Rising 6th through 12th\***  
**College Students & Adults**

**Be a crew leader, help make snacks,  
lead games, crafts, or help decorate!**

\*Student volunteers must attend a volunteer training either in person or via zoom.

**Register  
TODAY!**



**FPC & First School families:**  
rising PreK 4 to rising 5th grade  
**Community members:**  
Rising kindergarteners to 5th graders.

**Volunteers & campers -**  
**Register online at:**  
[bit.ly/VBSatFPC](http://bit.ly/VBSatFPC)  
or scan the QR code





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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

### PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. Marcia Mervin,  
Director of Music Ministry & Organist  
Jessica Jones,  
Director of Youth Ministry &  
Interim Director of Children's Ministry  
Nichole Russ,  
Director of Communications

### SUPPORT STAFF

Wanda Ussery, Nursery Director  
Anji Martinez, Office Manager  
Nina McLaughlin, Facility Supervisor  
Elisabeth Pait, Administrative Assistant  
Xavier Medina, Custodian

### MUSIC SUPPORT STAFF

Alice Ann Campbell, Accompanist &  
Assistant Organist  
Tim Lloyd, Section Leader  
Joe Evans, Section Leader  
Erin Jackson, Choral Scholar  
Theodore Schwamm, Choral Scholar  
Annalise Sears, Choral Scholar

### CONTACT US

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### STAY CONNECTED!

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#### AUDIO VISUAL

Don Perkins  
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

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**#ServeandShare**