



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

SERMON
ILLUSTRATIONS

APRIL 26, 2026
11 a.m.

DR. MIKE GARRETT,
SENIOR PASTOR

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | April 26, 2026

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Antiphon V"
Alice Ann Campbell, organ

Marcel Dupre

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #630

"Fairest Lord Jesus" vs. 1

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.*

Prayer of Invocation

Henry S.

Hymn #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Kristan Mathews

Gracious and loving God, you have revealed your intentions for this church. You call us to bear one another's burdens, sharing our God-given gifts and treasure with one another. Forgive us through Jesus Christ when we hide from each other. When we cling to our lives and goods as if they are ours alone. By the power of your Spirit make us ready to share. Restore our excitement at the opportunity to serve you and one another. Transform us to be a picture of your grace. Hear now the silent prayers and 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

"O Love"

Elaine Hagenburg

Women's Ensemble
Theodore Schwamm, guest conductor
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Kristan Mathews

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**

"In Christ Alone"

Lloyd Larson

Celebration Choir
Theodore Schwamm, guest conductor
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Offertory Response, #609 "Praise God, from Whom LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All Blessings Flow"

*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 - Two Cents a Meal Offering**

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

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

Message

"Sermon Illustrations"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Hymn #297

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

ST. DENIO

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

"Praeludium in G"
Alice Ann Campbell, organ

J. S. Bach

+ 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 immediately following the service in Eller Hall.
Thank you to today's hosts: Bengie Hair, Ann Highsmith, & Beverly Stewart**

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory by Women of the Church for members who have passed since last year:
Carolyn Herndon, Kay Autry, and Clara Moffitt Moorman.

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

**Sanctuary flower donors are needed for
May 24 (Pentecost Sunday), and
May 31 (Memorial Day Weekend).**

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



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HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:30 p.m. Crossing Thresholds Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Kindom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.
- 4:30 p.m. MomCo

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, April 27

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 4 p.m. UPWARDS Spring Pickleball
- 6 p.m. David's Mighty Men

Tuesday, April 28

- 4 p.m. VBS Leader Committee
- 6:30 p.m. COAP Zoom Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 3 • Youth Sunday
- Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Rock Climbing & Pizza
- The Gathering: Foundations
- May 4 • Food Service Meeting
- Mission Committee Meeting
- May 5 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Worship Committee Meeting
- May 7 • Engagement Committee
- May 11 • CE Committee Meeting
- May 12 • Martha Circle
- Stated Deacons Meeting
- May 14 • Hannah Circle
- May 17 • Graduate Sunday
- May 18 • Personnel Committee
- May 19 • S.A.L.T. Lunch at Sammio's
- Finance Committee
- Stated Session Meeting
- May 25 • Church Office Closed
- May 28 • Property Committee Meeting
- May 29 • VBS Work Day
- June 3 • S.A.L.T. Seagrove Pottery Tour
- June 5 • VBS Work Day
- June 6 -13 • Mexico Mission Trip
- June 10 - 12 • VBS Set Up
- June 15 - 18 • Vacation Bible School



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S

TRIVIA NIGHT

AN ALL IN FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION

**THIS WEDNESDAY!
APRIL 29 AT 5:30 P.M.**

**Hot Dogs & Hamburgers with
Intergenerational & Family-Friendly Trivia**

Bring your favorite toppings to share—everything from cheese and chili to lettuce, tomatoes, and more! You're also welcome to bring a side dish, or simply join us for \$8 per adult / \$3 per child.



JOIN IN THE FUN!

Save the date!
Sunday, May 3

YOUTH SUNDAY

Come be part of this meaningful service led from beginning to end by our very own youth—we'd love to see you there!

JOIN US AS WE
**CELEBRATE OUR
GRADUATES
ON SUNDAY, MAY 17
AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE!**

High school and college grads will be recognized, followed by a potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

Please register for the luncheon at bit.ly/FPCGrad or scan the QR code.

Have a graduate? Contact Jess at youth@firstprez.com



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Tuesday, May 5

Fellowship Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. JK's Deli

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, June 3

Seagrove Pottery tour and lunch at Cagle Family Restaurant. We will depart the church at 8:30 a.m. RSVP to Ann Rowell at 910-391-2134.

s.a.l.t.

*Seasoned Adults
Learning Together*

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

ROCK CLIMBING & PIZZA

AT THE CLIMBING PLACE - 436 W. RUSSELL STREET

**SUNDAY, MAY 3
4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.**

**ALL CHILDREN
& YOUTH
ARE INVITED!**

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FIRST PREZ

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.



JUNE
15 - 18
9 AM - 12 PM

REGISTER TODAY!

Volunteers & campers:

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



VBS needs your help!

Here are some items for VBS that you may already have at home or they can be purchased new.

We are starting to make decorations now and appreciate your help!

Paint (new or opened) - house, acrylic, spray (greens, browns, blues, bright colors)

Brown Packing Paper - pieces or rolls (the stuff from your amazon boxes)

Foam Craft Sheets - any size, but larger is better (green, brown, white)

Foam Insulation Boards/Large Foam Sheets - whole or partial

Faux Greenery, Plants, Trees - purchased or borrowed

Flat Sheets - blues, tans, browns, greens, whites

Green Foam Floral Blocks - whole or damaged

Plastic Table Cloths - GREENS, blues, whites

Large Appliance or TV Boxes - flattened is fine

2x4s - if you have any extras laying around

Cardstock - white, green, bright colors

Cupcake Liners - white, colorful

Wooden BBQ Skewers - 8" - 36"

Tissue Paper - green, brown

White Foam Poster Boards

Wire Hangers

Floral Wire

Green Floral Tape



**Help VBS in
the easiest way!**

Check out our Amazon Wish List,
pick out your items and have your
donation delivered to the church.

Visit bit.ly/VBSAmazonList
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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

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