



# Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

TEST THE SPIRITS

JULY 7, 2024  
11 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR  
DR. MIKE GARRETT

# Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | July 7, 2024

**Prelude** "Let Us Break Bread Together" Gilbert Martin  
Alice Ann Campbell, organ

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Mike Garrett

**Choral Call To Worship #627** "I Love You, Lord" Laurie Klein  
*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;  
O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;  
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

**Prayer of Adoration** Brian Pearce

**Hymn #2** "Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

**Call To Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** Brian Pearce  
Holy and merciful God, daily we are confronted by the paths of righteousness or sin. Daily we must choose. For the times we have followed the path of the wicked, stood shoulder to shoulder with those who are wrong, or sat silently in the face of evil, forgive us. Help us to delight in the way of Jesus Christ, seek His mercy, and follow in His way. Hear now the silent confessions of our hearts. (Our prayer continues 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**

"Assurance"  
The Celebration Choir  
Theodore Schwamm, guest director  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

arr. John Ness Beck

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

Elder Debra Chestnutt

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**

"My Song Is Love Unknown"  
Kellie Pfaff Perkins and Don Perkins, duet  
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

arr. Edwin T. Childs

**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**

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

**Scripture**

1 John 4:1-6

**Message**

"Test the Spirits"

Dr. Mike Garrett

**Hymn #509**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLY MANNA

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper****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**

"Toccata"

P. D. Paradies

Alice Ann Campbell organ

(arr. by Rick Parks)

+ Children's Church is available for young elementary age children 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 fellowship hosts:**

**Deacons, Class of 2024**

**Today's Flowers**

The Chapel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Robert, on what would have been our 57th anniversary on July 8th, by Nancy Billman.



## Flower donors are needed for August

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

Monetary donations for flowers can be made to the church office.

Please notate "Flower Fund" on checks.

**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 <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

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, July 8

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers

### Tuesday, July 9

- 10 a.m. PW Summer Class with Bud Lafferty
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

## Upcoming Events

- Jul 15 • Personnel Committee Meeting  
• Finance Committee Meeting  
• Mission Committee Meeting

Jul 17 • Family Movie Night

Jul 18 • Theology on Tap

Jul 21 • Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Jul 22 • David's Mighty Men

Jul 23-25 • Handbell Seminar

Jul 24 • S.A.L.T. Planning Committee Meeting

Jul 27 • Stewards of Children Training

July 30 • COAP Meeting via Zoom

Jul 30-Aug 1 • Handbell Seminar

Aug 1

Aug 2

Aug 4

Aug 5

Aug 6

Aug 11

Aug 13

Aug 14

Aug 18

Aug 25

- Stewardship Committee Meeting
- Presbytery Night at Segra
- Cross Creek Fellowship resumes
- Mini Mission Conference
- Congregational Care Meeting
- Engagement Committee Meeting
- Mission Committee Meeting
- Worship Committee Meeting
- C. E. Committee Meeting
- Stephen Ministry Meeting
- PW Summer Class
- Joint Board Meeting
- Family Pool Party
- Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- Back to School Blessing



# DARKNESS TO LIGHT®

END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## Committed to Protecting Children: Darkness to Light Training Saturday, July 27 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

We hold very high standards when it comes to serving our families and community. We believe everyone should feel safe, protected, and understood – especially our children and youth. That is why the Children's Ministry Committee and Christian Education Committee support this training opportunity.

Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children® is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and motivates them to courageous action. The training includes the "5 Steps to Protecting our Children." Darkness to Light's core, evidence-based educational tool for sexual abuse prevention. The two-and-a-half-hour program utilizes a video with survivors and professionals, a workbook, and an interactive, facilitator-led discussion.



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This training is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** for anyone that cares for children or works with children.

Light refreshments will be provided. This training is free and anyone from the community is encouraged and welcome, but **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**The deadline to register is July 21.**

To register, scan the QR Code or visit [bit.ly/D2LatFPC](http://bit.ly/D2LatFPC)

# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

July 17 - 6 to 8 p.m. in the Activity Room

*Wear your PJs, bring a pillow and a sleeping bag!*

Guardians are welcome to join and childcare will be available for the littles. To register online, scan the QR Code or visit [bit.ly/KKYMovieNight](http://bit.ly/KKYMovieNight)



## OUR YOUTH WILL **Serve & Share** IN LOUISVILLE, KY JULY 7 TO 12

While in Louisville, our youth will be working with local organizations that serve children in the community, spending time with the elderly, getting hands-on with work projects, and serving those experiencing homelessness.

Please pray for God's protection and guidance for our youth and the adults who will be leading as they extend the hand, love, and service of Christ to this community in need.



### **Summer Offerings** hosted by Presbyterian Women

*This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the history of our great church.*

*It is open to everyone, so come & bring others along!*

#### **Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m.**

This edition will focus on the famous trusses which span the sanctuary walls to hold up the roof. Did you know that these trusses are why our Church is listed on National Register of Historic Places? Did you know that our Church was the first time a wooden truss designed for bridges in the nineteenth century was adapted for use in a building? Come join us to learn more about this important part of church complex, and, if you're willing to take a short hike, we'll go upstairs to actually view them. An optional tour of the steeple and a view of the ongoing Sanctuary renovations will be available as well.

#### **Tuesday, August 13 at 10 a.m.**

Dr. Vivian Rhone of Balm in Gilead Counseling Center will talk about the organization's work for the needy. We are happy to support this wonderful ministry in our community.



## Summer Handbell Seminar

Handbell, Music, Games, & MORE!

Join the fun this July!

**Open to Rising 3rd Graders through Adults**

**Week 1: July 23, 24, and 25 - 10 a.m. to noon**

**Week 2: July 30, 31 and August 1 - 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

To register for Week 1, visit [bit.ly/Handbell1](http://bit.ly/Handbell1) or scan the QR Code.

To register for Week 2, visit [bit.ly/Handbell2](http://bit.ly/Handbell2) or scan the QR Code.

*Minimum of 6 participants required, but open to more!*

For more info, contact Dr. Marcia Mervin at [marcia@firstprez.com](mailto:marcia@firstprez.com)



## Presbyterian Night at the Woodpeckers

**Friday, August 2 at 7 p.m.**

***Everyone is invited!***

Tickets are \$10.

Purchase your ticket anytime by visiting:

[www.presbycc.org/event-details/baseball-night](http://www.presbycc.org/event-details/baseball-night)



# POOL party

**Family Pool Party at Highland Country Club  
on Wednesday, August 14 from 5 to 8 p.m.**

There will be pizza, popcorn, watermelon,  
and lemonade provided for dinner.

To register online, scan the QR Code  
or visit [bit.ly/FPCPoolParty](http://bit.ly/FPCPoolParty)

Guardians of elementary age and  
younger children, please plan to stay.





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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. Jeff Shaver, Associate Pastor

Rev. Mitch Watson,  
Director of Pastoral Care

### PROGRAM STAFF

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## Sunday Services

9 a.m. Early Service, Chapel | 11 a.m. Service, Chapel | 4 p.m. Cross Creek Fellowship

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**