



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN WE ARE STILL
BEFORE GOD

APRIL 12, 2026
11 a.m.

REV. CHRIS CARSON,
MINISTER OF
PASTORAL CARE

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, God of love, in humbleness of heart we confess our sins. We forget to love and serve you, and wander from your ways. We are careless about your world, and put each other in danger. We talk of our concern for others, but fail to match our words with action. Merciful God, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

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

Hayes & Adkins

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.

Offering**Offertory Anthem**

"Who You Say I Am"
Maryn H., soloist
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Morgan & Fielding,

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 younger are invited to Children's Church**

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

EVENTIDE

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

+ 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:

Bill & Lynda Deaton, Jeannie & Terry Plummer, Pam & David Darden

Today's Flowers

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.

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

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

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. 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

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 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) 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 or scan the QR Code.
Registration is needed by April 29.

ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE INVITED!

Scan Me



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
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

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Don Perkins

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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