



Welcome to  
Worship

# Beyond Boundaries

9 a.m. March 1, 2026

Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller, Guest Speaker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fayetteville, NC | Established 1800

# Service of Divine Worship

9:00 a.m. | March 1, 2026 | The Second Sunday of Lent

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.*

*Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

## Prelude

"O Sacred Head"  
Alice Ann Campbell, organ

Calvin Hampton

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Call To Worship #761

"Called As Partners In Christ's Service"

BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

## Prayer of Invocation

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Hymn #394

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

## 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**

"Amazing Grace"  
Sutton H. and Madelyn K  
Mary Ann Tally, accompanist

arr. Susan W. Henry

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

Elder Don Perkins

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**

Ephesians 2:14-18

**Message**

"Beyond Boundaries"

Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller

**Hymn #318**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper****Benediction****Benediction Response #546**

SICILIAN MARINERS

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

**Bare Branches**

*Lent begins like a bare branch in winter. Just as the bare branch has been stripped of its glory, so Jesus had to surrender his glory and die for the sins of all before his Easter victory over death. It is in the stripping that we discover the mission of his life and the truth about our own. His pattern of dying, and rising, is meant for us all as well. Lent is the 40-day season of repentance when we seek to die to all that is not of Christ, so that we can rise again to the glory of all that is.*

**You're invited to join us in the chapel at 10 a.m. for a presentation with guest speakers Mike Bixler and Dave Crane.**

**ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKERS:****Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller**

Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation



The Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller served congregations for 23 years in Alabama and Indiana before arriving in 2018 at The Outreach Foundation as Director of Development. Prior to ministry, Mark worked in the public school systems of Utah and Arizona as a teacher and administrator. Mark has traveled extensively to the Middle East, Europe, Mexico, and Africa. Mark and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller, have two married daughters and five grandchildren.

**Mike Bixler**

Mike and his wife, Steffi, recently celebrated 53 years of marriage and have two daughters and three grandchildren. After earning his MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management, he founded MarketLink, Inc., a consumer research firm, and retired in 2024. For 35 years, Mike has served as both Deacon and Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Thomasville, Georgia, where he has led the Global Missions Committee and co-chaired the World Mission Conference. His passion for missions has taken him to Africa, Israel, and Cuba, where he has helped lead a long-standing church partnership for nearly a decade.

**Dave Crane**

Dave Crane grew up in Indiana, met his wife, Becky, at Purdue University, and has called Thomasville, Georgia, home for 36 years. After a career in manufacturing—first in the corporate sector and later running his own machining and fabrication shop—he has faithfully served as both Deacon and Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Thomasville, Georgia.

Dave has participated in mission work in Haiti, Mexico, the Yakama Indian Reservation, hurricane relief efforts along the Gulf Coast, and numerous trips to Cuba.

## HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Guest Speakers in the Chapel
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 2:30 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.
- 4:30 p.m. Mission Conference Kick-Off Meal & Presentation

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, March 2

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 5 p.m. Food Service Committee

### Tuesday, March 3

- 8:30 a.m. S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 4

- 4 p.m. Men of God Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 5:30 p.m. Bowls of Blessings Chili Cook-Off
- 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker in the Activity Room
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. CREATION Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 5

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 4 p.m. Upwards Pickleball League
- 5:30 p.m. Engagement Committee
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

### Saturday, March 7

- 9 a.m. Rise Against Hunger
- 1 p.m. CREATION Rehearsal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 8 • Guest Speakers during worship
- Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Family Bowling Night
- Mar 9 • Women of the Church
- Prayer Beyond the Emoji begins
- Christian Education Meeting (Zoom)
- Mar 10 • Martha Circle
- Stated Deacons Meeting
- Mar 12 • Hannah Circle
- Mar 14 • CREATION Concert
- Mar 15 • The Gathering: Foundations
- Mar 16 • Personnel Committee Meeting
- Mar 17 • Finance Committee Meeting
- Stated Session Meeting
- Mar 20-22 • Crossing Thresholds Listening Groups
- Mar 22 • MomCo Meeting
- Mar 23 • David's Mighty Men
- Mar 24 • S.A.L.T. Halifax State Historical Tour
- Mar 26 • Property Committee Meeting
- Mar 29 • Palm Sunday Celebration
- Mar 31 • COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- Apr 2 • Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
- Apr 5 • Easter Sunday
- Congregational Breakfast

## Sanctuary flower donors are needed for

**March 29 (Palm Sunday), April 5 (Easter Sunday) & April 12.**

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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## Lenten Family Devotionals & Practices for Families

Now available in Eller Hall!



# IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!



**SERVING TOGETHER • FEEDING THE WORLD**

**Rise**  
**AGAINST HUNGER**  
food • community • sustainability

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

### **MEAL PACKING BEGINS AT 9 A.M.**

Help us pack 25,000 meals to fight hunger around the world. Every meal provides hope and nourishment for children and families in need. Join us for this hands-on mission opportunity — every pair of hands makes an impact!

**ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER.**

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR HAT!**



Scan the QR Code or visit [bit.ly/FPCRAH](https://bit.ly/FPCRAH)

Childcare will be provided for younger children. Elementary age and up are welcome to help with packing. To help with planning, *please register for childcare by visiting [bit.ly/RAHKids](https://bit.ly/RAHKids)*

Bowls of Blessings

WEDNESDAY,

MARCH 4

AT 5:30 P.M.

# Chili Cook-Off

## FUNDRAISER

Register to  
**COMPETE**  
or just  
to **EAT!**

*Bring your best crockpot of chili to compete, invite your family and friends, and help support FPC Missions!*

*All profits will benefit Missions Local & Abroad.  
Please register online at [bit.ly/bowls-blessings](http://bit.ly/bowls-blessings)  
or scan the QR Code.*



## Family Bowling Night

Sunday March 8 - 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Kingdom Kidz and S.U.R.G.E. youth — grab your family and come bowl with us!

Join us at Lafayette Lanes for strikes, spares, and tons of fun.

If you're able, please consider donating \$5 per bowler to help cover the cost. We can't wait to see you there!

Register online at [bit.ly/KidzBowling](http://bit.ly/KidzBowling) or scan the QR Code.



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## Prayer: BEYOND THE EMOJI 6

**Monday, March 9**

at 7 p.m.

**“Practical  
Christian Living”**

at the home of Rodney & Tina Baker.

Call the church office for more information.

## UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS



Lisa Hughes

Wednesday,  
March 4  
at 6:30 p.m.



Rev. Leon  
Dorleans



Rick Kearney



Diane V.  
Regensburger

Sunday, March 8 during Worship



# 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!*

**March 4 - Bowls of Blessings Chili Cook-Off**

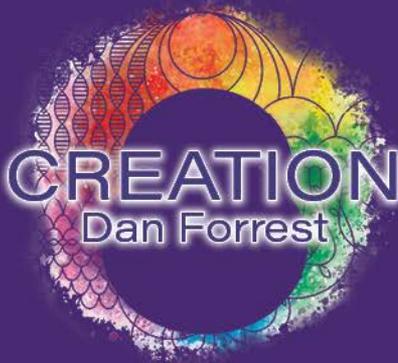
**REGISTER TODAY at [bit.ly/bowls-blessings](http://bit.ly/bowls-blessings)**

**March 11 - Chicken, Mixed Vegetables & Rice from Hong Kong**

**March 18 - Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes & Gravy**

**March 25 - BBQ Chicken & Corn**

Experience CREATION,  
Dan Forrest's newest  
and most expansive work,  
performed for the first  
time in the Fayetteville area.



**Join us in wonder  
and praise as this  
breathtaking oratorio  
celebrates the  
beauty of God's Creation  
on Saturday, March 14th  
at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

Admission is free.

Donations are appreciated.

Childcare will be available.

*s.a.l.t.*

**Fellowship  
Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. at JK's  
Tuesday, March 3

**Halifax Historical Tour  
Tuesday, March 24**

We will depart the church at 8 a.m.  
Cost will be lunch at Two Doors  
Down. **RSVP by March 10** with Nancy  
Billman at 910-916-5994.



**United in  
Christ with  
Faith Ministry**

**Join us June 6–13** for our Mexico  
Mission Trip as we serve, learn, and  
share God's love through hands-on  
ministry. Come be part of what God  
is doing in Reynosa!

Open to adults 18+ and youth  
(14 by June 1) accompanied by  
a parent or adult guardian.

**Can't go?** Some of our members  
feel called to serve but can't afford  
the trip - consider a donation  
to help send them.

Visit [firstprez.com/mexico](http://firstprez.com/mexico)  
or scan the QR code to  
apply today!



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## Palm Sunday is approaching, and we need your help!

Children's Ministry is collecting donations of pre-stuffed Easter eggs or bags of individually wrapped candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt following the potluck luncheon on Sunday, March 29  
No peanuts, peanut butter or tree nuts.

Please drop off items in Eller Hall by March 29th.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Children's Ministry needs your help!

We are hoping to collect enough items to donate 15 Easter baskets to the Children's Center at Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation. They will distribute the baskets we make to the children in the hospital around Easter.

Please bring brand new items to Eller Hall by Sunday, March 15.

### NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Socks - Newborn or 0-3 Months

Onesies

Baby Blankets [30" x 30"]

Baby Wipes

\*Please note that any size clothing newborn size and larger is fine.

### PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AND PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Blankets [40" x 60" for toddlers or larger]

Light-up and musical toys

Hair ties or headbands

Socks [children & youth sizes]

Stuffed animals (small)

Books [appropriate for all ages, including teenagers]

Journals/Coloring books & Crayons

Character action figures

Hotwheels

Legos/Duplo



## VBS at First Prez June 15 - 18

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.



## Early registration is OPEN!

Open to:

FPC & First School families:  
rising PreK 4 to rising 5th grade

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

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Director of Youth Ministry &  
Interim Director of Children's Ministry

Nichole Russ,  
Director of Communications

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Xavier Medina, Custodian

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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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