



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

FINDING OUR PURPOSE:
OTHER VOICES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
11 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR
DR. MIKE GARRETT

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | September 21, 2025

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Benedictus"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Max Reger

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #59

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

Prayer of Adoration

Madison S.

Hymn #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jenny MacKethan

Gracious God, we need your guidance in these confusing times. We long to follow Jesus, but struggle to stay on his path. In love with the sound of our own voices we often turn a deaf ear to your divine wisdom. Forgive us because of the mercy of Christ. Give us the humility to listen for your Word spoken through the simple words and faithful lives of others. And having heard your voice, make us faithful to answer your call. Hear now our silent confessions. *(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.*

Sacrament of Baptism

Dr. Mike Garrett

Hymn #482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Kellie Pfaff 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.

Offering**Offertory Anthem**

"Living Hope"
Austin Taylor, soloist

Phil Wickham

Doxology, #609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

ERFREUEN

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 are invited to Children's Church+

Anthem

"Speak O Lord"
The Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Getty and Townend,
arr. Ferguson

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-11, 19 & Matthew 4:18-22

Message

"Finding Our Purpose: Other Voices"

Dr. Mike Garrett

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

"Carillon"

Herbert Murrill

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

+ Children's Church is available for elementary age 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: Session Class of 2025**

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God on the joyous occasion of the baptism of Colbie Elizabeth and Dannie Tallula, by their great-grandmother, Maude Bledsoe.

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

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered to Colbie Elizabeth Moore and Dannie Tallula Moore, daughters of Callie Elizabeth Moore and Daniel Thomas Moore II, granddaughters of Carrie and Joseph Hall, and Susan Moore (deceased) and Jack Roy, and great-granddaughters of Maude Bledsoe, and Patricia and Joe Hall. Dr. Garrett is assisted by Elder Maude Bledsoe.

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. Graceful Praise Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.
- 5 p.m. The Gathering

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 22

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 5:15 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 6 p.m. David's Mighty Men
- 6:15 p.m. Cantic Ringers

Tuesday, September 23

- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 24

- 9 a.m. Soul Striders
- 10 a.m. S.A.L.T. Trip to Sweet Valley Ranch
- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Dr. Garrett's Anxiety Class
- 6:30 p.m. God's Little Creators
- 6:30 p.m. Stretch & Scripture
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 12 p.m. Property Committee
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 28 • Guest Pastor Rev. Craig Morrison
- Junior Usher Training
 - Youth Ski Trip Parent Info Meeting
 - MomCo
- Sep 30 • COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- Oct 4** • Rise Against Hunger
- Jubilate Deo Rehearsal
- Oct 5 • Stephen Ministry
- Oct 6 • Engagement Committee
- Mission Committee
- Oct 7 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Worship Committee
 - C. E. Committee
- Oct 9 • Hannah Circle
- Oct 11 • Jubilate Deo Concert
- Oct 12 • Children Sing at 11 a.m. worship
- Trunk or Treat
- Oct 13 • Prayer Beyond the Emoji
- Oct 14 • Martha Circle
- Finance Committee
 - Historical Tour Part 1
- Oct 15 • Historical Tour Part 2
- Oct 20 • Personnel Committee
- Oct 21 • S.A.L.T. Southern Supreme Trip
- Oct 26 • Stewardship Breakfast

WEDNESDAYS ARE BETTER TOGETHER



All In Fellowship meal with potluck sides, family & friends
Wednesdays - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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 will be provided in the Nursery Wing during class, and rehearsal.

September 24 - Baked Chicken

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/AIFSept24 to register online.



September 24

After the meal, stay and take part in evening opportunities for all ages:
Dr. Garrett's class "Managing Anxiety", Stretch & Scripture,
Celebration Choir, and God's Little Creators for kids.

Beginning September 22, Message Seekers will start discussing *What's So Amazing About Grace?* by Philip Yancey.

The group meets every Monday at 12 p.m.
and you're invited to join the conversation!



STILL RISING.
STILL FIGHTING HUNGER.

Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
MEAL PACKING BEGINS AT 9 A.M.

We've already changed lives — let's keep pushing forward!

Together we will pack another 25,000 meals to help fight hunger around the world. Each meal you pack 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 — let's rise together!



All volunteers must register.

Scan the QR Code or visit 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



TRUNK OR TREAT

GAMES, INFLATABLES, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 12 - 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.

David's Mighty Men are firing up the grill with burgers and hot dogs!

Carnival Row hosted by Youth Ministry.
Make a donation, grab a wristband, and play your favorite carnival games!

- **Carnival Games**
- **Basketball**
- **Dunk Tank**

and more!

Donations will benefit Living Waters for the World.

Invite your friends & family -
everyone is welcome!

Peanut-free candy donations needed by October 8.

Drop off in Eller Hall.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Volunteers Needed!

Decorate your trunk & pass out candy.
Need help with young child friendly themes?
Britany has ideas & decorations for you.

Register online for dinner & to volunteer.
Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/FPCTRUNKorTREAT





Snack Kit Ministry Help Needed

We're looking for volunteers to help deliver Snack Kits to Walker Spivey or Douglas Byrd. Deliveries can be made on Thursday or Friday. Please note that the Snack Kit bins are heavy.

SOUTHERN SUPREME FRUITCAKE & MORE TOUR ≡TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21≡

Join S.A.L.T. for a trip to Bear Creek to tour Southern Supreme Fruitcake & More. We'll depart from the church at 8:30 a.m. The only cost is lunch at Lizzie's Chill & Grill. **Please RSVP to Sarah Cromartie (call or text 910-977-1813) by October 14.**



JUBILATE DEO
BY DAN FORREST

JUBILATE DEO RETURNS! Saturday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m.

In celebration of our 225th Anniversary, Music Vision has invited the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra for a special reprise of the Jubilate Deo concert. This powerful work will once again fill our sanctuary with joy and praise as we mark this historic milestone together.

Purchase your tickets online at www.fayettevillesymphony.org/2025-2026-season/

JUNIOR USHERS ARE BACK!

Children's Ministry is excited to relaunch our Junior Usher program, open to all 2nd–5th graders.

This ministry provides children with the opportunity to serve the Lord by greeting others, distributing bulletins and worship bags, and assisting during the 11:00 AM worship service. Junior Ushers learn leadership, hospitality, and the joy of serving their church family.

Training Sessions:

- Sept. 28 | 10–10:45 a.m.
- Oct. 5 | 10 a.m. (during Sunday School in Room 207; refresher for returning ushers)

Recognition Sunday:

New and current Junior Ushers will be recognized in worship on Oct. 5, at 11 a.m.

A rotation schedule will be sent following training. All children must attend one training session to participate.

Questions? Contact Britany Spivey at 910-483-0121 or britany@firstprez.com.



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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

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.

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