



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

LAZARUS, COME OUT!

MARCH 22, 2026
9 a.m.

DR. MIKE GARRETT,
SENIOR PASTOR

Service of Divine Worship

9:00 a.m. | March 22, 2026 | The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #443

"There Is a Redeemer" vs. 1

GREEN

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Ho -ly One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

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

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
Martha VorderBruegge, cellist
Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

arr. Charles H. Gabriel

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.

Time for Children

Scripture

John 11:1-45

Message

"Lazarus, Come Out!"

Dr. Mike Garrett

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

Benediction

Benediction Response #443

"There Is a Redeemer" vs. 3

GREEN

*When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

Postlude

"Prelude and Fugue in c minor, BWV 549"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J.S. Bach

Today's Flowers

The Narthex flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God in loving remembrance of Stephen Gooding by his devoted wife, Rhonda Gooding.

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.

Sanctuary flower donors are needed for**April 19, April 26, May 3, and May 10 (Mother's Day).****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

- Crossing Thresholds Listening Groups
- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 2 p.m. CROP Hunger Walk
- 3 p.m. Youth Car Wash
- 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, March 23

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 4 p.m. UPWARDS Spring Pickleball
- 6 p.m. David's Mighty Men
- 7 p.m. Prayer Beyond the Emoji

Tuesday, March 24

- 8 a.m. S.A.L.T. Halifax State Trip
- 4 p.m. VBS Committee Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 25

- 4 p.m. Men of God Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Class with Dr. Garrett
- 6:30 p.m. Stretch & Scripture Class
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

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

Saturday, March 28

- 10 a.m. Palm Sunday Orchestra Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 29 • Children sing during 11 a.m. worship
- Palm Sunday Celebration
- Palm Sunday Meal & Egg Hunt
- Mar 31 • COAP Meeting (Zoom)
- Apr 2 • Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
- Engagement Committee
- Apr 3 • Good Friday worship service
- Apr 5 • Sunrise Easter Service
- Congregational Breakfast
- Unified 11 a.m. worship service
- H3 F Easter Potluck Luncheon
- Apr 6 • Church Office Closed
- Apr 7 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Worship Committee Meeting
- Apr 8 • Spring Cleaning Day
- Apr 9 • Hannah Circle
- Apr 12 • Stephen Ministry
- Apr 13 • Mission Committee
- CE Committee
- Apr 14 • Martha Circle
- Stated Deacons Meeting
- Apr 21 • Stated Session Meeting
- Apr 27 • David's Mighty Men
- Apr 28 • COAP Zoom Meeting



**Remember to drop off
filled Easter Eggs
& candy donations
today in Eller Hall.**

**Thank you for helping
make this event
EGG-stra special!**

WASH AWAY THE POLLEN!



YOUTH

\$10

Cash/Check
only please

CAR WASH

TODAY - MARCH 22

3 - 5 P.M.

Support youth mission trip
and projects by stopping
by to get your car washed!



Palm Sunday

March 29

Hosanna
to the King



9 a.m. Worship Service in the Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday School

A Palm Processional will take place during the 11 a.m. worship service. If your children would like to participate, please bring them to the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary featuring the Church Orchestra and Palm Processional

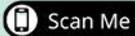
Congregational Potluck Luncheon will follow the 11 a.m. Worship Service.



The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will follow the meal.

Please bring your favorite dish to share.

To RSVP sign up in Eller Hall, call the church office, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/PalmSunday2026



Please sign up by March 24.



Maundy Thursday, April 2

5:30 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal - Smothered Tenderloin, Potatoes & Gravy

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.

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Tennebrae Service with Communion

Childcare will be available.

Good Friday, April 3

Good Friday Worship Service
12 p.m. in the Chapel

Flowering of the Cross - A barren cross will be moved to the Sanctuary porch in observance of Good Friday on April 3. Fresh flowers may be brought beginning Saturday, April 4, or on Easter Sunday morning to transform the barren cross into a beautiful celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!





Prayer:

BEYOND THE EMOJI 6

Monday, March 23
at 7 p.m.

"Practical Christian Living"

at the home of Dan McInnis and led by John McFadyen.

Call the church office for more information.



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 25 - BBQ Chicken & Corn - Southern Cooking Night

Gathered in faith. Served with Southern hospitality.

Maundy Thursday - April 2 - Smothered Tenderloin, Potatoes & Gravy

From the table to the Cross - together.

April 15 - Chicken Salad, Potato Salad & Macaroni Salad

A fresh season of Fellowship



H³ F EASTER SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 5

following the 11 a.m. service.

Your family looks forward to having you
join them on Easter!!

Feel free to invite and bring a friend!

The Food Service Committee will provide the
plates napkins, cups, drinks, turkey and ham.

Please let us know what you will bring by March 30.

Suggestions include salads, sides, and desserts,
either purchased or homemade, your choice.



Sign up in Eller Hall.
Sign up online at bit.ly/H3FEaster
or scan the QR Code.



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5

7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship Service

in Lafayette Park.

**Remember to bring your lawn chair*

9:30 a.m. Congregational Breakfast

in the Activity Room.

Please register for breakfast by April 1. Call the church office, scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/FPCEaster26



10 a.m. Sunday School

for all ages.

11 a.m. Festive Easter Worship Service

with communion in the Sanctuary.

12 p.m. H3 F Easter Sunday Potluck Luncheon

in Fellowship Hall

Please sign up in person in Eller Hall, online at bit.ly/H3FEaster or scan the QR Code.



He is Risen!

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday March 29

following the Potluck Meal

Bring your Easter Basket
& a friend!

Let us know
you're coming .
Register today!



Register online at
bit.ly/PalmSunday2026
or scan the QR Code

SPRING CLEANING DAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9 A.M. - 1 P.M. & 12 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Come be part of caring
for our church home!

Join our Facilities Team for a
day of fellowship, teamwork,
and a little spring cleaning.

We'll have a morning and
an afternoon shift, and
we'll gather together
for lunch at 12 p.m.

(Jersey Mike's provided!)



Sign up online
at bit.ly/fpcspring
or scan the QR Code.



**VBS at
First Prez
June
15 - 18**

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
or scan the QR code

s.a.l.t.

**Fellowship
Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. at JK's
Tuesday, April 7

**Tuesday, April 21
Trip to Paul Jr. 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.



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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

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Minister of Pastoral Care

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Dr. Marcia Mervin,
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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