



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

Let There Be Light

Rev. Craig Morrison, Guest Speaker

11 a.m. | August 16, 2026 | Sanctuary

Service of Divine Worship

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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. David Cagle

Call To Worship #458

"Thy Word Is A Lamp To My Feet"

THY WORD

Refrain:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Refrain.

Prayer of Invocation

Dr. David Cagle

Hymn #761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess, Lord of all, that we have often put other priorities ahead of our loyalty to you. We focus on ourselves and become unable to tend to those in need. We obsess on our own desires to the detriment of your creation. We dismiss those without earthly status and seek out those we think can benefit us. We forget that following you means caring for those most in need of compassion and relief. Forgive us, merciful Lord. Free us from a past we cannot change. Turn us toward you. Shape us into a people who better resemble you, Jesus our servant Lord. Hear now Merciful God, the silent confessions of our hearts. (We pray 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

"People Need the Lord"
The Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

arr. Tom Fettke

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Ann McRae

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

"God of the Deep"
Annalise Sears, soloist
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Dan Forrest

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

Dr. David Cagle & Rev. Craig Morrison
Children 2nd grade and younger are invited to Children's Church+

Scripture

Isaiah 58:6-11

Message

"Let There Be Light"

Rev. Craig Morrison

Hymn #757

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

Benediction

Rev. Craig Morrison

Benediction Response # 749 "Come! Live in the Light!" vs. 1 WE ARE CALLED

*Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.
We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.*

Postlude

"Fugue in g minor, BWV 578"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J. S. Bach

+ 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 in Eller Hall.
Thank you to today's hosts: Deacons Class of 2028**

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the members of the Mission Committee for their devoted service and tireless efforts on behalf of First Presbyterian Church, with heartfelt gratitude from the congregation.

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

The sanctuary flower budget is limited, and we rely on congregation members to sponsor arrangements in memory or honor of loved ones. We understand that flower costs have increased, but if you're able, please consider sponsoring an arrangement—perhaps with family or friends—for a birthday, anniversary, memorial, or other special occasion.

If sponsoring flowers isn't possible, donations to the Flower Fund are always appreciated. Simply place an envelope marked "Flower Fund" in the offering plate. For questions, contact Debra Chestnutt at 910-818-9006 or debra@chestnutt.com.

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
- 10 a.m. Myrover-Reese Presentation in the Chapel
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 17

- 10 a.m. WOC Planning Meeting
- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 12 p.m. Personnel Committee

Tuesday, August 18

- 12 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 6 p.m. Stated Session & Deacons Joint Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 23 • Back-to-School Blessing
- Carolina Sound Concert
- Aug 24 • David's Mighty Men
- Aug 25 • COAP Meeting
- Sep 1 • S.A.L.T. Breakfast at JK's
- Worship Committee Meeting
- Sep 3 • Engagement Committee Meeting
- Sep 7 • Church Office Closed
- H3 F Birthday Bash
- Sep 8 • Martha Circle
- Stated Deacons Meeting
- Sep 10 • Hannah Circle
- Sep 13 • Fall Kick-Off & Pancake Breakfast
- Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. resume
- Sep 14 • CE Committee Meeting
- Sep 15 • Finance Committee
- Stated Session Meeting
- Sep 19 • Calvin Lectures
- Oct 3 • Rise Against Hunger

Is God calling you to serve?

To learn more about volunteer opportunities,
please email Britany at christianed@firstprez.com

KINGDOM KIDZ & S.U.R.G.E. YOUTH



You've asked and now is your chance!

Pre-Order your copy of the 225th Anniversary Congregational Photo
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+ \$1 postage if you would like your photo mailed

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If you're a fan of the rich vocal harmonies of Pentatonix or the energy of the Pitch Perfect films, you won't want to miss this special performance.

Award-winning collegiate a cappella ensemble **Carolina Sound** will visit First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 23. The group will share music during the 11:00 a.m. worship service before presenting a full concert at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. **Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to experience an afternoon of exceptional music and inspiring artistry.**

Based at the University of Mount Olive in eastern North Carolina, Carolina Sound is made up of talented students selected for their outstanding vocal ability and musicianship. In April 2026, the ensemble earned third place at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) National Finals in New York City.

Directed by Lester and Holly Rector, the group is committed to sharing outstanding music while representing the University of Mount Olive. Before leading Carolina Sound, the Rectors performed with Walt Disney World's renowned Voices of Liberty, bringing years of professional performance experience to the ensemble.

Carolina Sound performs a wide variety of music, including pop, gospel, jazz, and timeless favorites. Their polished arrangements, impressive vocal percussion, and beautifully blended harmonies demonstrate the remarkable possibilities of a cappella performance. Every concert is designed not only to entertain but also to connect with audiences through meaningful, memorable music.

Whether performing in churches, concert halls, or community venues, Carolina Sound consistently leaves audiences inspired by the power and beauty of the human voice.

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year with this outstanding concert on Sunday, August 23, at 4:00 p.m. **We look forward to sharing this unforgettable musical experience with you!**



Together We Can **LAUNCH** Brighter Futures at Walker Spivey Elementary

Local Relief Ministry is collecting school supplies for Walker Spivey Elementary School to support students and teachers as they begin the new year. If you'd like to help, please drop off donations in Eller Hall.

Your generosity makes a real difference for our community.

Monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office. Please note "Local Relief Ministry" on checks or envelopes.

Student Supply List:

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| ☐ Composition Notebooks | ☐ Pencils |
| ☐ Spiral Notebooks | ☐ Highlighters |
| ☐ Three Ring Pocket Folder | ☐ 24 Count Crayons |
| ☐ Plastic Pocket Folders | ☐ Expo Dry Erase Markers |
| ☐ Index Cards | ☐ Expo Dry Erase Cleaner |
| ☐ Sticky Notes | ☐ Colored Pencils |
| ☐ Ziploc Bags | ☐ Jumbo/Large Erasers |
| ☐ Gallon | ☐ Pencil Pouch (no boxes) |
| ☐ Half Gallon | ☐ Scissors |
| ☐ Quart | ☐ Glue Sticks |
| ☐ Pint | ☐ Headphones |
| ☐ Back Pack | ☐ Kleenex/Tissues |
| ☐ Reuseable Water Bottle | ☐ Clorox Wipes |
| ☐ Germ-X (Hand Sanitizing Wipes) | ☐ Pocket Folders (with & without prongs) |
| ☐ Binder 1/2 inch (with clear front cover) | ☐ Binder 1 inch (with clear front cover) |
| ☐ Notebook Paper (wide & college rule) | |

Teacher Wish List:

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| ☐ Tissues | ☐ Dry Erase Markers | ☐ Label Maker |
| ☐ Hand Sanitizer | ☐ Pre Sharpened Pencils | ☐ Multi-colored Pens |
| ☐ Paper Towels | ☐ Sticky Notes | ☐ Band Aids & Ointment |
| ☐ Clear Tape | ☐ Disinfectant Wipes | ☐ Heavy Duty Stapler & Staples |
| ☐ Glue Sticks | ☐ Stackable Paper Trays | ☐ Non-Perishable Wrapped Snacks |



A Smart Way to Give

Shop these Amazon wish lists, and send your donation directly to the church.



Student List

Scan the above QR Code or visit bit.ly/LRMStudent for the Student Supply List.



Teacher List

Scan the above QR Code or visit bit.ly/LRMTeacher for the Teacher Wish List.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

Sunday, August 23



10 a.m. - Sunday School

Children will create special crafts for their teachers during Sunday School.

11 a.m. - Worship Service

Join us for a Back-to-School Blessing for students (children and youth), teachers, and administrators as we launch a new school year together.

Bring your backpack, briefcase, or tote bag with you. During the service, you'll be invited forward for a special prayer and blessing.

Special Music during worship:

The acclaimed Carolina Sound a cappella ensemble will also share their incredible music during worship!

After Worship:

Cool off & celebrate with Italian Ice from Sunset Slush!



Help Us Feed the Fun!

Sundays | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Each week, our Kingdom Kidz and Youth group S.U.R.G.E, gather for fun, faith, and fellowship—and one of the most meaningful parts of their time together is sharing a meal!

We need your help to keep this tradition going. Meals are made possible by our amazing volunteers, families, and church members. Would you consider signing up to provide dinner one Sunday this season?

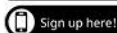
Past favorites include: Hot dogs • Tacos • Pizza • Pasta • Chicken tenders
(Feel free to team up with another family!)



Sign up today! Visit bit.ly/KidzMeal or scan the QR code.

Have questions? Contact Britany at christianed@firstprez.com or Casey MacLuskie at youth@firstprez.com.

Thank you for being a part of nurturing both the bodies and hearts of our young disciples!



YOU'RE INVITED!

Mom Co

MEET-UP!

*An afternoon of fellowship,
fun & connection!*

DATE:
Sunday, August 30th

TIME:
2:00–4:00 PM

LOCATION:
The home of
Kathryn Boyette

*Bring yourself and your little ones
and come enjoy a relaxed afternoon with
other moms and great conversation!*

We'd love to see you there!

RSVP to Kathryn at kathrynboyette24@gmail.com

**Kids
ARE
WELCOME!**



Fall Kick-Off

Sunday,
September 13

9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

10 a.m. Christian Education
Presentation

11 a.m. Unified Worship Service

Join us as we kick-off the fall
season of ministry and learning
with a joyful day of worship,
fellowship, and celebration!

RSVP for breakfast at
bit.ly/FPCFallKickOff
scan the QR code or
call the church office.



Prof. Gordon S. Jackson

Words. Words. Words.

A Three-Part Calvin Lecture Series
with Prof. Gordon S. Jackson

Saturday, September 19

Join us for a special lecture series with Prof. Gordon S. Jackson, a retired journalism professor and author whose career has been devoted to the study of communication and the power of words.

Through three presentations, Prof. Jackson will explore how God reveals Himself as the God Who Speaks, the God Who Comes, and the God Who Interprets. Together, we will consider God's authoritative voice in creation, the meaning of Christ as the Word made flesh, and the work of the Holy Spirit in God's ongoing communication with His people.

Prof. Jackson will also preach the sermon on September 20, titled "Have I Got A World For You" using the scripture 1 Samuel 3:1-10.

Register for the
Calvin Lecture Series
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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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