



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

WHO'S SEEKING

OCTOBER 19, 2025
11 a.m.

REV. CHRIS CARSON
MINISTER OF
PASTORAL CARE

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | October 19, 2025

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Toccata in D Minor, BWV 565"

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chris Carson

Call To Worship #626

"As the Deer"

AS THE DEER

*As the deer pants for the water; so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

Prayer of Adoration

Henry S.

Hymn #620

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Steve McRae

Merciful Savior, we neglect your presence in our lives. We serve in our own strength, not yours. We act first and pray later. We mistake busyness for faith and rest for weakness. We grow weary and doubt your care for us. Forgive our sins of spiritual neglect. Restore us in body, mind, and spirit. Help us to find once again the joy and peace that comes from trusting you. We ask it through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now the silent prayers 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

"Vocalise-Etude"
Roger Holmes, flugelhorn solo
Dr. Marcia Mervin, accompanist

Maurice Ravel,
arr. Drew R. Fennell

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 So Loved the World"
The Celebration Choir

Sir John Stainer

Doxology, #609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*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 are invited to Children's Church+

Scripture

I Kings 19:1-15

Message

"Who's Seeking"

Rev. Chris Carson

Hymn #307

"God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

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

"Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

J. S. Bach

+ 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: Children's Ministry**

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Grace Lynette Ehler by her daughter,
Mary Kristian Ehler Daub and her family.

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

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
- 12:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 4:30 p.m. S.U.R.G.E. Game Night (Kingdom Kidz are not meeting)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 20

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 12 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 5:30 p.m. New Officer Training
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 7 p.m. Prayer Beyond the Emoji

Tuesday, October 21

- 8:30 a.m. S.A.L.T. Trip-Southern Supreme
- 5 p.m. 2026 Mission Committee
- 6 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 22

- 9 a.m. Soul Striders
- 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
- 7:15 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 26 • Stewardship Breakfast
 - MomCo Meeting
- Oct 27 • David's Mighty Men
- Oct 28 • COAP (Zoom)
- Oct 30 • Property Committee
 - New Officer Training
- Nov 3 • Engagement Committee
 - Mission Committee
- Nov 4 • S.A.L.T. breakfast at JK's Deli
 - Worship Committee
 - C. E. Committee
- Nov 9 • Stephen Ministry Guest Speaker
 - MomCo
 - Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. end at 6 p.m.
 - S.U.R.G.E. at the Awakening Tour
- Nov 11 • Martha Circle
 - Family Skate Party
 - Stated Deacons Meeting
- Nov 13 • Finance Committee
 - Hannah Circle
- Nov 14 • S.A.L.T. trip to Rudy Theater
- Nov. 15 • Crossing Threshold Meeting
- Nov 16 • Dedication Sunday - Kids singing
 - Lowlanders & Gathering Friendsgiving
- Nov 17 • Personnel Committee
- Nov 18 • Stated Session Meeting
- Nov 21 • S.U.R.G.E. Friendsgiving Lock-In
- Nov 23 • Hanging of the Greens

Stewardship Kick-Off Breakfast

Sunday, October 26
at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Start your day with hot biscuits,
good company, and a joyful spirit.

Come for fellowship, reflection,
and a sneak peek at all that's ahead.



Please register by October 22.
To register online, scan the QR
Code or visit bit.ly/FPCBiscuits





Prayer :

BEYOND THE EMOJI

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 7 P.M.

Growing Your Faith Through Literature

Led by Marcia MacKethan and at the home of Wade and Daina Byrd.

For more information, contact the church office at 910-483-0121.

Interested in small groups?

Check out all of our small groups and Christian Education Opportunities online!

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/CEatFPC



ALL IN FELLOWSHIP MEALS

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.

October 22 - Fried Chicken

October 29 - Meatloaf

"People Experiencing Challenges Related to Aging"

Discussion with guest speaker

Dorothy Funkhouser



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Sunday, November 9 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel

Dorothy is well known in our community. She served 25 years as Director of Christian Education and Stephen Ministry leader at Haymount United Methodist Church and now works as a clinical mental health counselor at Fayetteville Family Life Center.



s.a.l.t.

Seasoned Adults
Learning Together

**S.A.L.T. Fellowship Breakfast
Tuesday, November 4
JK's Deli at 8:30 a.m.**

Upcoming S.A.L.T. Trip

Friday, November 14 - Christmas Show

S.A.L.T. is heading to the Rudy Theater in Selma on Friday, Nov. 14, for the 12:45 p.m. matinee. Tickets are \$20 per person—please pay the church office by Oct. 19 to reserve your seat. Dinner plans will be announced soon. For questions and to RSVP, contact Joann Pearce at 910-978-2930.

Family Roller Skating Party

Tuesday, November 11 - 4 to 5:30 p.m.

at Round-A Bout Skating Center 880 Elm St.

Grab your loved ones for an afternoon of skating, laughter, & memories. All ages & skill levels welcome.



SCAN ME

Lace up and roll with us!

\$5 for skaters. Adults not skating are free.

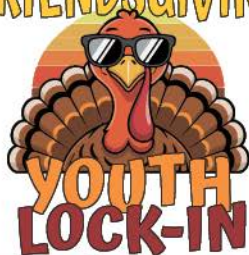
Register online at bit.ly/FPCSkate



Save the date! **Sunday, November 16**
Lowlanders & The Gathering
will join together for a
Friendsgiving Celebration!



FRIENDSGIVING



Scan Me



\$10 per youth. Buddies are free!

Register online. Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/SURGElockin

Potluck dinner will be served. *Don't forget to sign up for what dish you'll bring here:* bit.ly/SURGEpotluck

Drop off - Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

Pick up - Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7 a.m.

Join us for a fun-filled evening of celebrating friendship and giving thanks to the friend who never leaves us, God! Bring a buddy and dress like twins...best dressed will win a prize! It will be a night full of games, prizes, shenanigans, and of course a movie and snacks.

H³F

Home & Hearth Holiday Fellowship

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Thursday, November 27th at 1 p.m.

Your family looks forward to having you join them on Thanksgiving Day!!

Feel free to invite and bring a friend!

There's no fee—just bring a side, salad, bread, or dessert to serve 8–10. The main entrée and drinks will be provided by the Congregational Care Committee.

Let us know what you'll bring to the H3 F Potluck Dinner—salads, sides, or desserts (store-bought or homemade).

Register online by November 23 at 3 p.m., scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/H3FThanksgiving25





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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.

#ServeandShare