



Welcome to Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

FINDING OUR
PURPOSE: GIFTS

OCTOBER 5, 2025
11 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR
DR. MIKE GARRETT

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | October 5, 2025

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.

Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

"Panis Angelicus"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

César Franck,
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

Call To Worship #328

"Praise God, All You Nations"

DA N'ASE

Praise God, all you nations. People of God, sing praise!
Praise God, all you nations. People of God, sing praise:
God's love is great and endures forever.
Praise God, all you nations. People of God, sing praise!
(Repeat)

Prayer of Adoration

Sebastian O.

Hymn #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Brian Pearce

Lord, who prayed that all your children would be one, we repent of the sin of useless division. We beg forgiveness for any prejudice pretending to be virtue and for any sense of superiority that excludes other brothers and sisters in Christ. Help us to embrace all who differ from us in nationality or race, who are yet one with us in faith. Teach us what it means to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We seek mercy, healing and the grace of a changed heart through Christ our Lord. 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

"Come, Now Spirit of God"
The Celebration Choir
Jennifer McFadyen Hammond, flute
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Joseph M. Martin

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Elder Linda Huff

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

"How Beautiful"
Jennifer McFadyen Hammond, soloist
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist

Twila Paris

Doxology, #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

Junior Usher Recognition

Britany Spivey

Time for Children

Children are invited to Children's Church+

Scripture

Romans 12:3-8

Message

"Finding Our Purpose: Gifts"

Dr. Mike Garrett

Hymn #515

"I Come with Joy" vs. 1-4

DOVE OF PEACE

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Benediction

Benediction Response, #515 vs. 5

DOVE OF PEACE

*Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

"Festive Trumpet Tune"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

David German

+ 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 are given to the Glory of God through contributions to the Flower Fund by members of the congregation.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, October 5, 2025

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following the 11 a.m. Worship Service, to act on the report of the nominating committee, and elect Elders and Deacons for the class of 2028.

**Flower donors are needed
for October 12 & 26.**

Contact Debra Chestnutt at debra@chestnutt.com or (910) 818-9006

Monetary donations for flowers can be made to the church office.

Please notate "Flower Fund" on checks.

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



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HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Estate Planning Seminar
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 3 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 3:15 p.m. Graceful Praise Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E.
- 5 p.m. The Gathering: Foundations

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 6

- 10 p.m. Women of the Church
- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 5:15 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 5:30 p.m. Engagement Committee
- 5:30 p.m. New Officer Training
- 6 p.m. Mission Committee

Tuesday, October 7

- 8:30 a.m. S.A.L.T. breakfast at JK's
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee
- 6:30 p.m. C. E. Committee
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 8

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 5:30 p.m. Hannah Circle
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

Saturday, October 11

- 1 p.m. Jubilate Deo Dress Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Jubilate Deo Concert

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 12 • Children Sing at 11 a.m. worship
- Graceful Praise during 11 a.m. Worship
- Trunk or Treat
- Oct 13 • Prayer Beyond the Emoji
- Oct 14 • Martha Circle
- Finance Committee
- Historical Tour Part 1
- Stated Deacons Meeting
- Oct 15 • Historical Tour Part 2
- Oct 19 • S.U.R.G.E. at Xscape Factor
- Oct 20 • Personnel Committee
- New Officer Training
- Oct 21 • S.A.L.T. Southern Supreme Trip
- 2026 Mission Committee Meeting
- Stated Session Meeting
- Oct 26 • Stewardship Breakfast
- MomCo Meeting
- Oct 27 • David's Mighty Men
- Oct 28 • COAP (Zoom)
- Nov 9 • S.U.R.G.E. at the Awakening Tour
- Stephen Ministry Training
- Kingdom Kidz ends at 6 p.m.
- Nov 11 • Family Skate Party
- Nov 14 • S.A.L.T. trip to Rudy Theater
- Nov 16 • Dedication Sunday - Kids singing
- Lowlanders "Friendsgiving"
- Nov 21 • S.U.R.G.E. Friendsgiving Lock-In
- Nov 23 • Hanging of the Greens

GOD'S LITTLE CREATORS

SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT & ART

PRESCHOOL &
ELEMENTARY KIDS—

JOIN US WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

FOR A FUN HOUR OF ART,
MOVEMENT, AND BIBLE DISCOVERY!

OFFERED DURING ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

CANDY CRISIS!

THE TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY BIN IS LOW!

Please drop off peanut-free candy donations in Eller Hall by October 8.

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/

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!

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



Stewardship Kick-Off Breakfast

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.



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



WEDNESDAY 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 8 - Chicken & mixed vegetables from Hong Kong

October 15 - Smothered Tenderloin

October 22 - Fried Chicken

October 29 - Meatloaf

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.

Upcoming S.A.L.T. Trips

Tuesday, October 21 - Southern Supreme Fruitcake & More Tour

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.

Tuesday, 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.

KINGDOM KIDZ & S.U.R.G.E. MEET TODAY!

4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.

NEED TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD? VISIT BIT.LY/KIDZANDYOUTH

S.U.R.G.E. GAME NIGHT & XSCAPE FACTOR

BRING A FRIEND & GAME ON!!

Join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

**Xscape Factor, Trivia,
Minute to Win It & more!**

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Pizza & chips will be served.

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

Family Roller skating Night

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.

**Lace up and
roll with us!**



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

Register online at bit.ly/FPCSkate



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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