



First Presbyterian Church
Eden, North Carolina

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come--
this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

April 14, 2024

Order of Service

Preparing to Meet God

*We calm our wandering minds, hearts,
and souls to meet the living triune
God who rules over all.*

God Calls Us to Worship

*As the Church, we are the called-out
ones who belong to the Lord. We rejoice
that our relationship begins with His
calling us to be His people.*

God Cleanses Us by His Law & His Gospel

*God's Word instructs us in holy living.
Our corporate and personal prayer of
confession is followed by a bold
declaration that we need not fear
God's condemnation because Christ
has taken it in our place.*

God Accepts Our Prayers & Gifts

*All the Christian life is to be devoted
to God. We demonstrate that by
giving our hearts to Him in prayer,
and our tithes to Him in the offering.
As our Father, He loves to hear our
prayers. As our King, He well deserves
our gifts.*

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Meditation: *Psalms 27:4*

Prelude

† Call to Worship: *John 14:6*

† Prayer of Invocation

† Congregational Hymn: *Lead on, O Eternal King*

Call to Confession: *John 15:9-12*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Silent Prayer of Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalms 28:6*

† Congregational Hymn: *Before the Throne of God Above*

Reading of God's Word: *Jonah 2*

Confession of Faith: *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A: 27*

Tithes and Offerings Including Missions Offering

Choir: Take My Life and Let it Be

† Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

† Congregational Hymn: *Christ is All*

God Speaks to Us by His Word

The Bible tells us that it is through the “foolishness of preaching” that God saves sinners. So, we eagerly come to hear from Him and receive His grace through the Scripture reading and sermon.

God Sends Us

We are sent in the power of the Holy Spirit to be ambassadors of Christ. The benediction (good word) is God’s placement of His name upon us, securing our identity in His love and promise.

† Prayer of Illumination

† Scripture Reading: *1Peter 4:1-2*

Sermon: Prepare for Suffering

† Congregational Hymn: *All to Jesus I Surrender*

† Benediction

† Gloria Patri

† Postlude & Dismissal

While the gathering has ended, service to Christ continues: let us go forth in the power of the Spirit serving our Lord as His ambassadors!

Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: Prepare for Suffering

Prayer Requests

Our Congregation

- WC Wrangham
- Mike & Martha Corum
- Martha Roberts
- Jim & Miriam Wilson
- Jimmy Matthews
- Sandy Cates

Larger Church Body

- Chris Castle
- Marianne Aiken

Our Missionaries

- Stephanie Black – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Ben and Ellie Child – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Al and Joy Doomy – Outreach to Asia Nationals
- Bradley and Jessica Long – Frontier Fellowship
- Brent and Marianne Pilson – Café 1040

Our Nation & World

- Pray for the American Church to have unity in Christ and His Gospel during the presidential election season.

Nation of the Week – Canada

- Revival is desperately needed because of the influence of theological liberalism.
- A renewed missionary vision is needed. Decades ago, there was a strong missionary vision to reach the nations. However, that vision has diminished over the last 20-30 years.

****If you have a prayer request, please email Jeni Hartley at jhartley@fpceden.org****

Welcome

Session

Curt Southard (2024)
Henry Thornton (2024)
Terry Widel (2024)
Jim Wilson (2024 – Clerk of Session)
Ginny Jones (2025)
Everall Peele (2025)
Jennifer Shafer (2025)
Paul Sasser (2026)
Kenny Widel (2026)
Pastor Brad Milks (Moderator)

Ministries

Sunday School Classes | Sunday 9:00am
Worship Service | Sunday 10:00am
Science with Jesus | Sunday 4:00pm
Student Ministry | Sunday 4:00pm
Pastor's Study | Wednesday 10:00am
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am
Women's Ministry | Thursday 6:30pm

April Events

Let's Talk | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10:30am
Young at Heart | 04.16.24 12:00pm
RCBE Banquet | 04.16.24 6:00pm

Stewardship

(thru 3/1/2024)
Operational Budget
YTD Received: \$46,602.00
YTD Expenses: \$49,087.03
YTD Budget: -\$2,485.03

Building Fund
Building Need: \$30,262
Building Received: \$24,453
Building YTD: -\$5,809

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We are thankful you have gathered with us this morning as we worship the living triune God! We pray you encounter the Lord's presence and glory through worship, the fellowship of God's people, and the preaching of His Word.

Announcements

The **Rockingham Council of Bible Educators** will host their annual banquet at FPC in the sanctuary on April 16, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Young at Heart will host Kevin Taylor from the City of Eden on April 16, 2024, at 12:00pm in the Whitley Gathering Hall. Kevin will discuss the threat of scams.

Hometown Heroes is coming May 18, 2024! The Missions Ministry needs chips and drinks for this event. Please contact Paul Sasser if you would like to make food donations for this outreach event.

Black Tie Blue Jeans will be hosted at FPC on Saturday, May 4. Be sure to sign up for this event on the sign-up sheet.

Next Week's Scripture Passage

1 Peter 4:3-6

For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

Thoughtful Quote

John Owen

To suffer as a Christian is to suffer for Christ: for the name of Christ, for the truths of Christ, for the ways of Christ, for the worship of Christ.

Bible Reading Plans

A daily discipline that we should all be engaging in is reading and studying the Scriptures. The Bible is the very Word of God. As the great Reformed Theologian Herman Bavinck once said, “In it (Scriptures) God daily comes to his people. In it he speaks to his people, not from afar but from nearby.”

If you struggle to spend time in daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, please use one of these plans to help you engage with the living God through His Word.

6-Month New Testament Plan – Week 8

- Monday – Luke 10
- Tuesday – Luke 11
- Wednesday – Luke 12
- Thursday – Luke 13
- Friday – Luke 14
- Saturday – Luke 15
- Sunday – Luke 16

A Psalm a Day Plan – Week 8

- Monday – Psalm 50
- Tuesday – Psalm 51
- Wednesday – Psalm 52
- Thursday – Psalm 53
- Friday – Psalm 54
- Saturday – Psalm 55
- Sunday – Psalm 56