



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 21, 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: *2 Timothy 4:8*

Prelude

† Call to Worship: *Psalm 95:1-3*

† Prayer of Invocation

† Congregational Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Call to Confession: *1 John 4:7-11*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Silent Prayer of Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 65:3*

† Congregational Hymn: *As the Deer*

Reading of God's Word: *Jonah 3*

Confession of Faith: *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A: 28*

Tithes and Offerings

Choir: The Grace That You Have Shown

† Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Children's Sermon

† Congregational Song: *Ten Thousand Reasons*

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 4:3-6*

Sermon: **Maligned, yet Vindicated**

† Congregational Hymn: *It is Well with My Soul*

† 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: Maligned, yet Vindicated

Prayer Requests

Our Congregation

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

Larger Church Body

- Chris Castle
- Marianne Aiken

Our Missionaries

- Stephanie Black – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Ben and Ellie Childs – 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.
- Pray for the Middle East as Iran attacks Israel. Pray for peace to come which can only be received in the Gospel.
- Pray for Sydney, Australia as families process the stabbing that occurred.

Nation of the Week – Bulgaria

- Over the last decade, Bulgaria has seen an increase in people coming to know the Lord Jesus. Let us pray for this transformation to continue.
- Cults and the occult have targeted Bulgaria recently. Pray for those who claim a false gospel to come to repentance. Also, pray for those who practice magic mixed with Islam. Pray that the Church would be protected from spiritual attacks.

****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

Stewardship

(thru 3/31/2024)
Operational Budget
YTD Received: \$70,945.38
YTD Expenses: \$74,803.61
YTD Budget: -\$3,858.23

Building Fund
Building Need: \$45,363
Building Received: \$33,808
Building YTD: -\$11,555

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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

Hometown Heroes is coming May 18, 2024! The Missions Ministry needs chips, cookies, 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.

Message from Steven and Sandy Cates: We would like to express our love and appreciation for each of you. Your outpouring of love and continuous prayers sustained us during this ordeal. You are the BEST!!!!

Next Week's Scripture Passage

1 Peter 4:7-11

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Thoughtful Quote

Ralph Venning

Many that have passed man's day of approbation may in that day meet with God's reprobation; many that have been looked upon and have looked like gold here may be found dross then—yea, reprobate silver will He call them.

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 9

- Monday – Luke 17
- Tuesday – Luke 18
- Wednesday – Luke 19
- Thursday – Luke 20
- Friday – Luke 21
- Saturday – Luke 22
- Sunday – Luke 23

A Psalm a Day Plan – Week 9

- Monday – Psalm 57
- Tuesday – Psalm 58
- Wednesday – Psalm 59
- Thursday – Psalm 60
- Friday – Psalm 61
- Saturday – Psalm 62
- Sunday – Psalm 63