

Welcome to Worship



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fayetteville, N.C. | Established 1800

BUILDING THE
SPIRITUAL HOUSE

FEBRUARY 15, 2026
11 a.m.

DR. MIKE GARRETT,
SENIOR PASTOR

Service of Divine Worship

11:00 a.m. | February 15, 2026

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.
Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

Prelude	"Prelude on <i>Ride on King Jesus</i> " *	Dennis Janzer
	Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ	
Welcome and Announcements		Dr. Mike Garrett
Call To Worship #701	"Lord, Prepare Me"	SANCTUARY
	<i>Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you. (Sing twice)</i>	
Prayer of Adoration		Cameron H.
Hymn #263	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"	CORONATION
Call to Confession		Debra Chestnutt
Prayer of Confession	<p>Merciful God, we long to grow to spiritual maturity. We desire to live as disciples who can be entrusted with the gospel. Yet, we avoid the growth you require. We want a tension free faith. We desire comfort over the pain of change. We cling to the status quo more tightly than to Jesus. Forgive us through Jesus Christ. Renew within us the commitment to be fully alive to you and this world as faithful and mature followers of Christ. Hear now our silent confession. (Our prayers continue in silence.) Amen.</p>	
Assurance of Pardon		
Response #581	"Glory Be to the Father"	GLORIA PATRI
	<p><i>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.</i></p>	
Sacrament of Baptism		

Anthem "My Jesus, I Love Thee/
Love of God"
Vivian K., viola
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist arr. William Morrozoff

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Elder Kellie Pfaff Perkins
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 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"
Celebration Choir
Alice Ann Campbell, accompanist Raymond H. Haan

Doxology, #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS
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 1 Peter 2:4-10

Message "Building the Spiritual House" Dr. Mike Garrett

Hymn #694 "Great God of Every Blessing" AURELIA

Benediction

Benediction Response #546 SICILIAN MARINERS
Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Congregational Meeting

* 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: Elders Class of 2028**

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mark and Janice Luce in thanksgiving and remembrance for our loved ones both past and present.

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

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered to Hudson Lee Szulis, son of John William Szulis and Emily Louis Szulis, grandson of Greg and Amy Szulis, and Lee and Stephanie Lang. Dr. Garrett is assisted by Elder Debra Chestnutt.

*** A Musical Note from Dr. Marcia Mervin**

This month's preludes and postludes are chosen in observance of Black History Month. They were composed by Dr. Dennis Janzer (b. 1954), an award-winning composer and now retired "Organist Emeritus" at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Memphis, TN.

From the composer:

"Spirituals come from many different times and places, but most come from the African American experience. They are folk songs, often of a religious character, passed down through a vocal tradition and only written down after many decades of use, the first time around 1840. For this reason, there are many versions of any given spiritual. This is part of their magic, somehow changing with each different usage."

May this music remind us of the rich heritage, triumphs, and adversities that are part of our nation's 250 years of history.

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, February 15, immediately following the 11 am worship service. Please make every effort to attend.

**Sanctuary flower donors are needed for
March 29 (Palm Sunday),
April 5 (Easter Sunday) & April 12.**

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

Monetary donations are welcome for flowers in the Sanctuary.
Just indicate "Flower Fund" on envelope or check.



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.firstprep.com/give



HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 3 p.m. Women's Ensemble
- 4 p.m. Kingdom Kidz & S.U.R.G.E. - Parent's Night Out

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 16

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 12 p.m. Personnel Committee

Tuesday, February 17

- 12 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 5 p.m. Mission Conference Committee
- 6 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 18

- 12 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- 4 p.m. Men of God Rehearsal
- 5 p.m. All In Fellowship Meal
- 5:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:15 p.m. CREATION Rehearsal

Thursday, February 19

- 10 a.m. Tapestry
- 4 p.m. Upwards Pickleball League
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 23 • David's Mighty Men
- Feb 24 • S.A.L.T. trip to NC Museum of Art
• COAP Zoom Meeting
- Mar 1-7 • 2026 Mission Conference Week
- Mar 1 • Children's Sunday
- Guest speaker during worship
- Mar 2 • Food Service Committee Meeting
- Engagement Committee Meeting
- Mission Committee Meeting
- Mar 3 • S.A.L.T. breakfast at JK's
- Worship Committee Meeting
- Mar 4 • Chili Cook Off Fundraiser
- Mission Conference Guest Speaker
- Mar 7 • Rise Against Hunger
- Mar 8 • Guest Speakers during worship
- Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Family Bowling Night
- MomCo Meeting
- Mar 9 • Christian Education Meeting (Zoom)
- Mar 10 • Martha Circle
- Stated Deacons Meeting
- Mar 12 • Hannah Circle
- Mar 14 • CREATION Concert
- Mar 22 • CROP Hunger Walk
- Mar 24 • S.A.L.T. Halifax State Historical Tour



ALL IN FELLOWSHIP MEALS

with potluck sides, family & friends.

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 available upon request—contact Wanda (wanda@firstprez.com) no later than the Sunday prior. *Vegan & Gluten-Free options are available!*

FEBRUARY 18 AT 5 P.M.
MARDI GRAS
Breakfast for Dinner
*A Taste of Mardi Gras,
a moment for Ash Wednesday*

FEBRUARY 25 AT 5:30 P.M.
NC NIGHT

Pork BBQ & Coleslaw from BBQ Hut
*Sharing community,
the North Carolina way*



MARCH 4 AT 5:30 P.M. - BOWLS OF BLESSINGS CHILI COOK OFF FUNDRAISER

*Bring your best crockpot of chili to compete,
invite your family and friends, and
help support FPC Missions!*

All profits will benefit Missions Local & Abroad.

Please register online at bit.ly/bowls-blessings or scan the QR Code.





WORSHIP SERVICES

FEBRUARY 18

12 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL

6:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY*

* CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

BEYOND BOUNDARIES

2026 MISSION CONFERENCE WEEK

MARCH 1-8

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

10 a.m. Guest Speakers in the Chapel

11 a.m. Guest Pastor Rev. Mark Mueller



4:30 p.m. Mission Conference Kick-Off Meal

Please register online at bit.ly/MissionKick-Off or scan the QR Code.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4



5:30 p.m. Bowls of Blessings

Chili Cook Off Fundraiser

Please register online at bit.ly/bowls-blessings or scan the QR Code.

6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker in the Activity Room
Childcare will be available.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7



9 a.m. Rise Against Hunger

Volunteers register online at bit.ly/FPCRAH or scan the QR Code.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

11 a.m. Guest Speakers during worship

WATCH YOUR EMAIL AND MAILBOX FOR MORE DETAILS!

Experience CREATION, Dan Forrest's newest and most expansive work, performed for the first time in the Fayetteville area.

Join us in wonder and praise as this breathtaking oratorio celebrates the beauty of God's Creation on

Saturday, March 14th at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Admission is free. Donations are appreciated.

Childcare will be available.

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Seasoned Adults
Learning Together

Halifax Historical Tour

Tuesday, March 24

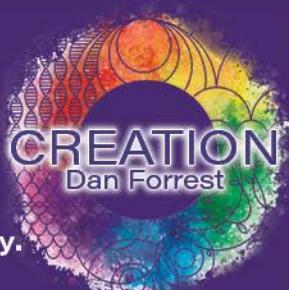
We will depart the church at 8 a.m.
Cost will be lunch at Two Doors Down.

RSVP by March 10 with Nancy Billman
at 910-916-5994.

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:17-22



SUPERBOWL OF CARING FOOD DRIVE ENDS TODAY

—BUT THERE'S STILL
TIME TO GIVE!

REMEMBER, \$1 = 1 ITEM.

Monetary donations can be made to the church office. Please note "Superbowl of Caring" on checks or envelopes. All donations benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.

**Together, we can
tackle hunger—**

**SECOND HARVEST
FOOD BANK**
Southeast North Carolina

one donation at a time!

United in
Christ with
Faith Ministry



Join us June 6–13 for our Mexico Mission Trip as we serve, learn, and share God's love through hands-on ministry. Come be part of what God is doing in Reynosa!

Open to adults 18+ and youth (14 by June 1) accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

Can't go? Some of our members feel called to serve but can't afford the trip - consider a donation to help send them.

Visit firstprez.com/mexico or scan the QR code to apply today!



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SATURDAY, MARCH 7 MEAL PACKING BEGINS AT 9 A.M.

Help us pack 25,000 meals to fight hunger around the world. Every meal provides hope and nourishment for children and families in need. Join us for this hands-on mission opportunity — every pair of hands makes an impact!

All volunteers must register.

Remember to bring your hat!



Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/FPCRAH

Childcare will be provided for younger children. Elementary age and up are welcome to help with packing. To help with planning, please register for childcare by visiting bit.ly/RAHKids

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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

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