



# 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 *Ride on King Jesus*" \*  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Dennis Janzer

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Call To Worship #701

"Lord, Prepare Me"

SANCTUARY

*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)*

## Prayer of Adoration

Cameron H.

## Hymn #263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

## Call to Confession

Debra Chestnutt

## Prayer of Confession

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.**

## 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.*

## 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;*

ERFREUEN

*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](mailto: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.firstprez.com/give](http://www.firstprez.com/give)



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## 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. Cantic 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](https://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.

*s.a.l.t.*

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.



# 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](https://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](https://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](https://bit.ly/FPCRAH)  
or scan the QR Code.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

11 a.m. Guest Speakers during worship

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

**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.





# 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—  
one donation at a time!**

**SECOND HARVEST  
FOOD BANK**  
Southeast North Carolina



**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](http://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](http://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](http://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!

### PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Michael Garrett, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Chris Carson,  
Minister of Pastoral Care

### PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. Marcia Mervin,  
Director of Music Ministry & Organist  
Jessica Jones,  
Director of Youth Ministry &  
Interim Director of Children's Ministry  
Nichole Russ,  
Director of Communications

### SUPPORT STAFF

Anji Martinez, Office Manager  
Nina McLaughlin, Facility Supervisor  
Debra Chestnutt, Interim Administrative Assistant  
Xavier Medina, Custodian

### MUSIC SUPPORT STAFF

Alice Ann Campbell, Accompanist &  
Assistant Organist  
Tim Lloyd, Section Leader  
Joe Evans, Section Leader  
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#### AUDIO VISUAL

Don Perkins  
Stephen Kelly  
Hoyt K.  
Scott M.  
Bruce McRae  
Jacob Regensburger  
Martha Vorder Bruegge

## Sunday Services

9 a.m. Early Service, Chapel | 11 a.m. Service, Sanctuary

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**#ServeandShare**