

# FPC FIRST PRESS

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Dear Church,

As I write this, I am in San Francisco with a small group of preachers from all over the U.S. For the past three years, I have helped lead this group, meeting each month via Zoom and twice a year for in-person retreats. Our stated purpose has been to help each other become better preachers. What has actually happened is that we have helped one another become better Christians.

In the past three years, we have shared our highs and lows with one another, personally and professionally. They helped me discern my call to this church and have cheered me on as I have made my home here. We have seen each other through medical scares and difficult seasons. We have offered each other support, laughter, and tough honesty when needed. And we have prayed for one another. Oh, how we have prayed for one another!

I pray that everyone has a group of friends with whom they can share their faith and lives. I hope you find it in your Sunday school classes, in friendships made in other ways around the church, or in your day-to-day lives. In short, I hope you have people to rely on, the way I have always and will always rely on these friends. It is a holy thing to have the gift of deep friendship. May our church grow in deep and abiding friendships. May our church be the place where we help one another become better at this life of faith.

In faith, hope, and love,  
Tara

P.S. I can't wait to be back in worship with you this Sunday!



## Sunday Worship Times

Early Service 8:30 a.m.  
Late Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

## Lectionary

February 8:

Mic. 6:1-8

Ps. 15

1 Cor. 1:18-31

Matt. 5:1-12

February 15:

Ex. 24:12-18

Ps. 2

2 Pet. 1:16-21

Matt. 17:1-9

## The Pastor on Call

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# VALENTINE'S (Faux) Flower Sale

Benefitting Haiti Outreach Ministries



Sunday | Feb. 8

Visit Our Table In The Edge Lobby

Help the Pathfinders & ROCK Stars raise funds to  
sponsor scholarships for children to attend school in Haiti.  
Flowers are \$15 a bundle.



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# TACKLE HUNGER

with a

CHURCH-WIDE LUNCH

Sunday | Feb. 8  
After 11 A.M. Worship

MENU:  
SOUP & WINGS

Donations accepted to  
cover the cost of the meal  
and any proceeds benefit  
Farm Church!

## Ash Wednesday Services

As we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday,  
let us reflect and draw closer to God.

**FEBRUARY 18**

Midday Service at 12:00 P.M. | Evening Service at 6:00 P.M.



Come see high school musicians play arrangements of rock and pop songs on February 21st. Students come from schools around Wake County, including Enloe, Leesville, Athens Drive, and more! Program highlights include I Want It That Way by The Backstreet Boys, Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi, and Sweet Caroline by Neil Diamond among others. A portion of the profits goes to support the Raleigh Music Collective, a local non-profit dedicated to promoting music education.

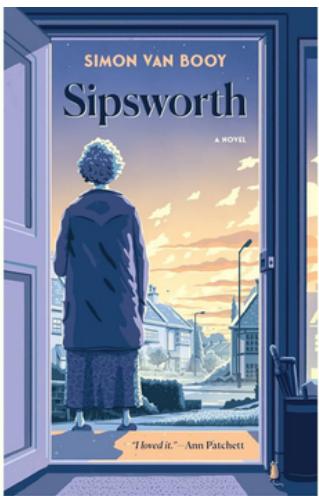
Tickets are \$12 through February 20th, and \$18 day of. Learn more about Chamber Pops at [chamberpops.com](http://chamberpops.com), and the Raleigh Music Collective at [theraleighmusiccollective.org](http://theraleighmusiccollective.org). Concessions available in the lobby!



A poster for Lenten Reflections. It features a large purple labyrinth in the center, set against a background of musical notation. The text "Lenten Reflections: Messages of Faith" is in purple at the bottom. Below that, in black, is "A Service of Hymns and Readings Led by FPC Music Ministry". The date "Sunday, March 1, 2026 | 7:15 P.M." and location "First Presbyterian Church" are at the bottom.

- Circle 4 meets Monday, February 9 at 10:30 a.m. in FPC's Memorial Hall & via Zoom (Hostess: Sandra Joyce)
- Circle 6 meets Tuesday, February 10 at 3:00 p.m. at Glenaire (6000 Building, 5th Floor Lounge, West Side)
- Circle 8 meets Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Circle 9 meets Sunday, February 8 at 5 p.m. in FPC's Lisa Ham Gathering Space (Hostesses: Catherine Ahmad and Elizabeth Sparrow)
- Circle 10 meets Saturday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. at 4000 Glenaire Circle, Cary (Hosts: Judy Rogers, Bill Miller, Laura Miller)
- If you're not yet connected to a Circle and would like more information, please email Anne Swaim at [bamswaim@att.net](mailto:bamswaim@att.net)

## BOOK CLUB



Our next read for anyone who wants to join will be *Sipsworth* by Simon Van Booy. This lovely novel tells the story of Helen Cartwright, whose life is unexpectedly upended by a little something she finds.

We'll discuss the book in person on Tuesday, February 24 at noon (bring your own lunch).

We will also meet at 7:00 P.M. on the 24th over Zoom for those who prefer to meet in the evening. Contact Jean Suber at 919-821-5750 if you would like to sign up for the zoom meeting.

Hope you can join us.



First Presbyterian Church Presents



GRANDPARENT  
CAMP

AUGUST 10-14, 2026 | 9AM-12PM

► Grandparents and Grandchildren (3 years old - 5th grade) will come TOGETHER! ►

Designed for:

FPC members who are grandparents & have grandchildren (members or not, in town or not)  
FPC children who have grandparents (members or not, in town or not)

Grandparents & Grandchildren will stay together throughout the morning, traveling to different stations together.

There will be crafts, recreation, snacks, Bible stories, and more!

COST: \$25 per family, which helps cover the cost of supplies; scholarships available.

For questions, contact Beth Thaxton at  
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