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Stay Connected at First Presbyterian Church!

From meaningful worship and small group opportunities to fellowship gatherings, and special seasonal events, God is moving in powerful ways throughout our church family. Read below to discover what is coming up and how you can get connected.

Worship this Sunday
April 12, 2026

Join us for Worship at 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Sermon Title: Peace Be with You

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-23

[Click here for our live stream and worship resources](#)

[Click here for our YouTube Channel](#)

The pastor on call for the month of April is The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger. She can be reached at 919 714-7206 or at

From Tara's Desk

Dear Church,

I don't know about you, but I am still basking in the glory of Sunday. What an incredible and joyful day it was!

Hearing of the resurrection of Christ, of God's victory over all sin and death, is at the heart of our faith. And because that proclamation cannot be confined to one day, the season of Easter—called Eastertide—is actually fifty days. Eastertide will last right up until Pentecost. Eastertide calls for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all, and for joyful Christian living.

This coming Sunday marks the beginning of a new sermon series where we will look at Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to his disciples. The series is called "Lessons from the Risen Christ," and I hope you will join us for it.

In all things, in this Eastertide, may you feel the joy and power of the resurrection and its promise.

In faith, hope, and love,
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Buler

News:



We're looking for
SUMMER PRAYER PARTNERS
for our Youth

We are looking for adults in our church family to serve as prayer partners for our youth this summer. Prayer partners commit to praying for one youth throughout the summer and writing a couple of notes of encouragement to be shared during their youth trip (High School Service Trip, Worship & Music Conference, Massanetta, and Montreat.) If you'd like to support our youth in this

meaningful way, please complete this short [Google Form](#) before May 1.



The 2026 Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the office of Elder and Deacon, Class of 2029. To make nominations, [click here](#). If you would like to submit a paper nomination, one is available in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space or the Edge Lobby. Please place the completed form(s) in the box found in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space (near the photos of our ministers) or in Cindy Elderkin's mailbox on the 2nd floor of the Edge building.



Youth Sunday

Save the date for Sunday, April 26

Our seniors will be our preachers and our youth (6-11th grade) will write and lead prayers, liturgy, minister through music, usher and more. We hope that you will be able to join us for one of our worship services!



Would you like to be more involved in Sunday worship service? Sign up to be a lay reader and contribute in a deeply meaningful way as a voice of the congregation. What will you do? As a lay reader you will be reading the opening scripture in your choice of either 8:30 am or 11:00 am service. Scared of those crazy Bible names? Don't be! You've got this and we've got you! Contact Melani Harrison at 919-821-5750 to sign up or [sign up here!](#)

FPC Funds Available for Babysitting | Eldercare

The Congregational Life Committee now has a budget for supplementing the cost of babysitting/elder expenses when church members volunteer for choir practice or other church activities (such as Habitat for Humanity workdays, etc.).

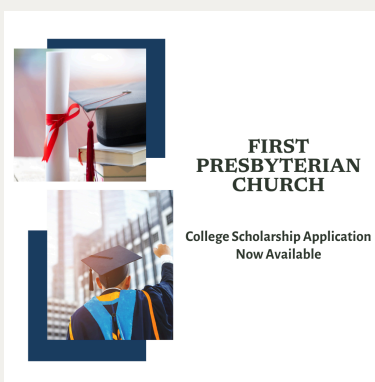
There is a form on the church website which can be filled out and submitted to Gail Barrett for reimbursement of up to two hours or maximum \$50 for babysitting costs for parents when volunteering to serve.

It is our hope that this fund will encourage more congregants to join our choir and volunteer their time by helping offset their child care costs.

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Co-Moderator, Congregational Life Committee

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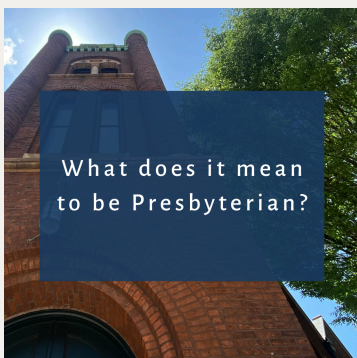


Graduating Seniors & Current College Students

Completed [*applications*](#) are due Friday, April 15.

Questions? Email [*Fran Yohman*](#)
Printed applications are available in the Edge Lobby

Next Week



Designed for folks new to the

All are welcome! Class will be held at 9:45am in the Parlor (Just off the Lisa Ham Gathering Space) on Sunday April 12, 19, 26 and May 3.

denomination or those looking to refresh their memory, this four week Sunday school class will explore the theology and practice of Presbyterians.



God's Promise of Presence in Anxious Times

Spiritual and Psychological Practices for Stress, Fear, and Uncertainty

Saturday, April 18
9:00 a.m. - noon | Main Hall

Led by Rev. Judy Yates Siker, PhD, &
Elizabeth P. Sparrow, PhD, Licensed Psychologist

Register: whitememorial.org/register

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)



First Presbyterian Church Mission Fair

April 19 | 8:00 - 1:00 | Memorial Hall

- Over 30 mission partners in attendance
- Learn about the organizations we support
- Meet people making an impact locally & globally
- Discover new ways to engage in mission & service

Sponsored by FPC Mission Committee



Let's

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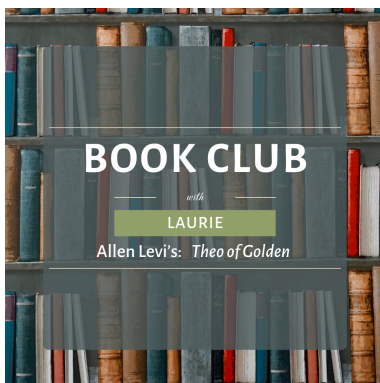


Join us for our next session

SUNDAY | APR 19

Games will begin at 1:00 pm!

Coming Soon



Book Club with Laurie

Join us as we discuss the popular book, "Theo of Golden," by Allen Levi. With themes of connection and neighborliness, as well as curiosity about how we really know people, this book is a delightful read and begs to be discussed. Join us on Wednesday, April 29 at noon for an in-person discussion, or at 7pm for a zoom conversation. All are welcome! There are copies of the book in our library available for check out.

[Click here to register](#)

You may also register by calling the church office or signing up in the event registration book located at the receptionist desk in the Edge Lobby.



FPC will be at First Friday in Moore Square on Friday, May 1 from 5-9 p.m. and we would love for you to stop by and see us!

There will be lots to do for the whole family:

- pinwheels for the kids
- food vendors
- movie ("The Incredibles" which begins at 7:30)
- live music
- vendor markets
- art galleries and studios to visit in the area

Bring your blankets and chairs for the movie and enjoy the evening in downtown Raleigh!



Adult Fellowship Lunch & Bingo

**CINCO DE
MAYO**



Grab your sombreros and your lucky bingo cards—it's time for a fiesta! Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

When: Tues, May 5 | 11 - 1 p.m.

Where: Memorial Hall

Bring your appetite, your competitive spirit, and maybe a little flair—bright colors and festive hats encouraged! Invite a friend or two—because everything's better when we celebrate together.

There is no cost to attend but we do need you to register.

[RSVP](#) by May 1. You may also sign up at the reception desk in the Edge Lobby in the Event Registration book.



Presbyterian Women
Birthday Celebration
and Annual
Meeting/Luncheon

May 18, 2026 | 12:00
p.m.

Speaker: Katie
Lowek, Executive
Director,
Diaper Train

Location: Memorial
Hall

Cost of Meal: \$10

RSVP by May 12

~In April/May Circle meetings or call
the church office~

FPC members who are not part of a
PW Circle are encouraged to
attend! Please join us and call the
church office at 919.821.5750
to rsvp.

PAYMENT:

At the door on day of the event with
cash or checks written to FPC,
check memo line:
PW Birthday Luncheon

*If you are no longer able to attend,
please cancel your reservation.
Payment will be required for all
reservations not cancelled by
May 13.



**By Still Waters:
Praying Through
Psalm 23**

*By beloved coastal
waters, come to find*

TRINITY CENTER

Pine Knoll Shores, NC
trinityctr.org

NOV. 6-8

Arrive: 4p.m.-6p.m. Friday
Depart: 1p.m. Sunday

COST:

\$295/Shared Room
\$335/Private Room

Your fee covers your room for 2
nights and 6 meals as well as a
portion of the guest speaker's fees.

stillness using the beloved words of Psalm 23. Are you seeking time away in beloved Christian Community? Are you searching for ancient wisdom amid a chaotic world? Are you longing for an encounter with the wild and living God we call our Good Shepherd? Join us as we explore the words of this most memorized Psalm and encounter how it guides us deeper into union with our marvelous and magnificent God.

Facilitator: Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Register online April 12 - April 30
We will have a help desk in the Edge Lobby on April 12 & April 19, from 9:30 AM - 12:15 PM.

Registration & Payment Options

Register & Pay Online:

go to fpcraleigh.org/events

**PW will cover online payment fees*

Register in Person & Pay with Personal Check:

Write check to FPC, memo line "PW-Women's Retreat 2026"

Paper Registration is also available at the Edge Lobby Reception Desk.

Questions?

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[Register Here!](#)



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