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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 19, 2026

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

Pastor Preaching: The Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher

Sermon Title: Do Not Doubt But Believe

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-7 | John 20:24-29

[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,

My favorite poem is by Wendell Berry, and it is titled "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front." [You may view the poem by clicking here.](#)

The poem is about living one's life, not as our culture and capitalism dictate, but in a way that allows us to grow closer to one another and to God. The last line of the poem is simply, "Practice resurrection."

Just as Easter is not one day but the fifty days of Eastertide, so the resurrection is not something we think about only on Easter day. To believe in resurrection is to believe in Jesus' life after his death, but it is also to believe in hope. Resurrection reminds us that death never has the last word, that there is always light in the darkness, and there is always hope in the world because of Christ.

To practice resurrection means to practice hope and resilience. To practice resurrection is to identify all the ways we find hope in the world and to share them with others. To practice resurrection is to hold our face to the light of Christ, even if for the moment we may see only darkness. To practice resurrection is to be faithful.

So this Eastertide, I hope you will join me in practicing resurrection. May our hope grow in this joyful season!

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

News:

New Member *Reception*

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Join us this Sunday after the 11am service in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space for a reception celebrating our newest members. Have a doughnut and enjoy meeting or connecting with some of the folks who have joined in the last few months.



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!



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.

LAY READERS
WANTED



A diversity of voices in worship
is a beautiful thing!

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!](#)

This Week



God's Promise of Presence in Anxious Times

Spiritual and Psychological Practices for Stress, Fear, and Uncertainty

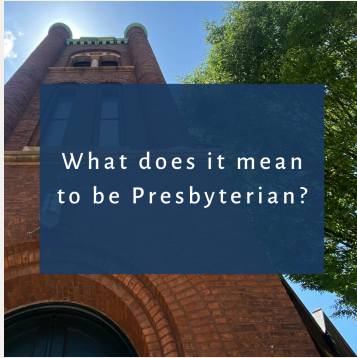
Saturday, April 18
9:00 a.m. - noon | Main Hall

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.](#)

Next Week



What does it mean
to be Presbyterian?

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

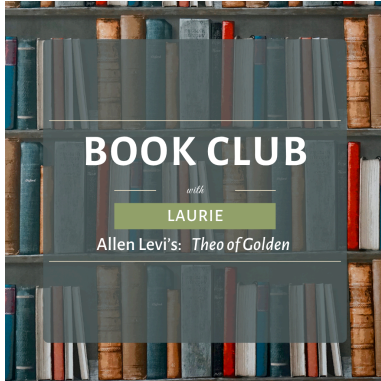
All are welcome! Class will be held at 9:45am in the Parlor (Just off the Lisa Ham Gathering Space) on Sunday April 12, 19, 26 and May 3.

Let's
MAHJONG!



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.

PW BIRTHDAY Celebration

& ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON



Presbyterian Women
Birthday Celebration
and Annual
Meeting/Luncheon

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

Speaker: Katie
Lowek, Executive
Director,
Diaper Train

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.

Location: Memorial
Hall

Cost of Meal: \$10



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

By beloved coastal waters, come to find 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.

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.

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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Facilitator: Rev. Lara
Musser Gritter

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[**Register Here!**](#)



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