



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 26 - May 3, 2026

Worship this Sunday

April 26, 2026

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

Pastors Preaching: FPC Youth (Senior Class of 2026)

Scripture: Matthew 25:34-40 | 1 Corinthians 12:12-17

We will be singing an Irish Blessing with the Youth to end the service. [Click Here](#) to familiarize yourself before Sunday.

[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 tbulger@fpcraleigh.org.

Stewardship Spotlight

“Why I Give” Stewardship Message April 2026

Giving to our church is about more than keeping the lights on and balancing a budget. It is a tangible and powerful way to participate in how God moves in our world today. The church is a primary vessel for God's work, acting as His hands and feet to provide comfort, hope, and justice where they are needed most. I joined the church in June, and one of the primary reasons I chose FPC is that I am constantly inspired by the quiet generosity and faithful service of those sitting next to me. Their example reminds me that while our individual contributions matter, we are undeniably stronger together. By pooling our resources, we amplify our impact, allowing us to do far more for our community and God's kingdom than any of us ever could alone. It is a joy to be a part of the Stewardship Committee.

Catherine Ahmad
Stewardship Committee

This Week



Explore Realm: Your Gateway to Giving, Connection, and More

Are you having trouble registering for or navigating Realm? We're here to help! Realm is FPC's convenient online platform—available on both desktop and mobile—that keeps you connected and engaged with church life.

Need assistance getting started? Members of the Stewardship Committee will be available at the Help Desk in the Edge Lobby after both worship services on **Sunday, April 26** and **Sunday, May 3**. Stop by—we'd be glad to walk alongside you and help you make the most of Realm.



Saturday, April 25 | 9:00 a.m.

American Tobacco Trail | Parking lot address provided closer to the date

Distance 5-7 miles

After our hike, we'll meet to talk about logistics, including plane flights. We'll share information about who is going early or staying late, as well as an option for walking two extra days on the Camino before the trip starts.



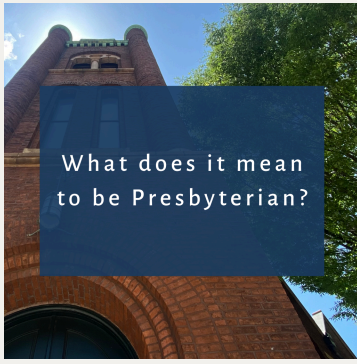
Saturday, April 25 | 9:00 a.m.

Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve,
2626 Kildaire Farm Rd., Cary,
NC 27518

All are welcome and bring a friend.

Contact Alan Jessup at 919-906-7632 or ajessup07@gmail.com with questions.

Coming Up



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.



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
stillness using the*

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.

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?

Pam Jones | p3jones@yahoo.com
(404) 668-0420

Sponsored by FPC Presbyterian Women

[Register Here!](#)

Reminders



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.



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!](#)



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