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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 5, 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: I Have Seen the Lord!

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4 | John 20:1-18

[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 once heard a preacher long ago say, "Don't come to Easter services if you haven't been to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services too."

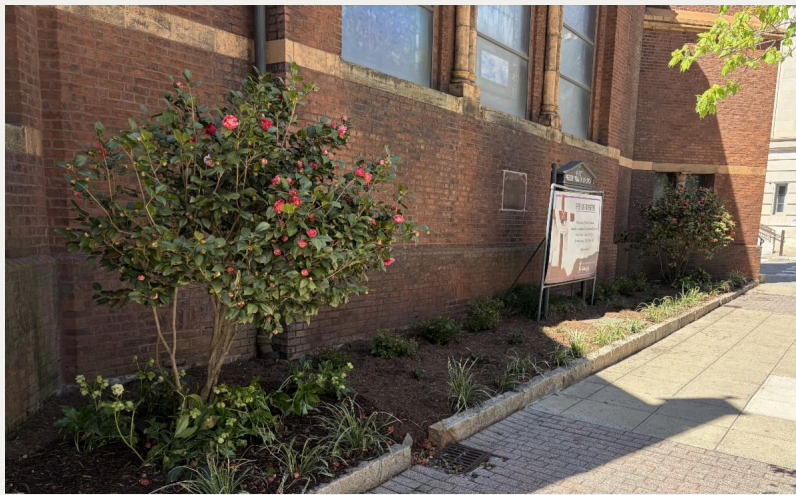
Woof. I don't agree with that. But I do understand what he was getting at. If someone were to come only on Sundays, they might hear only about the Palm Sunday processional and the resurrection. What would be lost is the whole of the story: the grief of Maundy Thursday when Jesus sits at table with his disciples for the last time, and the horror and importance of Good Friday. Easter is glorious and important. But Easter comes about only after all the events of Holy Week.

We heard a bit about the cross in my Palm Sunday sermon. But I do hope you can join us this Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. and on Good Friday at noon or 7 p.m. These services (which will also be streamed on our online platforms at 7 p.m.) will help us come to Easter with a fuller understanding of the whole miraculous story.

If I don't get to see you next until Easter Sunday, that's okay too. I hope you will be here for the glorious Easter services and the Egg Hunt at 9:45 a.m. What a joyful day it will be!

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

News:



On behalf of our Russell Clark, Facilities Manager, thank you to everyone who came out this past Saturday to help with landscaping and preparing our campus for Holy Week. Your willingness to give your time and energy made a meaningful difference. Your efforts not only beautified our campus but also helped create a welcoming and sacred environment for all who will gather in the days ahead. We are deeply grateful for the way you love this place and for the hard work you so generously offered. Thank you for serving with such care and commitment.

[Read the Approved February 2026 Session Minutes](#)



April Circle Meetings

- Circle 4 meets Monday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m. in FPC's Memorial Hall & via Zoom (Hostesses: JJ Bulluck and Sue Kaloyannides)
- Circle 6 meets Tuesday, April 14 at 3:00 p.m. at Glenaire (6000 Building, 5th Floor Lounge, West Side)
- Circle 8 meets Monday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Susan Hodge
- Circle 9 meets Sunday, April 12 at 5 p.m. in FPC's Lisa Ham Gathering Space (Hostesses: Edna Hensey and Laura Hensey)

- Circle 10 meets Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Steve and Cindy Elderkin



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.



Graduating Seniors & Current College Students

Completed [applications](#) are due Friday, April 15. Questions? Email [Fran Yohman](#) Printed applications are available in the Edge Lobby

This Week

Holy Week at First Presbyterian Church



Palm
SUNDAY
March 29
8:30 am & 11:00 am



Maundy
THURSDAY
April 2
7:00 pm



Good
FRIDAY
April 3
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm



Easter
SUNDAY
April 5
8:30 am & 11:00 am

Join us in preparing our hearts
for the Risen King!



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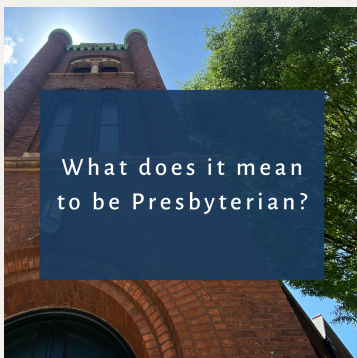
Easter Egg Hunt & Resurrection Celebration

Children and families are invited to join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate our Risen Lord!

When: Sunday, April 5 at 9:45am. Meet in the Sanctuary to hear the Easter story! Following the story, we'll walk over to the Capitol grounds to hunt for eggs. Be sure to bring a basket!

When the eggs have all been hunted & family photos have been taken, we'll come back to Memorial Hall for a Resurrection Celebration and enjoy snacks and Easter-themed crafts.

Coming Soon



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.

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.



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.](#)



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.



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 Campus Ministry of Raleigh
Spring Soiree Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE
MAY 16, 2026
6:00 - 8:30 PM



Limited admission-\$15 tickets
50/50 raffle fundraiser

Heavy hors d'oeuvres & Mocktails

VENUE: A PLACE AT THE TABLE
300 WEST HARGETT STREET #50
RALEIGH, NC



Scan here to purchase raffle tickets, event tickets, or to make a donation to PCM. Or use <https://bit.ly/pcmsoiree>

** Please note, the ticket sales website adds a "tip" to your sales total. This amount helps keep their services free for nonprofits. You are able to change this amount (including to \$0).

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

Location: Memorial
Hall

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.

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.

Facilitator: Rev. Lara
Musser Gritter

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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