



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Raleigh

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August 2 - August 16, 2026

Worship this Sunday

August 2, 2026

Join us for Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher

Sermon Title: Tell Me A Story: Children's Bible Stories for All

Scripture: Psalm 42 | Luke 8:22-25

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

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

From Tara's Desk

Dear Church,

Most mornings, I begin my workday with a few minutes in the quiet sanctuary. It's a time for me to center myself for the day and to pray for the staff, the congregation, and our work in the world.

This week I found myself looking at that giant, beautiful cross that stands at the back of the chancel. I thought of the generations who have come to this church to worship at the foot of the cross, whether figuratively or literally. It is at the foot of the cross that we can make meaning of our lives, accept and understand God's love for all of us, and where we are built up to be sent out into the world. And as someone once told me, there is always room for more people at the foot of the cross.

So as we look ahead to the last few weeks of summer, or to our Fall Kick-off on August 30th, I encourage you to invite someone to worship with you. Extend invitations to worship and be sure to greet those you recognize as visitors on Sundays. This church is such a welcoming place! Let's be a church that invites others to join us, too.

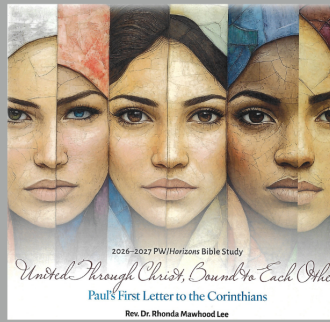
In faith, hope, and love,

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger
Senior Pastor

Coming Up



To join by Zoom, [click here](#).
Meeting ID: 821 0304 8331
Passcode: 1816



Horizons Bible Study Book and PW Yearbook Distribution

**United Through Christ,
Bound to Each Other:
Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians
By Rev. Dr. Rhonda Mawhood Lee.**

On Sunday, August 9, 2026 PW Bible Study Books and PW Yearbooks will be available in the Edge Lobby from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM and from 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM for distribution to Circle members who requested printed copies.

On Sunday, August 16, 2026, PW Bible Study Books and PW Yearbooks will be available in the Edge Lobby from 9:00AM - 10:30 AM ONLY. There will be no distribution following worship on August 16.

Bible Study Books are \$14 for regular print and \$20 for large print. Please pay only by cash or check payable to First Presbyterian Church with Circle number and "Study Book" in the memo line. Remaining books will be distributed to Circle Leaders at the PWCT August 16 luncheon meeting for leadership. Further distribution and payment will be made at Circle meetings.

FPC PW Yearbooks (printed) are available for no charge, if you ordered one. They are also available digitally.



August 10-14, 2026
9am-12pm | Ages 3 - 5th Grade
Cost: \$25 per family to cover supplies
[Link for more info & to register.](#)



BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will be Wednesday, August 12 from 12-5pm in Memorial Hall. Please consider donating blood- it literally saves lives! You can sign up at fpcraleigh.org/events or on the Red Cross website.



Adult Fellowship: Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral Tour

**On Tuesday, August 25, we have
scheduled a tour of
Our Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.
We'd love for you to join us!**

We will meet at the Cathedral, 715 Nazareth Street, Raleigh NC 27606, at 11:15 for our 11:30 tour. After our tour we will head to the NC State Farmer's Market, 1240 Farmers Market Drive Raleigh, NC 27603, for lunch at 1:00.

We are limited to the number of people for the tour so please **RSVP** by Thursday, August 20.

If you have questions, please contact Carol Anne Moehring.



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August 30, 2026 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.



Join us for a long-held tradition at FPC, the All Church Retreat at Montreat! February 12-14, 2027

This event has been held for over 30 years, but after a hiatus due to the pandemic & Hurricane

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The Rev. Dr. Tara Bulger will be our keynote speaker!

Our theme is "To be a Christian" and will explore 4 different themes throughout the weekend.

Activities include:

- Keynotes
- Small groups
- Free time in Montreat
- Talent show
- Worship
- and more!

Register by November 10.

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and to register!](#)

Helene, we're thrilled to be
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