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July 19 - August 2, 2026

Worship this Sunday, July 19, 2026 | Join us for Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger | Psalm 93 | Daniel 6:19-23

The pastor on call for the month of July is The Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher.
She can be reached at 919 714-7213 or at lweicher@fpcraleigh.org.

From Tara's Desk

Dear Church,

When Laurie and I started Enough for Today, our church's podcast, we simply hoped to provide a little faithful conversation for you—the congregation of this church. We hope the podcast has done just that and maybe even brightened your day.

What we had not anticipated was the reach that it would have. We have published 40 episodes of the podcast so far. Over those 40 episodes, we have had a total of 4,923 downloads. Perhaps more amazing, however, is that episodes of our podcast have been downloaded in 79 different countries!!! We have listeners in Vietnam, Brazil, Germany, and Hong Kong. We have listeners as far away as Australia, Bangladesh, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates. What started as a way to nurture this congregation has, I hope, grown into a way to nurture people all over the world. Our podcast, it seems, is Serving Christ from the Heart of the City to the Ends of the Earth!

I invite you to pray with me for all those around the world who may hear a word of hope and about the love of Christ through Enough for Today. It makes me so happy to think of all those who are hearing about the wonderful and vibrant ministry here at First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh.

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



Stewardship in God's Kingdom

What, where and when is the Kingdom of God? And how can we be Stewards of that Kingdom?

In Luke 17:20-21, Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming. Jesus answered "the kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, nor will they say "Look, here it is!" or There it is!" For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."

We are living it now! Our duty to God is to be good stewards of the kingdom he has given us. As told in Matthew 22:37-39, it begins with our hearts, souls, and minds and with love for our neighbors. We are alive not for ourselves but for one another through friendship, prayer and ministry for those in need. And as the tiny mustard seed can grow into something far beyond what we could imagine, so can all acts of generosity.

Through our gifts of time, talent and treasure, which are as reflective and spiritual as a time of prayer, we are given an invitation to contribute to the growth and health of God's Kingdom.

Matthew. 6:19-21: "For wherever your treasure is, there will your heart be too." Gratitude and generosity are expressions of our hearts and serve to further the Kingdom of God which we have been given in trust.

We can all be good Stewards every day!

Stewardship Committee

July, 2026

All Are

Welcome

Monday, July 27 - LGBTQ+ Support Group 7:00 p.m.

The All Are Welcome group for LGBTQ+ adults meets the fourth Monday of each month at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Davidson Chapel, 2000 McDonald Lane.

All Are Welcome is a faith-based small group offering a safe space for fellowship and emotional/spiritual support.

For more information, contact Kathy Hart at hartmusic1@gmail.com or 401-837-8873.



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.

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

Feb. 12-14, 2027

This event has been held for over 30 years, but after a hiatus due to the pandemic & Hurricane Helene, we're thrilled to be BACK!

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 | & more!

Register by November 10 by calling the church, going online to fpcraleigh.org/events!



ALL CHURCH RETREAT
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August 10-14, 2026

9am-12pm | Ages 3 - 5th Grade

Cost: \$25 per family to cover supplies

Contact Beth Thaxton for more information.

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