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June 21 - June 28, 2026

Worship this Sunday

June 21, 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: Philippians 3:4b-14 | Exodus 20:1-21

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

[Click here for our YouTube Channel](#)

The pastor on call for the month of June 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,

In the past month, we conducted a survey to determine how many of our congregants have mobility problems and would benefit from parking close to the church. Almost 40 people reported needing parking assistance near the church entrances. In our parking lot, we have only 40 single parking spaces,

and these are the ones closest to our entrances. We would like to use these for our church members with mobility impairments.

I know parking downtown is never easy, but I would like to ask that, if you are able-bodied, please park in either the double parking spaces on the Hargett St. side of our parking lot, the Municipal Complex Parking Deck (201 W. Morgan St.), or on the street. This way, we can retain the single parking spots on the Morgan St. side and the middle of our parking lot for those who struggle with mobility issues. If you can walk easily from one of the Hargett St. double-parking spaces, the parking deck, or on-street parking, we ask that you do so to enable those who need it to park in the spots closest to the church.

This will greatly help some of our older and mobility-challenged members. Your help with this is an expression of hospitality and care for them.

In gratitude,
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Coming Up



In observance of Juneteenth, the church office will be closed on Friday, June 19. We will resume regular office hours on Monday.

We wish everyone a meaningful Juneteenth as we celebrate freedom, reflection, and community.



Pre-Parade Breakfast

Join us Saturday morning for a potluck breakfast as we celebrate the Carolina Hurricanes on their Stanley Cup victory!

Bring a breakfast dish to share and enjoy fellowship before heading out to the Capitol Square together for the parade.

This Saturday, June 20
Breakfast begins at 10:00 a.m. in
Memorial Hall

Come for the food, stay for the celebration, and wear your Hurricanes gear if you have it!

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

If you missed our last session
you can [watch it here](#).

This Changes Everything:
Faith & Everyday Life
All Church
Adult Sunday School Class



Saturday, June 20, 8 a.m.

Williamson Preserve

Join us at 409 Old Country Mial Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610.

You'll be able to do a 5 or 8 mile loop. All are welcome.

Email Laurie Taylor Weicher with any questions.



Join us Tuesday, June 23 for a discussion of "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans.

You can BYO lunch and join us in person at church at noon. Or you're welcome to join by zoom at 7pm on the 23rd.

Hope you join us for discussion on this wonderful book!

[Click here to register!](#)

You may also sign up by calling the church or adding your name to the events registration book at the reception desk in the Edge Lobby.



We will meet at 9 am on June 27th at 4924 Ebenezer Church Rd. in Raleigh to walk for an hour on the Crabtree Creek Trail.

Park in the parking lot and meet at the trailhead.

Contact Alan Jessup at 919-906-7632 or ajessup07@gmail.com if you have any questions.



The FPC Foundation and Stewardship Committee are jointly hosting a Community Event with a reception and information table in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space after worship on Sunday, June 28, 2026.

Indulge in favorite food items and lemonade with an opportunity to learn more about giving to the FPC Foundation and to the FPC General Fund. This session will be a time to learn something new about the differences between annual and planned giving, how each type of donating works at FPC, and possible tax advantages you may not have considered.

Both mechanisms of planned giving for the FPC Foundation and annual giving for the church's operating fund will be explained and information will be at your fingertips. Stop by the table and let us help with any questions you may have. Hope to see you there!



Vacation Bible School

July 13-17, 2026

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

Cost: \$25 per family to cover supplies.

[Link for more info & to register.](#)

Volunteer Needs:

- **Decorating** - Nan McCaslin is looking for helpers to assist her in decorating! Of course, she's got an incredible plan & just needs extra hands! Email her for more information at nanmccaslin57@yahoo.com.
- **Volunteer Snacks** - We're looking for someone who can be present at VBS (or 2 people to share the role) to serve snacks & goodies to our volunteer leaders. The food will all be planned & purchased by another incredible volunteer! Email Beth Thaxton at bthaxton@fpcraleigh.org.
- **Group Shepherds & Floaters** - If you are available to help accompany a group OR float on certain days, please let Beth Thaxton know by email at bthaxton@fpcraleigh.org.



August 10-14, 2026

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

Cost: \$25 per family to cover supplies

[Link for more info & to register.](#)



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 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
- and more!

Register by November 10.

[Click to learn more and to register!](#)

Organ Update



As many of you may know, our organ is reaching the end of its useful life. In late 2022, our organ tuner informed us that many deferred maintenance items had to be addressed. After much study, the Worship and Music Committee recommended to Session that the best course of action is to replace, rather than repair, the current organ. Since forming in late 2025, the Organ Task Force is making encouraging progress as First Presbyterian Church moves toward selecting a new pipe organ. The Task Force has worked carefully and prayerfully to learn from experts, hear notable instruments, and evaluate organ builders whose work may fit FPC's worship and musical needs. Members have visited churches in North Carolina and Virginia to hear a range of exemplary instruments and compare approaches by leading builders. After reviewing 16 potential companies, the Task Force invited four respected firms—Dobson, Casavant, Kegg, and Parsons—to provide proposals. Conversations, site visits, and preliminary proposals are now underway, with final bids expected by August 31. The Task Force plans to recommend a preferred builder to the Session in early fall, along with a clearer understanding of project costs and timing. We are grateful for this opportunity as we look toward a vibrant future for FPC's music ministry.

Please reach out to the Task Force members if you have any questions.

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