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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

March 15, 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: Marks of A Disciple: Perseverance

Scripture: Isa. 43:16-21 | Phil. 3:4-16

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

### From Tara's Desk

Dear Church,

When I was ordained, my dear friend The Rev. Pam Driesell preached the sermon. The sermon was entitled, “Tell Yourself First.” In that sermon, she said I would need to preach words that would help share the faith, words that would help those who were suffering, and words that would proclaim justice and mercy for a hurting world. But before I prepared any sermon, she said, I needed to preach those words to myself first. It was a reminder that, even though I would be responsible, week to week, for helping build others’ faith, I need to work on building up my own faith first.

This past Sunday, when I preached the sermon “Marks of a Disciple: Humility,” I needed to hear the words of the sermon, too. I often get caught up in thinking only of myself, and I needed the reminder to think of others before my own self-interest. I needed to hear Paul’s reminder: “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.” Since Sunday, I have been trying to work out for myself what that might mean in my day-to-day life.

In practical terms, here is where I’ve landed: humility looks like listening before speaking, celebrating someone else’s success without jealousy, admitting when we’ve gotten something wrong, and remaining open to the possibility that we don’t have all the answers. It means showing up to serve rather than to be seen. It means being so rooted in my relationship with Christ that I can rely on Jesus to show me the way.

As a congregation, we are invited into this kind of life together. When we practice humility — in our relationships, our disagreements, our leadership, and our worship — we bear witness to the God who “opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6).

May we be a people willing to take the lower seat, knowing that it is there — in the company of the servant Christ — that true life is found.

In faith, hope, and love,

Tara

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger, Senior Pastor

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**News & Upcoming Events:**

## Livestream Update



We apologize that our Sunday worship livestream has not been available for the past two weeks. Thank you for your patience as we worked through the issue.

The recording from this past Sunday's service is now available on our [website](#) and on our [YouTube](#) channel for anyone who was unable to watch yesterday. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to having the livestream back up and running again.



## Graduating Seniors!

Completed applications are due Friday, April 15.

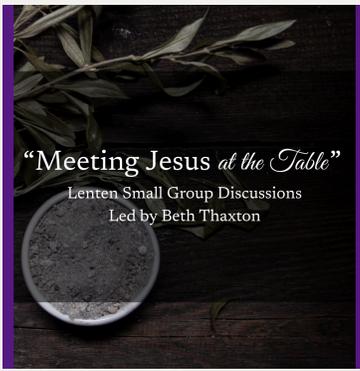
Questions? Email [Fran Yohman](#)

Printed applications will also be available in the Edge Lobby.



Easter candy donations are needed for the annual children's Easter Egg Hunt. Please place donations of individually wrapped candy in the basket located at the reception desk in the Edge Lobby. Questions? Please contact [Beth Thaxton](#).

# This Week



Join us for a Lenten Small Group on Tuesdays during Lent.

Bring your own lunch while we discuss "Meeting Jesus at the Table" led by Beth Thaxton.

We will meet on the Third Floor in the Ed Greer Room from 12:00-12:50 p.m.

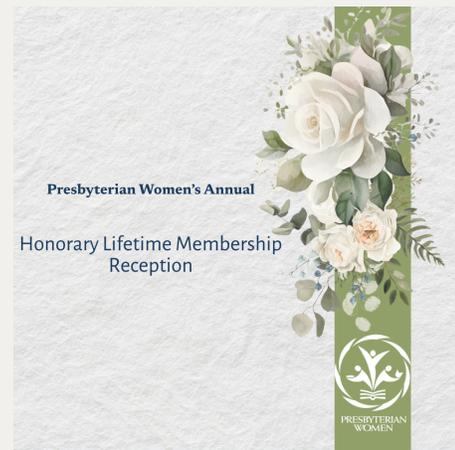
Dates:  
March 17 | March 24 | March 31

All are welcome!

## Next Week

### **Presbyterian Women's Annual** Honorary Lifetime Membership Reception

The congregation is invited to join PW as they recognize two church members for their faithful service to FPC Raleigh and our community at large. Honorees will be announced at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on March 15 and all are invited to the reception afterwards in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space where we will celebrate their accomplishments.





Come and join us for a delightful morning of fellowship, laughter, and sweet treats on Tuesday, March 17 from 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. in the Edge Lobby.

This special time of connection is a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends and meet new faces.

All are welcome so please bring a friend!

# Coming Soon

*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.

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God's Promise of Presence in Anxious Times is a gentle, integrative workshop that brings together spiritual wisdom and psychological insight to support faithful living amid stress, fear, and uncertainty. Participants will explore practical tools for noticing and responding to anxiety, grounded in God's enduring promise to be with us in all seasons. Through reflection, guided practices, and shared conversation, the workshop offers ways to cultivate grace, compassion, and hope.

More information to come soon!

# SAVE *the* DATE

## 2026 FPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Where: Trinity Center | Pine Knoll Shores, NC

When: November 6-8

More details to come!

**Registration opens Sunday, April 12**



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