



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 24 - May 30, 2026

Worship this Sunday | May 24, 2026 | Join us for Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Tara W. Bulger | Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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

Dear Church,

In this past Sunday's sermon, I said that evangelism—sharing the gospel and the love of Christ with others—is the ultimate act of love. It is also the greatest hope for the world. Evangelism is the way we orient ourselves to the world in relationship with others and live out our love for them. And the place where we learn to do that is the church.

I am convinced that the world still needs the church, and now more than ever. For all the problems the institutional church and Christianity have caused, it is still the one place where we can come and hear about God's love for each of us. It is also the one place where we come and hear that we are called to care for others. Church is one of the last places, if not the last, where the big questions are tackled, too. In worship and in the life of the church, we can ask: Who am I? What is my purpose? What gives my life meaning? How am I to live?

The church is needed for our hurting world. And you are needed for the church. I hope this shift into summer finds you back again in a pew and in service to others. May we be the beloved community we are called to be!

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

Fourth Saturday Walking Group

Sat. | May 23 | 9:00 A.M.

Shelley Lake: Near the dam

Let's Take a Walk!

Join the Fourth Saturday Walking Group for an hour mid-morning walk at Shelley Lake.

All are welcome - bring friend!

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

Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Sunday, May 24 we will move to our one-service summer schedule. Join us each week for Sunday School (all ages): 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Worship: at 10:30 a.m.; Community Building Activity: 11:30 a.m. We hope that you will be able to join us throughout the summer!



Owen Beal | Senior Violin Recital

All are invited to attend Owen Beal's Senior Violin Recital on Sunday, May 31, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary at FPC. Thanks to the congregation for supporting Owen as he has shared his musical gifts in worship over the years!



Join us this summer for an all church combined Adult Sunday School class exploring how faith speaks into the realities of everyday life.

Together, we'll reflect on topics like identity, anxiety, suffering and grief, friendship, community, and more—all grounded in Scripture and meaningful conversation. Come discover how faith truly changes everything.

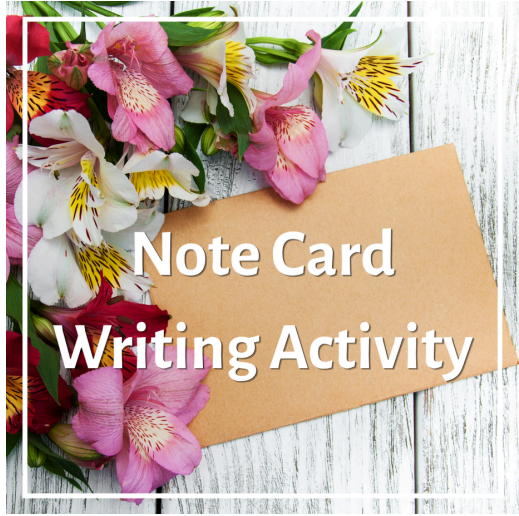
We will gather each Sunday, starting May 24 at 9:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall. All are welcome!



Saturday, May 30, 9am | Lake Johnson Park | (5401 Avent Ferry Road) Park at the lot just off Avent Ferry Road, and look for the Longleaf Shelter

We'll walk the East Loop (2.8 miles) and then the West Loop (2.1 miles), with the option to do either loop again if desired.





Share God’s Love Through a Simple Card. Join the Congregational Care Committee on Sunday, May 24 after worship for a special card-writing activity for our homebound members. A simple note of encouragement can brighten someone’s day and remind them that their church family is thinking of them.

Cards, envelopes, pens, and stamps will be provided for this activity. All you need to bring is your kindness and a few moments of your time.

Come help us share love, encouragement, and connection with members who are unable to join us in person.

Summer First Press Schedule Begins May 24. As we move into our summer rhythm at the church, our weekly newsletter will transition to a bi-weekly schedule beginning the week of May 24. During these summer months, we hope this slower pace offers space for rest, renewal, and meaningful time with family and friends.

Our regular weekly newsletter schedule will resume the week of September 6. Until then, we look forward to staying connected with you throughout the summer and sharing updates, opportunities for fellowship, and important church news every other week.

Join Us for Pickleball at FPC

We’re starting back our Pickleball group at First Presbyterian – Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 in the church gym beginning on Wednesday May 27th. Additional times can be planned if there is enough interest and participation. Beginners are welcome – we’ll have some extra racquets and folks ready to teach you how to play if needed. (Pickleball Rules). If you have questions or want to be on our mailing list, please contact Ernie Thompson at ethompson@fpcraleigh.org.



Join us on Sunday, May 31 at 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall as we celebrate and give thanks for our dedicated teachers and volunteers.

The Congregational Life and Christian Education Committees invite you to a special Appreciation Luncheon in their honor. Enjoy a build-your-own salad bar and potluck as we gather in fellowship and gratitude for these remarkable servants in ministry.

All are welcome to come, share a meal, and express appreciation for the difference they make in our church family. Please bring a side dish to share!