

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Contact Natalie Raygor (natalie@firstonthird.org) for more information.

Nursery (infant through two-years-old)

Loving care is provided during the Sunday School hour and Worship Services.

Worship and Wonder (three-years-old through 3rd grade): Children are invited to come forward during Children’s Time in the service, place their offerings in the plate, enjoy a short message and prayer with the minister, then go to Room 208 for Worship and Wonder for their worship service.

Growing in Grace Children’s Sunday School Class – (three-years-old through 5th grade)

Meets at 9am in the Grace Space, at the foot of the stairway to Gilmour Hall.

Top Dogs (3rd-5th grade) – Next gathering is Sunday, October 26th from 3pm-4:30pm for “Pizza, S’mores, and Care Packages”. Contact Katherine Matthews (336.671.1789) to RSVP and receive location address.

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) - Next gathering is Sunday, October 5th @ 5:30pm in the Cameron Center.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — 9AM SUNDAYS

“Bible 101” meets in Room 101

Journey Class meets in Room 303

The Village Class meets in the Session Room

FPC 101 meets in the Library starting Sunday, September 21st-Sunday, October 19th.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle One (service): Second Monday of the month @ 6pm off campus

Circle Two (book study): Second Monday of the month @ 11:30am in the Gathering Place

Circle Three (book study): Second Monday of the month @ 10:30am in Gilmour Hall

Circle Four (fellowship): Newly formed group for mothers of young children-stay tuned for details!

Circle Five (book study): Second Monday of the month @ 10am in the Gathering Place

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES/FELLOWSHIP

Knitting Ministry: Second Wednesday of the month @ 1:30pm in The Ladies’ Parlor

Women on Wednesdays: First and Third Wednesdays of the month @ 11am in the Session Room

Contact the FPC office for more details. Dates and times subject to change due to holidays and events.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

First Presbyterian is a Stephen Ministry congregation. If you would like to receive support from a **Stephen Minister**, please call one of our pastors at 910-762-6688.

ONLINE GIVING

Use this QR code to give securely to the general fund. Looking for other ways to give? Visit the website, firstonthird.org/give, for more information.



REALM

We are using this app to streamline our church communications, making it easier to sign up for events and opportunities! Please reach out to Melissa in the office (melissa@firstonthird.org) for assistance or call the office at 910-762-6688.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 9/28

9:00am	Sunday School Classes FPC 101	Various rooms Library
10:00am	Worship Services	Sanctuary & Gilmour Hall

Monday, 9/29

12:15pm	Handbell Choir Practice	Choir Room
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Tuesday, 9/30

No events scheduled

Wednesday, 10/1

11:00am	Women on Wednesdays	Session Room
4:30pm	Step Up	

Thursday, 10/2

7:45am	Men’s Bible and Breakfast	Cape Fear Club
5:30pm	Grandparents’ Support Network	Cameron Center
6:00pm	Blended Worship Band Practice	Gilmour Hall
7:15pm	Choir Practice	Choir Room

Friday, 10/3

Office closes at 3:00pm

Saturday, 10/4:

Church Closed

Sunday, 10/5:

9:00am	Sunday School Classes FPC 101	Various rooms Library
10:00am	Worship Services	Sanctuary & Gilmour Hall
11:00am	Totluck Potluck (infants-PreK)	Cameron Center
5:30pm	Youth Group	Cameron Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 13th @ 5pm: Women of the Church Oyster Roast (RSVP to Jenny at missart56@gmail.com). More information included in Realm and in the Weekly Update.

Sunday, October 19th 3pm-6pm: First at the Farm (Williams Family Farm). More information included in Realm and the Weekly Update.

WEEKLY E-NEWS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you subscribed to the Weekly E-news? Our Friday email publication is a great way to stay informed about what is happening at First Presbyterian Church. Reach out to Nalani in the office (nalani@firstonthird.org) for details about joining the mailing list. Following our Instagram (@firstonthird) and Facebook pages is another great way to stay in touch with events happening each week.

Please make sure to check the Weekly Update and our church calendar for a more comprehensive list of activities. Fall is here which means classes and groups are resuming their weekly/monthly meetings!



First Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith and Love

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Church Sonata No. 9
Double Violin Concerto
I. Vivace
II. Largo ma non Tanto

Wolfgang A. Mozart
Johann S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please pass the friendship register down the row for each person to sign.]

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 30)

Let us worship God, who has drawn and healed us.
Let us worship God who has restored us to life.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God’s holy name.
God’s anger is but for a moment; God’s favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.
May our praise never be silenced as we give thanks, and praise God forever and ever.
Let us worship God.

+ HYMN 806

I’ll Praise My Maker (Psalm 146)

OLD 113TH

[+You are invited to stand. For each hymn, please stand as the last line of the introduction is played.]

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TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHILDREN

[Children are invited to come forward, place their offerings in the plate, have a short message and prayer with the minister, then go to Room 208 for their worship service called Worship and Wonder.]

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Annie Bailey Mintz

- Scripture and the Meaning of Baptism
- Presentation by the Session
- Baptismal Promises of Family and Community
- Renunciations and Profession of Faith
- Thanksgiving Over the Water
- Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Introduction to the Congregation

Sung Response:

Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.
Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God’s you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
Live as one who bears Christ’s name.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:19-31
Pew Bible, NT p. 79

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jim Morgan

“The Child of God at the Stoplight ”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+ HYMN 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry WATERLIFE

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from “A Brief Statement of Faith”, PCUSA
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to
Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church
and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and
to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude
to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our
daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for
God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Poor Man Lazarus Jester Hairston

Poor man Lazarus sick and disabled.
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man’s table.
Rich man Davies he lived so well,
and when he died he went straight to hell.
I love to shout, I love to sing,
I love to praise my heav’nly King.
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,
‘cause I’m tormented in the flame.
(Spiritual)

+ DOXOLOGY (606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

+ HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Violin Concerto in A Minor Antonio Vivaldi
I. Allegro



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor
and loving memory of our grandparents from the wedding of
Caroline Thomas Zimmerman and Jacob Theodore Tuttle.

Annie Bailey Mintz, child of Charles and Edith Mintz,
will be baptized during the worship service this morning.
We rejoice with the family!



Leading in Worship

Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor Jim Morgan, Parish Associate
John Tabler, Organist Benjamin Horrell, Choir Director
Joshua Greenberger, Violinist Hannah Sellers, Violinist
Chancel Choir

TODAY’S SERVICE

THANK YOU to all of you who have joined us for worship this Sunday, here and
at home. We hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and
meaningful. Any usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to assist you
and answer your questions. If you need a large print copy of today’s bulletin and
hymns, please notify an usher. A special welcome to any visitors worshipping
with us this morning. If you would, please let us know you were here with us by
signing the Friendship Register in the pews or by emailing our church office at
hello@firstonthird.org.