

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.

Children’s Movie Night: Saturday, November 8th @ 6pm for K-5th Grade in Boney 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 November 2nd from 5pm-7pm for “Be the Light” at The W.O.O.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — 9AM SUNDAYS

“Bible 101” meets in Room 101

Journey Class meets in Room 303: August 14th - November 2nd - Frontline PBS: From Jesus to Christ - The First Christians

The Village Class meets in the Session Room

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): November 10th, 6:30pm @ Covey. Please RSVP to Mary Grigg at marygfountain@gmail.com or text to 910-617-2934.

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

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 @ 10:30am 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, 10/26

9:00am	Sunday School Classes Donuts with Davis (Grades 6-8)	Various rooms Room 305
10:00am	Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan Worship Services	Sanctuary Sanctuary & Gilmour Hall
3:00pm-4:30pm	Top Dogs (3rd-5th graders)	Off Campus

Monday, 10/27

12:15pm	Handbell Choir Practice	Choir Room
7:00pm	Hoggard Choir Fall Concert	Sanctuary

Tuesday, 10/28

No events scheduled

Wednesday, 10/29

6:00pm	Open Arms Pre-Movie Reception	Gathering Place
7:00pm	Phantom of the Opera with Live Organ Music Accompaniment (Music at First)	Sanctuary

Thursday, 10/30

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

Friday, 10/31

Church office closes at 3pm

Saturday, 11/1: Church Closed

Sunday, 11/2:

9:00am	Sunday School Classes	Various rooms
10:00am	Worship Services	Sanctuary & Gilmour Hall
11:00am	Introduction to Realm Class	Gilmour Hall
5:00pm	Youth Group: “Be the Light”	The W.O.O.

Circle 1 will be sending Final Exam Care Packages to our college and boarding school students. If you would like your student to receive one, please send your student’s name, address, and school year to laura@firstonthird.org by Friday, November 7th. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 8th @ 6pm: Children’s Movie Night for K-5th grade in Boney Hall.

Wednesday, November 12th @ 5:30pm: Presbyterian Women’s Service of Gratitude and dinner. Please RSVP in Realm-nursery care will be provided.

Sunday, November 16th @ 11am: Stewardship Luncheon in Gilmour Hall (all are invited!)



First Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith and Love

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 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

Chorale Prelude on Dundee

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stewardship

Sharon Lambert

CALL TO WORSHIP (from the A Wee Worship Book, 13, Iona Community)

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,
God was.

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,
God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment,
God will be.

Not denying the world but delighting in it,
not understanding the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
God was, God is, God will be. Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER AND TARTAN BLESSING

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

CALL TO CONFESSION

(from the A Wee Worship Book, 27, Iona Community)

Because God is good,
and has intended us to share that goodness,
we open ourselves to nothing less than transformation
as together we say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.
Let us pray....**

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

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(adapted from the *A Wee Worship Book*, 52, Iona Community)
God of life, you are the source of all goodness and the hope of our lives. Yet we confess to you that our understanding of you is small; our desire to do your will is often weak; and the gospel seed you have planted within us has yet to bear fruit. Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to lay down our guilt, our anger, our fear, our hardness of heart, and our weakness of intention. Make peace within us. Be with us and for us wherever life takes us...(our silent prayers of confession) through Christ our Lord, we pray, and let all God's people say, **Amen**.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(adapted from the *A Wee Worship Book*, 30, Iona Community)
Is it true that God loves the world?
Amen. This is true.
Is it true that God loves all people?
Amen. This is true.
Is it true that Jesus came to make all things new?
Amen! This is true!
Then let us believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

+ GLORIA PATRI (581)

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.]

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:9-14
Pew Bible, NT p. 81

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Natalie Raygor

“Humility”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+ HYMN 45

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes DUNDEE

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Scots Confession, 1560, alt)

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

II. Kyrie from Requiem, Opus 9 Maurice Duruflè

Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy)
Christe eleison (Lord have mercy)
Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy)

+ 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

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on Amazing Grace John Tabler



*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pait Skipper’s grandparents:
Eudell Bryant Pait, Mary McKee Pait,
Charlie Skipper, and Irene Hickman Skipper.*



34th Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan: We welcome those attending today to our thirty-fourth Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan service. This ceremony had its beginning in this country during the early years of World War II, when Peter Marshall preached a number of sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. The popularity of the service caught the interest of many Scots in this country and abroad and soon the Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan began to be celebrated across the nation in witness to the rich heritage of Scot-tish Reformation. We are grateful to the many members and friends of this congregation who have provided the tartans used in today’s service.

Leading in Worship

Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor	Natalie Raygor, Associate Pastor
John Tabler, Organist	Benjamin Horrell, Choir Director
Chancel Choir	Port City Pipes

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 ques-tions. If you need a large print copy of today’s bulletin and hymns, please notify an usher. A special welcome to any visitors worship-ping 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.