

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 2nd 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) – Stay tuned for next meeting details!

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) - Next meeting is Sunday, February 15th @ 5:30pm in the Cameron Center.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — 9AM SUNDAYS

“Bible 101” meets in Room 101. Bible 101 studies and discusses the scripture that will be preached that morning. All are welcome. Good discussion group.

Journey Class meets in Room 303: January 25th -February 8th: “God and the History of Art (Parts 4-6)” by Barry Stebbing.

The Village Class meets in the Session Room. The Village Class is currently studying the book *Woven* by Meredith Miller which explores how parents and grandparents can help children connect with a loving God.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (2/9 THIS MONTH)

Circle One (service): Second Monday of the month @ 6pm (4912 Nicholas Creek Circle)

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 the Bride's Room

Circle Four (fellowship): Second Monday of the month in the evening (off campus).

Please contact Mary Grigg at marygfountain@gmail.com or text to 910-617-2934 for more information. This month: 1809 Hawthorne Lane

Circle Five (book study): Second Monday of the month @ 10am (8040 Bald Eagle Lane)

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 (melissa@firstonthird.org) in the office or call the office at 910-762-6688 for assistance.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 2/8: (Youth Ski Retreat & Souper Bowl of Caring Collection)

9:00am	Sunday School Classes	Various rooms
10:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Gilmour Hall
11:00am	2026 PW Montreat Retreat Information Session	Library
	Officer's Retreat	Gilmour Hall

Monday, 2/9: (Youth Ski Retreat)

10:00am	Circle Five	8040 Bald Eagle Lane
10:30am	Circle Three	Bride's Room
11:30am	Circle Two	Gathering Place
12:15pm	Handbell Choir Practice	Choir Room
5:30pm	Circle One	4912 Nicholas Creek Circle
6:30pm	Circle Four	1809 Hawthorne Rd.

Tuesday, 2/10:

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, 2/11:

1:30pm	Knitting Ministry	Parlor Room
4:00pm	Step Up	Boney Hall

Thursday, 2/12:

7:45am	Men's Bible and Breakfast	Cape Fear Club
5:30pm	Grandparent's Support Network	Cameron Center
	Blended Worship Band Rehearsal	Gilmour Hall

Friday, 2/13:

Office closes at 3pm.

Saturday, 2/14: (Averette Lecture Weekend) (Happy Valentine's Day)

Church Closed

10:00am	Averette Lecture Workshop	Gilmour Hall
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Sunday, 2/15: (Souper Bowl of Caring Collection)

9:00am	Combined Sunday School	Gilmour Hall
	“Crafting Stories of Hope”	
10:00am	Combined Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	Confirmation Class	Room 303
5:30pm	Youth Group	Cameron Center

Young Adult Fellowship Interest:

Are you in your 20s or 30s? We would love for you to help us brainstorm the future of young adult fellowship at FPC and complete a short survey. If you are interested, please contact Laura Tingelstad at laura@firstonthird.org for more information. We look forward to growing together in Christ and fellowship.

Upcoming Events

February 18th: Ash Wednesday Service @ 6pm in the Chapel followed by the Chili Challenge in Gilmour Hall. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

February 22nd-March 22nd: “Exploring Spiritual Practices” A Lent-based focus with Rev. Diane Giannola in the Chapel from 9:00am-9:30am

February 26th @ 5:30pm-7:30pm: Men of the Church Oyster Roast. Details in Realm, RSVP event. Waldkirch & Saunders Co. 2724 Old Wrightsboro Rd.



First Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith and Love

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

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

Invocation in A minor, Opus 71, No 2

Alexandre Guilmant

Adagio in G minor

Tomaso Albinoni

Joshua Greenberger, violin & John Tabler, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please pass the friendship register down the row for each person to sign. Visitors, we are grateful you are here this morning to worship with us. We invite you to mark the visitor box and make sure to collect a blue Welcome Gift Bag from the Gathering Place as you exit today. Thank you for visiting FPC!]

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 58)

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

+ HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION (adapted from 1 John 1)

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith,
let us confess our sins to God...

[+ 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

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord, as we offer our silent confessions to you... (our silent prayers of confession). In the strong and merciful name of Christ we pray... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (see Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

Hear this good news:
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.
And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life is gone and a new life has begun.
Let us all believe this good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

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

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 5:13-20
Pew Bible, NT p. 4

SERMON

"On Being Who We Are"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN 459

O Word of God Incarnate

Dan Lewis

MUNICH

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Souper Bowl of Caring
Klaire Batts, Youth Ministry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO DESCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Go Forth into the World in Peace

John Rutter

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage, hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

+ DOXOLOGY

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy 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.

+ HYMN 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Web Trask from his service on Saturday.

? Would you like to place flowers in the Sanctuary? Please contact Emily Warren (910-617-3469) or Tisa Freck (910-262-1028) to make arrangements (no pun intended). Thank you.

Leading in Worship

Dan Lewis, Lead Pastor
John Tabler, Music Director
FPC Choir

Diane Giannola, Parish Associate
Benjamin Horrell, Choir Director
Joshua Greenberger, Violin

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.