



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

Processional

William Mathias

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 Psalm 66)

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.**

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

**But truly God has listened;
he has heard the words of my prayer.**

Blessed be God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

+ HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends in Christ,
we are a people born of water and the Spirit.
We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples,
and to show his love to our life's end.
Although we fail to fulfill these baptismal vows,

God's faithful love endures forever.

Confident of God's grace,

let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

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

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 5/10:
9:00am **Happy Mother's Day!!!**
Sunday School Classes Various rooms
Donuts with Davis Room 305
10:00am Worship Service Sanctuary & Gilmour Hall

Monday, 5/11:
10:00am Circle Five 23 Shore Drive
11:30am Circle Two Gathering Place
12:15pm Handbell Choir Practice Choir Room
7:00pm East Carolina University Chamber Singers & Hoggard Voyager Choir Sanctuary

Tuesday, 5/12:
No events scheduled

Wednesday, 5/13:
4:00pm Step-up Boney Hall
6:00pm Session Meeting Session Room

Thursday, 5/14:
7:45am Men's Bible and Breakfast Cape Fear Club
5:30pm Grandparent's Support Network Cameron Center
7:15pm Choir Practice Choir Room

Friday, 5/15:
Office closes at 3pm

Saturday, 5/16:
Church Closed

Sunday, 5/17:
9:00am Sunday School Classes Various rooms
Donuts with Davis Room 305
10:00am Worship Service Sanctuary & Gilmour Hall
2:00pm Top Dogs Event Bill and Connie Hawkins Residence
5:00pm Music@First "Our Hope, Our Life" Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 11th: East Carolina University Chamber Singers @ 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 17th: Senior Sunday in the Sanctuary during 10am service
Last day for Journey, the Village, and Children's Sunday School classes
Bible 101 will continue to meet throughout the summer.
Top Dogs Event: 2pm-4pm at the home of Bill & Connie Hawkins—
please RSVP by 5/12 to Katherine Matthews
Music@First: "Our Hope, Our Life" 5pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 24th: Summer Schedule begins-combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10am.

Monday, May 25th: FPC office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP: We are happy to announce this newly formed group held a successful first meeting and are planning a Summer Kick-off Cookout in June. Please contact Laura Tingelstad at laura@firstonthird.org for more information about the event and the fellowship. Thank you.

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) – "Sensational Science, Super Sundaes, and Squirt Guns!" A special Top Dogs event on Sunday, May 17th from 2pm—4pm at the home of Bill and Connie Hawkins. Please RSVP to Katherine Matthews (katherine.senter@gmail.com) to sign-up and receive more details by Thursday, May 12th.

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) - Meetings will resume in September!

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 that will continue to meet throughout the summer.

Journey Class meets in Room 303: *Last meeting will be Sunday, May 17th.*

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. *Last meeting will be Sunday, May 17th.*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle One (service): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Two (book study): Monday, May 11th @ 11:30am in the Gathering Place

Circle Three (book study): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Four (fellowship): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Five (book study): Monday, May 11th @ 10am at 23 Shore Drive, Wilmington, NC 28480

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 .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that too often we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. We hide your good news and forget your claim on our lives. Forgive us, God of Mercy, and help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, in whose name we offer these prayers... (our silent prayers of confession) And let all God's people say, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!
Hope does not disappoint us,
for God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.
Believe this good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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

John 14:15-21
Pew Bible, NT p. 109

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dan Lewis

" Where is Jesus Now? "

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

+ 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mark Wilberg

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all they faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart. Breath, O breath thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive. Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above; pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish, then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in Thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place; till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. 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 836

Abide With Me

EVENTIDE

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on Abide with Me

John Tabler



The flowers in the sanctuary are lovingly provided by Circle 1 to serve as a vibrant testament to the love and reverence we hold for all mothers, both those with us today and those whose memories we cherish.



Leading in Worship

Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor

Diane Giannola, Parish Associate

John Tabler, Music Director

Benjamin Horrell, Choir Director

FPC Choir

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.

