



**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Contact Natalie Raygor ([natalie@firstonthird.org](mailto:natalie@firstonthird.org)) for more information.

**Nursery (infant through two-years-old)** Loving care is provided during the Sunday School hour and Worship Service.

**Summer Stories:** This summer our children will have the opportunity each Sunday to leave the service after the Time with Children to go to "Summer Stories" in Room 208 for their worship service (instead of Worship and Wonder). The Summer Stories will focus on stories of finding Peace with God from the beginning to the end of the Bible and a simple craft project each Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on our website or Friday newsletter.

**Growing in Grace Children's Sunday School Class – Will resume in September (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)** – Meetings will resume in September!

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

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — 9AM SUNDAY**

**"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. Will resume in September

**The Village Class** meets in the Session Room. Will resume in September

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

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

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

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

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

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

*(all meetings are held on the second Monday of each month September-May)*

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES/FELLOWSHIP**

**Knitting Ministry:** Will resume in September.

**Women on Wednesdays:** Will resume in September.

*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](http://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](mailto:melissa@firstonthird.org)) in the office or call the office at 910-762-6688 for assistance .

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

<b>Sunday, 6/21:</b> 9:00am	<b>Happy Father's Day &amp; First Day of Summer</b> Bible 101 Sunday School Class Choir Practice Combined Service	Room 101 Choir Room Sanctuary
10:00am		
<b>Monday, 6/22:</b> 9:00am-12:00pm 5:00pm-7:00pm	Vacation Bible School Intergenerational Bible School	Various Rooms Gilmour Hall
<b>Tuesday, 6/23:</b> 9:00am-12:00pm 5:00pm-7:00pm	Vacation Bible School Intergenerational Bible School	Various Rooms Gilmour Hall
<b>Wednesday, 6/24:</b> 9:00am-12:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm-7:00pm	Vacation Bible School Step-up Intergenerational Bible School	Various Rooms Boney Hall Gilmour Hall
<b>Thursday, 6/25:</b> 7:45am 9:00am-12:00pm 5:00pm-7:00pm	Men's Bible and Breakfast Vacation Bible School Intergenerational Bible School	Cape Fear Club Various Rooms Gilmour Hall

**Friday, 6/26:**  
Office closes at 12pm

**Saturday, 6/27:**  
Church Closed

<b>Sunday, 6/28:</b> 9:00am	Bible 101 Sunday School Class Choir Practice Combined Service	Room 101 Choir Room Sanctuary
10:00am		

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, June 28th @ 4:30pm:** Young Adult Fellowship Cookout @ Masonboro Forest Clubhouse. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and condiments provided. Please bring a side dish/ dessert to share. Please contact Laura for more details or if you would like to be added to the invitation list!

**Reminder:**

Our amazing and talented FPC choir will be taking a well-deserved break for the month of July. Please make sure to show your appreciation by attending their last worship appearance on Sunday, June 28th. During their hiatus, various musicians will assist in leading the musical portion of the Sanctuary service. Rest those voices, choir! We look forward to your return in August and thank you for sharing your gift with us each week.

**Leading in Worship**

Natalie Raygor, Associate Pastor	John Tabler, Director of Music and Organist
Elizabeth McGuire, Associate Pastor	Benjamin Horrell, Associate Director of Music and Choir Director
Jim Morgan, Parish Associate	FPC Choir

**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**

Cornet Voluntary John Travers  
Air Jonathan Battis  
  
*Andrea Dutton, organ*  
  
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Catherine McMichael  
Praise To The Lord, The Almighty  
*Beverly Andrews and Joshua Greenberger, violin*

**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 encourage you to stop by the Gathering Place to receive a blue visitor bag and mingle with our pastors and congregants. Thank you for visiting FPC! ]*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us; May God bless us.  
**We gather in worship, knowing God is here.**  
May God's face shine upon us.  
**May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.**  
Let us worship our God in praise.

**+ HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CVM RHONDDA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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 sin to God...

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love, freely given without expectation or strings attached, like the unconditional love of a bridegroom. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others, holding court in our own hearts. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy, forgetting the new commandment to love as you have loved us. Forgive us, O God. Transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love so that our relationships and your world are transformed. (our silent prayers of confession) And let all God’s people say, **Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, hear this good news!  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
As far as east is from west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.  
Let us all believe this good news!  
**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 Summer Stories.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Edward Daughtry Cook

- 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 (Hymn 288)**

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Revelations 21:1-6**  
Pew Bible, NT p. 259

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to the Lord.**

**SERMON**

Natalie Raygor

“Where Do We Go From Here?”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**+ HYMN 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

**+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The 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**

I Believe in Christ

Mark Wilberg

*I believe in Christ; he is my King! With all my heart to him I’ll sing; I’ll raise my voice in praise and joy, In glad amens my tongue employ. / I believe in Christ; he is God’s Son. On earth to dwell his soul did come. He healed the sick: the dead he raised. Good works were his, his name be praised. / I believe in Christ my Lord, my God! My feet he plants on gospel sod. I’ll worship him with all my might; He is the source of truth and light. / I believe in Christ; he ransoms me. From Satan’s grasp he sets me free. And I shall live with joy and love in his eternal courts above. / I believe in Christ; he stands supreme! From him I’ll gain my fondest dream; And while I strive through grief and pain, His voice is heard: “Ye shall obtain.” / I believe in Christ so come what may, With him I’ll stand in that great day. When on this earth he comes again, To rule among the sons of men. To rule again!*

**+ 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 369**

Blessing and Honor

O QUANTA QUALIA

**+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

O Quanta Qualia

John Tabler



*Edward Daughtry Cook, son of Darren and Caitlin Cook,  
will be baptized during worship service this morning.  
We rejoice with the family!*

