CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

Nursery (infant through three-years-old): Loving care is provided during the Sunday School hour and Worship Service.
Worship and Wonder is offered for children ages 4-years-old through 2nd grade during both 10am Sanctuary and Gilmour Hall Worship services. Children sit with their parents at the start of the service and then have a lesson and prayer with our pastor during Time With The Young Church. Following, they will exit the worship service with their leaders for their own worship service, *Worship and Wonder*.
Growing in Grace Children's Sunday School Class (4-years-old through 5th grade): Meets at 9am in the Grace Space located at the foot of the stairway to Gilmour Hall.
Top Dogs (3rd - 5th grade): Next meeting is Sunday, November 15th from 4pm - 5:30pm at the Matthews' residence for Pizza, S'mores, and Care Packages. Please contact Katherine Matthews at 336-671-1789 for more details and to RSVP.
Youth Group (6th - 12th grade): Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 15th @ 5:30pm.
Donuts with Davis (6th - 12th grade) - Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 9am in Room 305.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 9AM SUNDAY

"Bible 101" meets in Room 101. This class hosts a vibrant discussion on the sermon scripture that will be read during the 10am worship service. This class is open to all ages and stages of one's faith journey with the intent that you will deepen your Biblical understanding of scripture. We hope you will join us.

The Journey Class meets in Room 303. Their current study is "The Parables of Jesus" DVD. Great discussions and relevant for all adult ages.

The Village Class meets in the Session Room. The class will be focusing on *Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home* by Tracie Smith. Wonderful interactive class viewed through a multi-generational lens for parents, grandparents, and guardians.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle One (service): Monday, 11/9, 5:30pm @ 316 Stradleigh Rd. 28403
Circle Two (Bible study): Met on 11/2 - stay tuned for December meeting.
Circle Three (book study): Monday, 11/9, 10:30am in the Bride's Room
Circle Four (study of self-care): Saturday, 11/21 @ Weezie's Colorful Kitchen
Circle Five (book study): Monday, 11/9, 10:00am @ 8040 Bald Eagle Lane 28411
Circle Six (new group): Monday, 11/9, 6:00pm, location TBD

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES / FELLOWSHIP

Knitting Ministry: Meets the second Wednesday of each month @ 1:30pm in the Ladies' Parlor (11/11 & 12/9).

Women on Wednesdays (book study): Meets twice a month from 10:30am - 11:30am in the Session Room.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. The care you'll receive is confidential, free, and very helpful. If you would like to receive support from a Stephen Minister, please call one of our pastors at 910-762-6688.

ONLINE GIVING

Please use this QR code to give securely to the general fund. If you are looking for other ways to give to FPC, please visit our website, www.firstonthird.org/give for more info.

FPC CONNECT (formerly Realm)

We are using the RealmConnect app for FPC communications. Please reach out to the FPC office at 910-762-6688 for assitance or to learn more about FPC Connect.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 11/8:	**Preschool & Stewardship Sunday**	
9:00am	Sunday School	Various Classes
	Donuts with Davis	Room 305
	Prep for Worship	Chapel
10:00am	Combined Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday, 11/9:		
10:00am	Circle 5	8040 Bald Eagle Ln.
10:30am	Circle 3	Bride's Room
11:00am	Handbell Choir Practice	Choir Room
5:30pm	Circle 1	316 Stradleigh Rd.
6:00pm	Circle 6	TBD
Tuesday, 11/10:		
No events scheduled.		
Wednesday, 11/11:	**Veterans Day!**	
1:30pm	Knitting Ministry	Ladies' Parlor
4:00pm	Step-Up/Career-Up	Boney Hall
5:30pm	Service of Gratitude & Dinner	Sanctuary Gilmour Hall
7:00pm	Zoom Bible Study	Contact FPC office for link
Thursday, 11/12:		
7:45am	Men's Bible & Breakfast	Cape Fear Club
5:30pm	GSN	Cameron Center
	Blended Service Band Rehearsal	Gilmour Hall
7:15pm	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Friday, 11/13:		
Office closes @ 3pm		
4:30pm	Campbell Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Saturday, 11/14:		
Church closed.		
2:00pm	Campbell Wedding	Sanctuary
Sunday, 11/15:		
9:00am	Sunday School	Various Classes
10:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Gilmour Hall
2:00pm	James Boyd Funeral Service Reception to follow	Chapel Gathering Place
4:00pm	Top Dogs	4006 Watersail Dr
5:30pm	Youth Group	FPC

First Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith and Love

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost — November 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
All Things Bright and Beautiful — -Keith Kolander

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 bag and mingle with our pastors and congregants. Thank you for visiting FPC!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE GREETINGS — Bob Loweth, Chair

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 30)
I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

+ HYMN 716
"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" — BEACH SPRING

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 sin 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

Holy God, we come to you this day confessing our faithlessness and our fear. We spend our lives in worrying, our days in anxious toil. We store up all our treasures, all the good things you have given, until they rot and become poison to our souls. Have mercy, we pray. Make us new, we pray. Teach us now and always to cherish your good gifts, and to invest them in your kingdom, as we pray for its coming each day. Hear now our personal prayers, as we reach out for your grace… (our silent prayers of confession) We pray in the strong and merciful name of Jesus Christ, 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 Worship and Wonder. Children ages four-years-old through 2nd grade are encouraged to participate in Worship and Wonder.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 5: 8 - 14
Pew Bible, OT p. 336

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Dan Lewis

"How Much More?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN 314

"Longing for the Light, We Wait in Darkness" CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

+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 adn 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

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" -John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen

-Numbers 6:24

+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 by 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 power and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ HYMN 39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

(During the hymn, FPC members are invited to bring forward their pledge cards, as directed by ushers.)

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Emma-Grace Jordan Turner and James Victor Witmer IV, who were united in marriage Saturday at First Presbyterian Church. The flowers are given in honor and loving memory of their grandparents.

Leading in Worship

Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor
Natalie Raygor, Associate Pastor
Elizabeth McGuire, Associate Pastor
John Tabler, Director of Music and Organist
Benjamin Horrell, Associate Director of Music and Choir Director
FPC Chancel Choir
Blended Service Band

Thank you to all who have joined us for worship this Sunday. We hope that you have found your experience 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. We extend a special welcome to any visitors worshiping with us this morning. If you would, please let us know you were here by signing the Friendship Register in the pews or email our church office at hello@firstonthird.org. Have a joyful Sunday and week.