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Worship this Sunday

October 4 , 2026

Join us for Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Greek 101: Basileia

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-14 | Matthew 4:12-23

[Click here for our live stream and worship resources](#)

[Click here for our YouTube Channel](#)

The pastor on call for the month of October is The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger. She can be reached at 919 714-7206 or at tbulger@fpcraleigh.org.

From Tara's Desk

Dear Church,

Last Friday evening, Kathy Johnson, our Director of Community Outreach, received an award from one of our mission partners, The Encouraging Place. The award recognized Kathy's "many years of faithful service to our neighbors in need."

If you know Kathy, you know that this award is richly deserved. Her faithful and loving work on behalf of the Friendship Fund, our neighbors in need, and mission partners is a testament to her heart for service. I am grateful to be part of a church that has shaped Kathy Johnson over the course of her life and supports her so well in the work she does. If you see Kathy, please congratulate her!

In faith, hope, and love,
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger
Senior Pastor



Coming Up

Welcome to the FPC Family!

This past Sunday, we had the joy of welcoming several new members into the FPC family! We are so grateful that they have chosen to make FPC a place to worship, grow, serve, and build community.

Please join us in giving our newest members a warm welcome. We look forward to getting to know them, sharing in their stories, and walking alongside them as we continue to live out our faith together.



William Gaither



Bonnie Burns & Ben Smith
Children: Brooks & Garson



Katie Ray & Kody Pratson
Children: Lincoln & Ella Cate



Trevor & Heather Lawson



Sharon McRee (Wife of Ike McRee)

Not pictured above are Keith & Kristen Whitlock and children Scottie & Will.

Welcome to FPC! We're so glad you're here!



Walk the Camino With Us

A group of our church members is walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain—a journey of miles, reflection, fellowship, and faith. To help deepen their experience along the way, they

We invite you to walk alongside them from home by reading the devotional, reflecting on its messages, and holding our Camino pilgrims in prayer as they travel.

Each step they take is an opportunity for prayer, discovery, and connection. May we join them in spirit, lifting them up and praying for safe travels, meaningful encounters, and moments of renewal along the way.

[**Read the devotional and walk with them in spirit!**](#)

have a special devotional to accompany them on their journey.



October Circle Meetings

- Circle 4 meets Monday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m. in FPC's Memorial Hall & via Zoom (Hostesses: Sandra Joyce and Tracey Pleasant)
- Circle 6 meets Tuesday, October 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Glenaire (6000 Building, 5th Floor Lounge, West Side)
- Circle 8 meets Monday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Susan Hodge
- Circle 9 meets Sunday, October 11 at 5 p.m. in FPC's Lisa Ham Gathering Space
- Circle 10 meets Saturday, October 10 at 6 p.m. at the home of Ladson and Jennifer Brearley



Join us Sunday, October 11 for a celebration of fellowship, food, and faithful giving at our Pig Pickin' Stewardship Kickoff!

This church-wide event marks the start of our fall Stewardship season; a time when we come together to reflect on God's abundant blessings and how we're called to share them with joy. After worship, we'll head to Memorial Hall to enjoy a traditional Southern Pig Pickin' complete with pulled pork, BBQ chicken, delicious sides, tea and lemonade, and banana pudding. Bring your appetite, your friends, and your open hearts! This is more than just a meal, it's the beginning of a season where we'll explore how our generosity helps support the mission and ministries of our congregation, both locally and globally.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PIG PICKIN'
N' CHICKEN
SATURDAY, OCT.10 AND SUNDAY, OCT.11, 2026**

Please help us with this event which kicks off the annual Stewardship Fall Campaign. **Set-up is on Saturday, Oct.10 from 11:00 AM to 1:30PM and Serving/Clean-up on Sunday, Oct.11 from 10:00 AM (or after Sermon).** We promise breakfast snacks (for the Saturday Set-up team) and lots of fun for all. A link to **Sign-up Genius** is below. If you prefer, please email Kathie Cheatham (kcheat4349@aol.com) or Ed Yohman (femayoh@aol.com) for either or both days.

We need you!

Sign Up Here!



Come grab a cup of coffee, enjoy a donut (or two!), and spend some time connecting with friends.

Adult Fellowship is a chance to slow down, catch up, share a few laughs, and enjoy the gift of community.

Come for the coffee. Stay for the conversation. Leave with a full heart!

All are welcome, so bring a friend!

**Tuesday | October 20 | 10:00 A.M.
Edge Lobby | FPC**



Join us in the FPC parking lot on Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m. for our fun-filled evening of decorated trunks, sweet treats, and community! We will also have hotdogs and drinks! To help us prepare enough food please [register here](#) or sign up in the reservation book at the Edge Lobby desk.



The FPC Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Committee is currently seeking nominations for Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women PC (USA). Nominations are due by November 25th. There will be hard copies of the nomination form located in Sunday School classes as well as the Lisa Ham Gathering Space. The nomination form includes a list of past recipients for reference. Please contact [Becky Glendy](#), HLM Committee Moderator with any questions.

Nomination Form



Join us for a long-held tradition at FPC, the All Church Retreat at Montreat! February 12-14, 2027

This event has been held for over 30 years, but after a hiatus due to the pandemic & Hurricane Helene, we're thrilled to be BACK!

The Rev. Dr. Tara Bulger will be our keynote speaker!

Our theme is "To be a Christian" and will explore 4 different themes throughout the weekend.

Activities include:

- Keynotes
- Small groups
- Free time in Montreat
- Talent show
- Worship
- and more!

Register by November 10.

Click to learn more
and to register!



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