



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 13 - September 20, 2026

Worship this Sunday

September 13, 2026

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

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Hebrew 101: Tikvah

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 | Joshua 2:8-18

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

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The pastor on call for the month of September is The Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher. She can be reached at 919 714-7213 or at lweicher@fpcraleigh.org.

From Tara's Desk

Dear Church,

Dr. Angela Duckworth, a professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, wrote an [opinion piece for The New York Times](#) this past week that examines the one habit all successful people have in common. That habit is a willingness to ask for help.

She writes that research has long shown the benefits of asking for help. From entrepreneurs to college students, the ability to ask for help is crucial to success. In fact, for her new book, she interviewed scores of successful people, and they all identified this habit as key to their flourishing.

Despite this, the myth that we should be self-sufficient persists. The idea that we can and should go it alone is still a big part of our culture.

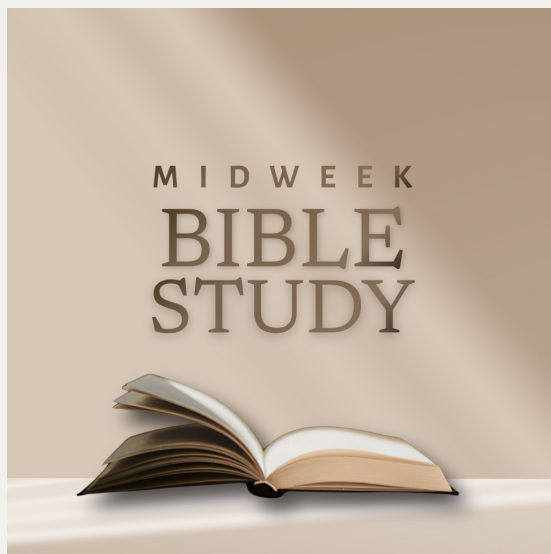
This article has made me think about the beauty of our church community. The gospel reminds us that we need one another and must rely on one another to fulfill our calling to be the body of Christ. Romans puts it this way: *So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another* (12:5). Or think of Paul's writing in 1st Corinthians when he likens the body of Christ to different parts of the body; all are needed to make up the body of Christ.

In our church community, we have to rely on one another. We don't go through life alone. We are built up by the church and our faith. The church is where we can ask for and receive help, friendship, and fellowship. Just as we are promised the presence of the Holy Spirit to help and guide us, we are given this big, beautiful church community as a resource too.

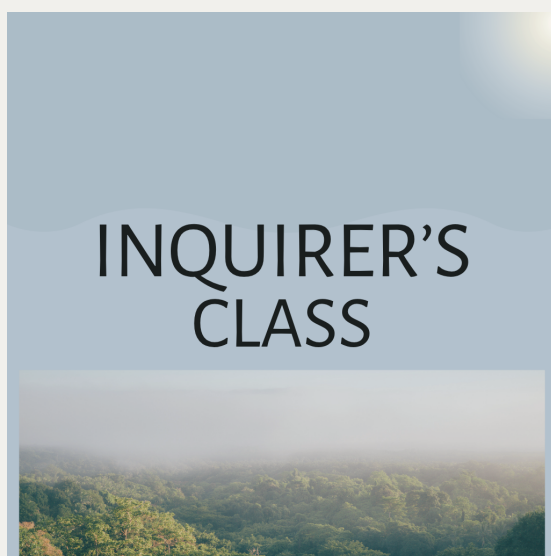
So may our church be a place where we can ask for help and offer it. It will glorify God and build us up for the days ahead.

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

Coming Up



Bring a bag lunch and join us at 12:00 p.m. for lively discussion and Bible Study each Wednesday in the Phoenix room. We'll study Isaiah in September and October, then switch to Amos, another awesome prophet, for the month of November. In December we'll do a thematic Advent Bible Study. Join us each week, or when your schedule allows.



If you've been worshipping with us and want to learn more about the church or how to become a member, we hope you'll join us for our inquirer's classes. We will meet in the Parlor at 9:45 on Sunday, September 13 and 20. We'll explore what it means to be a Presbyterian and some of the ministries of this congregation. There will be a church tour on Sunday, September 27 for anyone interested.



Summer may be winding down, but the fun of being together is just getting started!

After our fall kickoff and the return of our church programs, let's take some time to simply be together.

Join us in Memorial Hall for a welcoming congregational meal—a chance to reconnect with familiar faces, meet someone new, catch up on what happened over the summer, and enjoy good food and even better fellowship.

Sunday, September 13
After 11:00 am Worship

Bring your appetite, your stories, and your neighborly spirit. We'll bring the welcome!

Come celebrate the start of a new season together. We'd love to see you there!



Join us on Monday, September 14 at noon in person, or at 7pm via zoom as we discuss the book, James, by Percival Everett. [Click here](#) to register for the Zoom meeting.

FEATURED SPEAKER



Jimbo Perry

Executive Director

Chief Justice's
Commission on
Professionalism

**PLEASE RSVP BY
SEPTEMBER 17**



SCAN TO RSVP

Or email
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or call 919.821.5750

Calling all FPC lawyers! Please join us as we welcome Campbell Law Students for lunch, connection and conversation

Every North Carolina lawyer pledges,
"To the public, I offer service."
But what does that actually look like
in practice?

Join us for networking, a great lunch,
and a conversation to explore how we
might put our professionalism into
practice to serve our community.



THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
12:00 - 1:00 PM



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MEMORIAL HALL
112 S. SALISBURY ST.
RALEIGH, NC 27601



LUNCH WILL
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Parking Fundraiser

The festival is a popular downtown community event that attracts more than 150,000 people to enjoy music, art and food. Artists play bluegrass, Americana, folk, gospel, norteno, R&B, and other genres whose roots run deep. It's about celebrating music that comes from the heart and brings people together.

Two shifts available: 11:30 - 3:30
P.m. & 3:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Join us in Fellowship and Fun!

Join in the Fun and Help Raise Money for FPC Presbyterian Women during the Wide Open Music Festival on October 3rd. We are conveniently located just 1 block from the Pinecone Stage. You Can Help: Volunteer for a shift and Park for Free, then enjoy the Festival. Or Pay to Park at FPC and enjoy the Festival; Spread the Word for your Friends to Park at FPC. Festival Hours are from 12pm - 11pm.

Contact Pam Jones if you have any questions at 404-668-0420 or via email p3jones@yahoo.com

[Click here](#) to register to volunteer



On Friday September 25th at 7:00pm, here at FPC Raleigh, Dr. Kirsten Homdrom presents a solo piano recital featuring works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Florence Price, Francis Poulenc, and others. Admission is free; please join us!



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.

2026 FPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

By Still Waters: Praying Through Psalm 23

By beloved coastal waters, come to find stillness using the beloved words of Psalm 23. Are you seeking time away in beloved Christian Community? Are you searching for ancient wisdom amid a chaotic world? Are you longing for an encounter with the wild and living God we call our Good Shepherd? Join us as we explore the words of this most memorized Psalm and encounter how it guides us deeper into union with our marvelous and magnificent God.

Facilitator: Rev. Lara Musser Critter

TRINITY CENTER

Pine Knoll Shores, NC
trinityctr.org

NOV. 6-8

Arrive: 4p.m.-6p.m. Friday
Depart: 1p.m. Sunday

COST:

\$295/Shared Room
\$335/Private Room

Your fee covers your room for 2 nights and 6 meals as well as a portion of the guest speaker's fees.

Last Chance to Sign up for FPC Women's Retreat to be held Nov 6-8th at The Trinity Center in Pine Knolls Shores. Trinity currently has a limited amount of rooms still available. If you would like to attend, contact Pam Jones ASAP at 404-668-0420 or p3jones@yahoo.com to get you registered and secure your room. RSVP by September 15.

Sponsored by FPC Presbyterian Women



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

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!

- and more!

Register by November 10.

Click to learn more
and to register!



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



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