



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Raleigh

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September 6 - September 13, 2026

Worship this Sunday

September 6, 2026

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

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Hebrew 101: Mitzrayim

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20 | Exodus 1:1-14

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

[Click here for our YouTube Channel](#)

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,

Sunday was such a joyous day! It was wonderful to return to two services and to kick off our fall programs!

I don't know what I loved more—a full fellowship hall with people happy to see one another, the children of the church receiving their Bibles, or

the adult education tables displaying what they will be studying over the next few months. All of it was wonderful and reminded me of the vibrant, alive church we all get to be a part of!

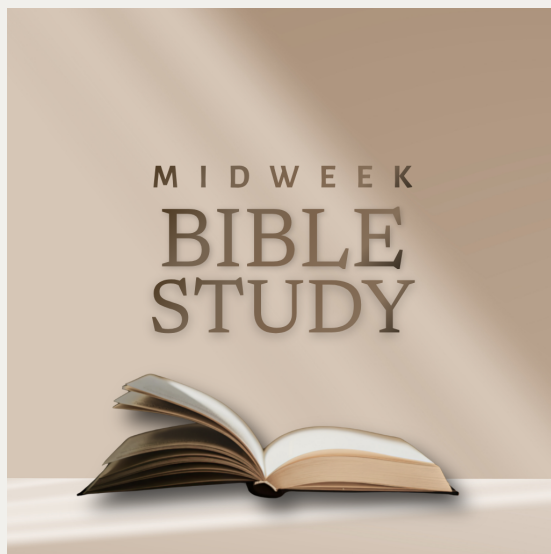
Below are some fun pictures from yesterday, along with a link to our Fall Brochure, which tells you in detail what's going on around the church this fall. I hope you will find your place to get involved.

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



[Fall Brochure](#)

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 begin today, September 2 with a study of Isaiah. 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.

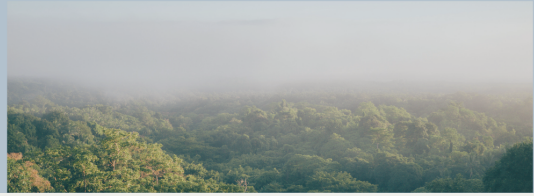


Join us on the first Thursday of every month from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. for a sweet time of fellowship, creativity, and care. Our Knot Just Knitters group is a gathering of wonderful women who share both a love for knitting and a heart for serving others.

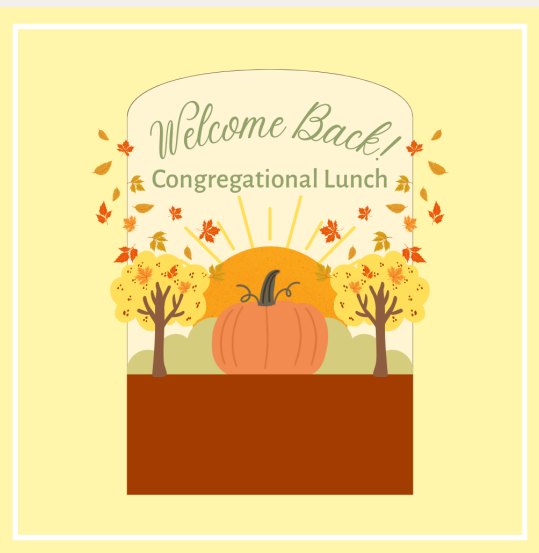
Together, they create prayer shawls for home-bound members, blankets for newborn babies, and hats for children at Christmastime—each handmade gift serving as a tangible reminder of the love, comfort, and compassion of Jesus Christ.

Whether you are an experienced knitter, just learning, or simply looking for a welcoming place of fellowship, you are warmly invited to join us.

INQUIRER'S CLASS



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.



Sunday, September 13
After 11:00 am Worship

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.

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
tbulger@fpcraleigh.org
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



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IN THE CHURCH AND
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For more information or to get connected to a PW Circle, please contact [Anne Swaim](#).

- Circle 4 meets Monday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. in FPC's Memorial Hall & via Zoom (Hostesses: Susan Johnson and Candy Parks)
- Circle 6 meets Tuesday, September 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Glenaire (6000 Building, 5th Floor Lounge, West Side)
- Circle 8 meets Monday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Armstrong
- Circle 9 meets Sunday, September 9 at 5 p.m. in FPC's Lisa Ham Gathering Space
- Circle 10 meets Saturday, September 12 at 6 p.m. at the home of Ladson and Jennifer Brearley



Parking Fundraiser

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

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!

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

[Click here](#) to register to volunteer

Friends to Park at FPC. Festival
Hours are from 12pm - 11pm.



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
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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

- and more!

Register by November 10.

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!

Click to learn more
and to register!

Approved Session Minutes for June 2026



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