FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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November 8 - November 15, 2026

Worship this Sunday

November 8, 2026

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

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger
Theology 101: Justification
Scripture: Psalm 32 | Galatians 2:16-21

Click here for our live stream and worship resources

Click here for our YouTube Channel

The pastor on call for the month of November 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,

Our Stewardship Campaign, Partners in Christ's Service, has been rooted in the reminders that everything we have is a gift from God and that we are called to be good and generous stewards of our gifts—many, many thanks to all of you who have participated in the campaign thus far.

Last year, we received 242 estimate-of-giving cards. As of this date, we have received 188 estimate-of-giving cards for the year ahead. If you have not turned in your 2027 card, please do so soon. You can mail your card or ***enter it online by clicking here*** to provide your information.
Your support is needed. We have much good work to do in the year ahead, and we are excited for you to be a part of it. Thank you for being the faithful and generous congregation I know you to be!

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

Coming Up

Making Room:

A Collaborative Advent Devotional



This Advent, we're creating something special together, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Instead of ordering a preprinted devotional this year, we're inviting members of our church family to help write our very own Advent devotional. We're looking for people willing to share a short reflection on Scripture.

You don’t have to be a professional writer or theologian. You simply need a willingness to share a bit of your faith and help encourage others during this season of waiting and wonder.

If you’d like to contribute a devotion, ***sign up today***! More information and writing guidelines will be provided to everyone who signs up.

PW Circle Meetings for November

- Circle 4 meets Monday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m. in FPC's Memorial Hall & via Zoom (Hostesses: Mable Taylor and Jan Barwick)
- Circle 6 meets Tuesday, November 10 at 3:00 p.m. at Glenaire (6000 Building, 5th Floor Lounge, West Side)
- Circle 8 meets Monday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Armstong
- Circle 9 meets Sunday, November 15 at 5 p.m. in FPC’s Lisa Ham Gathering Space (Hostesses: Ann Poisson and Anne Otersen)
- Circle 10 meets Saturday, November 14 at 6 p.m. at the home of Charles and Margaret Peacock

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Lunch & Learn

Where to live as you age



We’re delighted to have Liisa Ogburn join us on Sunday, November 8 at 12:15 in Memorial Hall for a Lunch and Learn. Liisa will share information about CCRCs in the Raleigh area, as well as information about home health care. Liisa is widely respected and has led presentations around Raleigh and helped individual clients. Come learn about options for thoughtful aging for yourself, your parents, or other loved ones. Continuing Care Retirement Communities.

You can ***register here*** or go to fpcraleigh.org/events. You may also add your name to the Event Registration Book located as the desk in the Edge Lobby.

Book Club



Check out *Clear*, by Carys Davies from the church library or your local public library and start reading this tale that takes place on a remote Scottish Island. Then make plans to join us Tuesday, November 10 either at noon in person, or at 7pm on zoom.

You can ***register here*** or go to fpcraleigh.org/events. You may also add your name to the Event Registration Book located at the desk in the Edge Lobby.

Adult Fellowship

Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory



On Thursday, November 12, we are headed back to the Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory and we'd love for you to come along!

Join us for this special trip that is always a favorite! We'll stop for lunch on the way at Mrs. Lacy's Magnolia House in Sanford.

After lunch, we will head to Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory in Bear Creek, where you can browse a wonderful selection of delicious treats, holiday gifts, and, of course, their world-famous fruitcakes.

It's a perfect opportunity to get a head start on your Christmas shopping while enjoying the sights, smells, and tastes of the season.

Invite a friend and make plans to be part of this joyful outing!

Transportation will be provided. Bus departs FPC Parking Lot at 10:30 a.m.

Register Here, call the church at 919 821-5750, or sign up in the event reservation book at the desk in the Edge Lobby by November 9.

Presbyterian Women

FPC Gifts & Stocking Stuffers



Bicentennial Ornament $10



Notecards (10-pack) $10

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Visit our PW sales display in the Edge Lobby

Sundays:
November 15 | November 22
December 6 | December 13

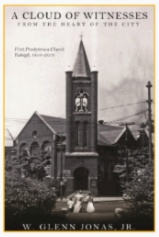
Proceeds will purchase wish-list items for our FPC kitchen and dining.


Angel Centerpiece $40


Star Ornament $15



FPC Apron $5



Bicentennial History $15

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

There will be a selection of other new ornaments; (Stars - $15) and (Fish - $15) for sale. Also new this year are handmade angel centerpieces for $40.

Presbyterian Women, please sign up here to help at our table.

Advent & Christmas Organ Recital



First Presbyterian Church Organist, Karl Zinsmeister will present an Advent and Christmas organ recital on Monday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1520 Canterbury Road. This one-hour program, suitable for all ages, will feature familiar and lesser-known carols, along with works by composers including J.S. Bach, Marcel Dupré, and Brenda Portman. Through a variety of arrangements and variations, the recital will showcase the beautiful range of sounds and possibilities of the organ. All are welcome!

All Church Retreat



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 hiaitus 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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