

CHILDREN's Opportunities

Sundays

Infants-K2
Nursery room 119 (8:45-12:15)

10:00
K3 – 5TH
Sundays@10 from 10 – 10:45
(Root Cellar)

Wednesdays!
5:30 – 7:00 WNF & SHinE

11:00
K3-K5 are welcome in worship or may participate in extended session in room 120 if they like.

1st – 5th grade in worship until the sermon during which they may choose to adjourn to Children's Chapel and return following the sermon.

Youth

Sunday, January 26th – **Sunday School and Confirmation Class** from 10:00-10:45 in the youth room.

Sunday, January 26th – **Youth at FPC** from 2:00-4:00.

Wednesday, January 29th – **WEY** from 5:30 – 7:00

Mark your calendars early!
Camp Fellowship Worship & Picnic will be May 18th!
Festivities already being planned – got ideas?
Contact Elise or anyone on CE.

Noah's Ark Enrollment

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open for current students, siblings and church members. Open Registration for the public will begin on Monday, January 27th at 8:00 AM. Enrollment Forms are available in the Noah's Ark office, the church office, or by printing the electronic copy on the website <https://firstgreenwood.com/ministries/noahs-ark/>. The enrollment form and the \$170 registration fee (\$140 for additional children) must be received to hold your child's spot for next school year. For additional information or to schedule a tour, please call the Noah's Ark Office at 864-229-0902.

Sunday, January 26
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
10:00 a.m. - Kaleidoscope (AH)
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class (YR)
10:00 a.m. - New Members Class (BR)
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)
2:00 p.m. - Youth
4:15 p.m. - Chancel Bells
5:30 p.m. - Session (HR)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Choir Rm)
Monday, January 27
10:00 a.m. - Pres. Women (HR)
4:30 p.m. - Committed Prayers (Chapel)
4:30 p.m. - PGS
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)
Tuesday, January 28
9:15 a.m. - Staff Mtg
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)
Wednesday, January 29
7:00 a.m. - Mens Bible Study (Conf Rm)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner (AH)
6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Base)
6:00 p.m. - Youth
6:00 p.m. - Adults (HR/FISH/Conf Rm)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 30
10:00 a.m. - Emerald Bells
7:00 p.m. - Capital Campaign Leadership (AH)
Friday, February 1
1:30 p.m. - Missions/Outreach Board (BR)
Saturday, February 2

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are in celebration of the marriage ceremony of Beth Justesen and Steven Pruitt.

Congratulations to Josh and Phyllis Lott on the birth of their grandson, Philip Salters Lott, born January 16, 2025. Parents are Cooper and Lea Lott of Raleigh.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

January 29th:
5:30 dinner (Chinese New Year: Crispy Orange Chicken, Rice, Egg Rolls, Carrots)
6:00 programming for all ages (nursery available)
(\$5/children, \$10/youth & adults)
Check your Spire for details.

Kaleidoscope in January 2025

"Thin Spaces"

A Photography Exhibit in Alexander Hall
Featuring 38 Photos by The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain

Lectures at 10:00 a.m. during the consolidated Sunday School hour on January 12th, January 19th, and January 26th will examine three persons who exemplify finding the divine in the "thin spaces"—Francis of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, and Pope Francis.

January 26, 2025
11:00 am

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Visitors, we consider you to be our honored guest. Our staff members are happy to assist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a church dedicated to making a positive difference in our community and world by fulfilling our call to Worship, Serve, Educate, Evangelize, and Fellowship. -We offer a wide range of programs and ministries for all ages. Several times a year a New Members Class is offered for those considering membership at First Pres. You may talk with one of the staff members about this after the service. Please plan to worship with us again - you are always welcome.

Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries -- Jade Green
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Theologian in Residence -- The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
Music Associate/Guitarist -- Stephan Botchie
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GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: O praise the Lord with me,
People: let us exalt God’s name together.

Rev. Hite

Ps. 34:3

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

PRELUDE

“Rock of Ages”
Chancel Choir

James Ward

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Christie

Leader: As the disciples encountering Jesus were acutely aware of their priorities,
People: So we come before you, God, ready to look at life differently.
Leader: As the disciples were ready to tell their family and friends about Jesus,
People: So we come before you, God, refusing to keep our faith to ourselves.
Leader: As the disciples faithfully trusted and found their trust wonderfully rewarded,
People: So we come before you, God, prepared to put our loyalty to the Christian way before all else.
Leader: As the disciples found that responding to Jesus’ call was the most challenging event of their life,
People: So we come before you, God, and hear the words of Jesus, “Follow me!”

***OPENING HYMN** #12** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Christie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace and Mercy,
just as Moses sought your presence in the tent of meeting, we too long to encounter you face to face. Yet, we acknowledge that our sins have created barriers between us and you. Forgive us, O Lord.
Renew in us a spirit of devotion and obedience, so that we may walk closely with you. Like Moses, may we be transformed by your glory and guided by your truth. Help us to live in a way that reflects your love and grace to the world around us.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE (On Screens) “Praise, I Will Praise You Lord”
(stanza 1) JE LOUERA L’ÉTERNAL

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Rev. Christie

Offertory

“Never Been”
Stephan Botchie

Jordan Merritt

***Doxology** (On Screens)

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Dedication of the Offering**

As we have received, so now we give.
As Jesus has shown us, so now we do unto others,
as God has so graciously done for us.
Thanks be to God!

Rev. Christie

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kris Abell

*Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children’s Chapel*

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:7-11

Rev. Hite

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“As One Speaks to a Friend”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Christie

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #541** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

RANDOLPH

***BENEDICTION** *(please remain for the Choral Benediction)*

Rev. Hite

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (On Screens) “See With the Eyes of God”

GREENWOOD

*(At the conclusion of the service, please share the peace with another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)*

***POSTLUDE**

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices (instructions are in the pew racks) are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated