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November 15th, 2026

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

25th Sunday after Pentecost November 15th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT — Adrianus Valerius

"Beside Us to Guide Us"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (from Psalm 123)

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
People: *Our eyes look to the Lord our God,*
until he has mercy upon us.
Unison: *Let us worship God.*

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to your privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Judges 4:1-7, Page 220

ANTHEM — Civila Durfee Martin

"His Eye is On the Sparrow"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11, pages 205
Matthew 25:14-30, page 28

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

MEDITATION — Rev. Cynthia Brasher

"Less Than the Least"

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

*...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.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY Percy C. Buck

"O Sing a New Song to the Lord"

*DOXOLOGY Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 612

"We Praise You, O God"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"God is so Good"

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of November 15th – November 22nd

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion / Rev. Cynthia Brasher
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday:	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday:		**Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Chaplain Robert Wilson
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (grades 7-12)
	7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service / Rev. Thearon Willis

Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome Rev. Cynthia Brasher. Rev. Brasher is Corporate Director of Pastoral Care with Cape Fear Valley Health. She is a member of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. She has served in hospital chaplaincy for over thirty years. Cynthia and her husband, Craig, moved to Fayetteville in 2018 from Fort Myers, Florida. Cynthia is originally from Charlotte and is delighted to be back in her home state.

Angel Tree: FPC is partnering with Carthage Elementary & Farm Life Elementary to help 3 families for Christmas. In November the tree will be located in the sanctuary. Wrapping materials are available so please return wrapped gifts with attached tags no later than Dec. 7th. Monetary gifts are appreciated as well. Please turn in monetary gifts to Jennifer Thomason. Any other questions please contact Gail Hardin.

First Presbyterian Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Thearon Willis from Carthage United Methodist Church will lead the service. Please come out and join us for this time of worship and fellowship.

Sunday, November 29th, is the first day of Advent and we invite you to bring a Poinsettia to decorate the church during this season. If you bring them a few days before or the morning of the 29th, we will get them arranged and will tend to them throughout Advent. If you plan on placing a Poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, please let Sonya Potter know by Tuesday, November 23, so that the information can be added to a bulletin during Advent.

Today is the last day the Youth Group will be collecting items for operation Christmas Child. Thanks to all who have donated, if you have not donated please make your donation today.