

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

A community cornerstone for Christ since 1850.

April 2026

A Blessing for Easter

May light arise with morning's grace,
Renewing hearts in love embrace.
May hope bloom brought like springtime's cheer,
A promise strong, forever near.
May joy be yours, both deep and wide,
Like rolling stones cast fear aside.
May faith restore what once seemed lost,
Through trials faced and bridges crossed.
May peace descend like softest rain,
Washing sorrow, easing pain.
May love be felt in all you do,
A risen Christ to guide you through.
May laughter fill your home this day,
As blessings lead you on your way.
May kindness grow and mercy shine,
A glimpse of heaven, pure, divine.
May Easter's gift of life anew,
Bring endless grace and light to you.

Happy Easter!

Love and Peace,

Gail



Remembering our sisters and brothers in Christ as they face difficult times.

Elizabeth Barringer
Lee Edmonds
Margaret Leonard
Carol Lucas
Marie Monroe
Pat Nugent
Otis Patterson
Elizabeth Williams
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Robert Gordon
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Geraldine Moore
Dennis Parks
Phillip Warmbrod

Shirley Allen, *member of Union Pres. Church*
Gigi Arno, *friend of Lucinda & David Casey*
Lester Bailey, *member at Union Pres*
Tom Brady, *member at Priest Hill Church*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret/Tom Leonard's nephew*
Megan Davis, *Jennifer Thomason's cousin*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Jerrod Lowry, *Gen. Presbyter of our Presbytery*
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *Regina Nugent's sister*
Linda Phillips, *Kay Patterson's friend*
Renee & Phillip, *friends of the Nugent's*
T Prickett, *Cathy Prickett's brother*
Marie Walton, *Diane Pangborn's mother*

Please take a moment and review the prayer list. We are happy to keep anyone on the list in need of prayer, but if you have anyone on the list that can be removed, please contact Sonya Potter at the church office or send her an email.

All of our military men and women and their families, especially the following:
Jonathan Baker, Kyle Bryant, Cody Fitzgerald,
Chris Mohan, Patrick Mohan, Greg Riyevski,
Michael Schwartz, Quinn Wicker, and Robert Wilson.

If you would like to add someone, or remove yourself from First Presbyterian's Prayer Requests, please contact the church office at (910) 947-2924 or infofpc397@gmail.com.

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



The Session of First Presbyterian Church Carthage met on March 8th:

- the Fellowship & Mission reported that they had helped at the Robbins Food bank, and they will meet the following week to finalize plans for the Easter Breakfast.
- Worship committee reported that Rev. Tom Currie will be preaching at the Lenton service at our church.
- Building and Grounds reported they are working on a leaking toilet in the Currie Building, light and lock repair and Spring cleanup.
- Christian Education reported Graduation Sunday will be May 31st.
- COM Laison Phyllis Chalmers visited with the Session to update them on the process we will be following as we move forward in the search for our next minister.

If any church member has an emergency or needs assistance, please contact an elder. Each church member has been assigned an elder to assist them with their situation. It is very important that we maintain good communication during this period. The elders are here to assist all of our church family.

April Birthdays



4th David Casey
5th Cindy Monroe
6th Katie Campbell Lucas
7th Shane Medlin
9th Judi Kelly
10th Reid Marshburn
11th Katie Kelly Crenshaw
11th Kayden Dean
11th Sharon McDonald
14th Michelle Tortora
16th Regena Nugent
19th Ann Key
26th Denise Bennett
26th Shirley Moore
30th Tina Stromko

April Greeters

5th Anne & Joe Lynch
12th Denise & Lee Edmonds
19th Debbie & Robert Gordon
26th Carol & Paul White

APRIL SUNDAY FLOWERS

5th Easter Lillies
12th Gail & Keith Hardin
19th Carol & Paul White
26th Angie & Jeff Medlin

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please call Paul White at (910) 783-7868.

March



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	n/a	n/a
2nd Sunday	n/a	n/a
3rd Sunday	n/a	n/a
4th Sunday	n/a	n/a
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a
Average	n/a	n/a

Send church news and announcements to FPC
by calling or emailing the church office at (910) 947-2924 / infofpc397@gmail.com.

Food Bank

On the first Saturday morning of the month,
FPC friends and family meet at the Robbins' Food Bank
of Robbins Area Christian Ministries from 7:30-10 a.m.
to serve our friends and families in need.

Food and double-bagged plastic grocery bags can be placed at the donation station in the FLC.

Come Join us Saturday, April 4th

two cents

Don't forget to give us your "two-cents" the first Sunday of every month as we continue to support our Children's 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering.

Our children are now collecting this offering during the Moment with our Children.

A little bit can go a long way!

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church held the first of five of the Community Lenten Services. The Rev. Dr. Tom Currie officiated the service on February 25, 2026, the PW provided a delicious light lunch for all following the service. Please enjoy a few photos taken during the luncheon.







THE FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE

The Fellowship and Mission Committee has 4 "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Each month for the remainder of this year, one ministry will be a focus, **but everyone can continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month**.

Please review the upcoming events for March and April:

2026 Fellowship:

March 29th – Palm Sunday - covered dish meal & **Easter Egg Hunt** following worship service
For all those attending, we will be ready for CROP walk after lunch at 3pm at Union Pines!
April 5th – Easter Sunrise Breakfast 7am

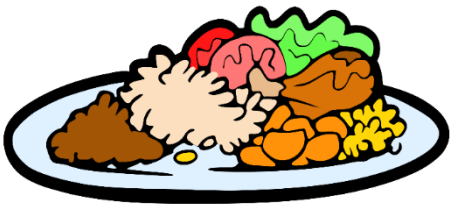
2026 Missions:

- Community benevolences 2026 budget = $3,500
  - 2026 Q1 distributions (please add to the Church Mouse):
    - Monroe Camp & Retreat Center = $500
    - Moore County Children's Advocacy Center = $400
    - Robbins Area Christian Ministries = $300
    - Carthage Food Pantry = $300

MEN'S GROUP

The men of FPC host a time of fellowship and Biblical Study. They meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to come and join in this time of fellowship and study!

PW Meal Ministry



Meal Ministry:

Meal Ministry continues on scheduled days and as needs are identified. Please share any needs with JoAnn.

April 2nd	JoAnn Wahala
April 9th	Gail Hardin
April 16th	Lucinda Casey
April 23rd	Kay Patterson
April 30th	Jackie Muse

If you know of someone who needs assistance, please contact JoAnn Wahala (910 947-3238). If you would like to assist with this PW ministry or assist with a meal, please let JoAnn know.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW annual Spring Gathering will be at Panthersford Presbyterian Church, 10010 Highway 211, Red Springs, NC on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Speaker Kristen Campbell will speak on "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ". All ladies are invited to attend. If interested in carpooling, notify JoAnn at: jmcdonald2023@outlook.com or 910-947-3238.

PWCT will meet on Wednesday, April 1st at 11:00am.

CHURCH CALENDAR

April 2026

Wednesday, April 1st	11:00 a.m.	PWCT Meeting
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, April 2nd	7:00 p.m.	Maunday Thursday Service
Friday, April 3rd		**Good Friday – Office Closed**
Saturday, April 4th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins Food Bank
Sunday. April 5th	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service – Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal (Children) / Rev. Robert Wilson
		Communion / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
Tuesday, April 7th	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, April 8th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, April 12th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Nancy Wazenegger
	11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday, April 15th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, April 19th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, April 21st	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, April 22nd	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
		Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
Saturday, April 25th		**Church Clean-Up Day**
		PW Annual Spring Gathering / Panthersford Presbyterian Church
Sunday, April 26th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Dr. Edna Ann Loftus
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, April 28th	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 29th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Karen Allen

Clerk:
Robert Gordon

Class of 2026
Gail Hardin
Ann Key
Claudia McKenzie
Leon Monroe
Scott Phillips
Jennifer Thomason

Class of 2027
Lucinda Casey
Damon Dean
Denise Edmonds
Robert Gordon
Karen Helms

Church Staff

Ann Key, *Sexton*
Leon Monroe, *Receiving T*reasurer
Marie Monroe, *Dispersing Treasurer*
Robert Wilson, *Choir Director and Organist*
Sonya Potter, *Administrative. Assistant*
, *Nursery Attendant*

Newsletter Feedback…

We'd like your feedback on how to improve our
Church Mouse Newsletter
for FPC members, friends and family! Share your thoughts with us
at infofpc397@gmail.com
or (910) 947-2924.
We look forward to hearing from you!