

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

A community cornerstone for Christ since 1850.

November 2026

A Season of Thanksgiving

November invites us to pause, look around, and give thanks—not only for the blessings we can easily name, but also for the quiet ways God has sustained us through seasons of change.

In the absence of a minister, our church family has shown what can happen when people pull together with faith, commitment, and care. Our Church family has stepped forward to lead, organize, serve, encourage, and meet needs. Each person has offered what they could, and together those gifts have kept our worship, fellowship, and ministry moving forward.

We may be a small congregation, but we are mighty in spirit. Our strength is not measured by the number of people in the pews; it is seen in willing hands, faithful hearts, shared prayers, and the love we extend to one another and to our community.

As Thanksgiving approaches, may we be especially grateful for this church family and for every person who has helped carry us through this chapter. Let us continue to support one another, welcome new faces, and trust that God is at work among us as we prepare for what comes next.

With thankful hearts, we move forward together - small but mighty, faithful and strong!

Dear Lord,
Thank You for the peace that surpasses understanding and the joy that fills our hearts.
May Your presence guide us and Your faithfulness sustain us.
All God's Children said… Amen!

Jennifer Thomason



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

Benny Cole
Lee Edmonds
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Marie Monroe
Pat Nugent
Dennis Parks
Scott Rives
Elizabeth Williams
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Margaret Leonard
Carol Lucas
JD Monroe
Geraldine Moore
Carl Nunnery
Otis Patterson
Phillip Warmbrod

Shirley Allen, *member of Union Pres. Church*
Lester Bailey, *member at Union Pres*
Michael Bishop, *Son-in-law to Gail & Keith Hardin*
Tom Brady, *member at Priest Hill Church*
Phillip, *friend of the Nugent's*
Megan Davis, *Jennifer Thomason's cousin*
Louise Chappell Denning, *friend of Kay Patterson*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *Regina Nugent's sister*
Linda Phillips, *Kay Patterson's friend*
Kassia Stubbs, *friend of Nancy Carter*
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,
Patrick Mohan, Mike Swartz, Jonathan Villa, 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 info@fpccarthage.com

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



First Presbyterian Church Session met October 4th .

Fellowship and Mission: reported the Lung Bus will be rescheduled. The committee planned a Trunk or Treat for Halloween.

Stewardship: beginning to work on the 2027 budget.

Worship: the Christmas Eve Service will be at 9 PM with Rev. Tom Currie preaching. Sunday worship will continue at 10 AM in 2027. The committee found savings of about $200 on our streaming and copyright bill.

Building and Grounds: Fire Extinguisher inspection has been done.

Christian Education: has turned in there 2027 budget request. Denise Edmonds gave a report on the recent Presbytery meeting, The Session approved the online information for the Search Committee

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.

November Birthdays



1 Cody Adelmann
5 Scott Phillips
8 Jeff Medlin
10 Steve Ingold
12 Emily Tortora
15 Megan Phillips
20 Doreen Little
27 Cathy Campbell
29 Chad Thomason
30 Nancy McKenzie

NOVEMBER SUNDAY FLOWERS

1st Carol & Paul White
8th Harvest Table by Presbyterian Women
15th Harvest Table by Presbyterian Women
22nd Harvest Table by Presbyterian Women
29th Poinsettias / Advent Wreath

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

November Greeters

1st Judy & Archie Kelly
8th Rhonda Mendoza
15th Will Thomason
22nd Pat Nugent
29th Ann Key

September



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	16	31
2nd Sunday	17	47
3rd Sunday	19	41
4th Sunday	18	28
5th Sunday	N/A	N/A
Average	10	37

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

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, November 7th

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!

VISITING MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Listed below you will find our visiting Ministers for the month of November. Please take a moment each week to "Welcome" and "Thank" each one of them for their time and eagerness to provide First Presbyterian Church with an amazing service.

November 1st – Chaplain Robert Wilson
November 8th – Rev. Laura Lupton
November 15th – Rev. Cynthia Brasher
November 22nd – Chaplain Robert Wilson
November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Rev. Thearon Willis
November 29th – Rev. Jim Cruickshank

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Our offering will be divided between Carthage Food Bank and Carthage United Methodist Church's new community blessing box containing food and baby needs. We are collecting food items at the entrances to the church as well as monetary gifts. Please give generously to assist those less fortunate than ourselves. 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.

POINSETTIAS

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.

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!

ONLINE DONATIONS

For those of you that prefer to donate online to First Presbyterian Church, please use the new information and link below to do so.

Online Donations for First Presbyterian Church in Carthage

You can give online anytime by ...

- Using this link: **https://giving.myamplify.io/app/giving/firs4724462**
- Texting the word GIVE to 910-812-1291
- Scanning the QR Code

YOUTH GROUP



Please enjoy the picture above from the October 18th Youth Group. These guys packed 26 OCC shoeboxes prior to enjoying a friendly game of dodge ball. This was a great start to our annual packing of shoeboxes. OCC National collection week is November 16-23, 2026. For all those that have donated and plan to donate, Thank you for the donations! Our youth Group also volunteers at OCC processing center in Charlotte on Friday, November 27th from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please review the timeline for the trip listed below:

- Leave the church at 10:00 a.m.
- Arrive & lunch in Charlotte at 12:00 p.m.
- Volunteer at the processing center from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Back to church at 7:00 p.m.

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 November:

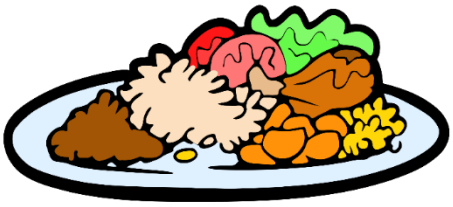
2026 Fellowship:

- Thank you to those for your participation and your support for a successful Trunk-or-Treat on October 31st. Those that decorated trunks are as follows: Paul & Carol White, Denise Edmonds, Karen Helms, Damon Dean, Keith & Gail Hardin, Ann & Joe Lynch, JoAnn Wahala, Catherine Monroe, and Thomason family.

- **Lung Bus**: On November 7th, the FirstHealth Lung Bus will provide a community outreach offering. Low - dose CT scans will be provided to those wishing to have one between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Church parking lot.

- **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.

PW Meal Ministry / Visitation



Meal Ministry:

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

November 5th	JoAnn Wahala
November 12th	Gail Hardin
November 19th	Lucinda Casey
November 26th	Thanksgiving

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Bible study is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th at 10:00 a.m.
All ladies are welcome and are invited to join us for the Bible study.

The PWCT will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 4th at 11:00 a.m. following Bible Study.

Thank you to all who contributed to the PW Thank Offering on October 18th.

Mark your calendars: On Sunday, December 13, 2026, the PW Christmas Luncheon will be held with all food being provided by the PW. Donations will be accepted for the Carthage Food Pantry. Renae Henderson will be presenting a program: The Bag Lady Christmas. Come on out and join us for this special event and bring a friend or friend(s). Hope to see you there.

Treasurer Report Snapshot

For

September 2026

First Presbyterian Church

	USD
Statement beginning balance	226,799.33
Checks and payments cleared (25)	-7,221.76
Deposits and other credits cleared (15)	14,311.89
Statement ending balance	233,889.46
Uncleared transactions as of 09/30/2026	-3,566.32
Register balance as of 09/30/2026	230,323.14
Cleared transactions after 09/30/2026	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 09/30/2026	-4,062.90
Register balance as of 10/03/2026	226,260.24

Attendance

9/6/2026 / SS – 16 / CH - 31
9/13/2026 / SS – 17 – CH - 47
9/16/2026 / SS – 19 / CH - 41
9/27/2026 / SS – 18 / CH - 28

CHURCH CALENDAR November2026

Sunday, November 1st	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/2 Cents a Meal / Chaplain Robert Wilson
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (grades 7-12)
Tuesday, November 3rd		**No School**
	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, November 4th	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	PWCT Meeting
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, November 7th	7:30 a.m.	Robbin's Food Bank
	10:00 a.m.	Lung Bus
Sunday, November 8th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Laura Lupton
	11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (grades 7-12)
Wednesday, November 11th		**No School**
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, November 15th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Communion / Rev. Cynthia Brasher
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (grades 7-12)
Tuesday, November 17th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, November 18th		**Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, November 22nd	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
Tuesday, November 24th		**Distribute Church Mouse Newsletter / Mouse**
	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 25th		**No School – Office Closed**
Thursday, November 26th		**Happy Thanksgiving**
Friday, November 27th		**No School – Office Closed**
Sunday, November 29th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Rev. Jim Cruickshank

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Karen Allen

Clerk:
Robert Gordon

Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Gail Hardin	Lucinda Casey
Ann Key	Damon Dean
Claudia McKenzie	Denise Edmonds
Leon Monroe	Robert Gordon
Scott Phillips	Karen Helms
Jennifer Thomason	Angie Medlin

Church Staff

Ann Key, *Sexton*
Leon Monroe, *Receiving T*reasurer
Marie Monroe, *Dispersing Treasurer*
Robert Wilson, *Choir Director and Organist*
Sonya Potter, *Administrative. Assistant / Bookkeeper , 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 info@fpccarthage.com
or (910) 947-2924.
We look forward to hearing from you!