



The Pre-Cadet Basketball Team (ages 8-10) at First Presbyterian took home the tournament trophy in 2014.

session is notable because it kicks off with the annual Chili Cook-Off in the first or second week of January.

**W is for... Worship.** First Presbyterian has two worship services on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

- X -

**X is for... X's and O's,** the basic planning that goes into preparing for Church League Basketball. First Church sponsors two or three teams each year, from age 8 to 15. Sign-up begins in October and play begins around the first of December.

- Y -

**Y is for... Youth.** First Presbyterian offers Bible study, activities, and community service projects for middle and high school students. There's also fun stuff like movie nights and trips to the beach. The church youth group has taken the name CRAVE.

- Z -

**Z is for...Zowie!** First Church has been blessed.

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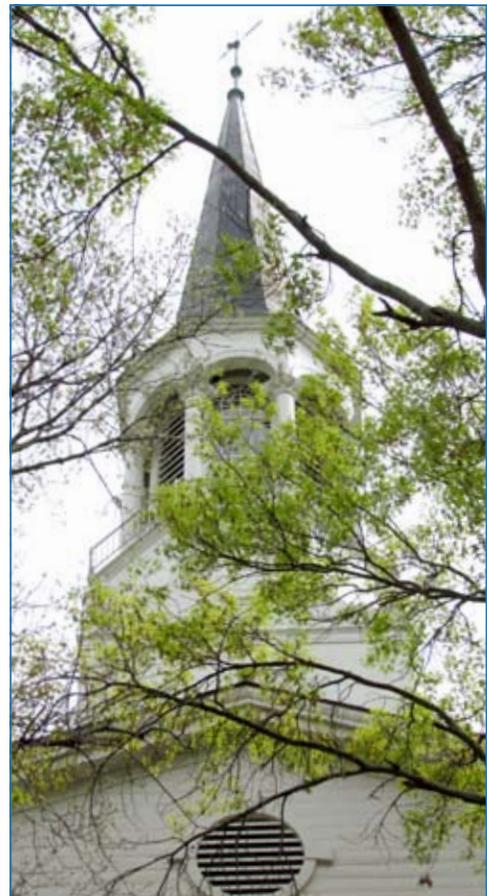
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# First **A** TO Presbyterian **Z** Church



**Your Guide to Just About  
Everything You Need to Know  
About First Prez**

# First Presbyterian Church

## - A -

**A is for... Alpha.** The Alpha courses answer basic questions about faith and life. The original course explored Christianity. Later courses have looked at marriage and parenting. First Presbyterian has sponsored the Alpha courses in Fayetteville and may offer them in the future. Check with the church for up-do-date information.

## - B -

**B is for... the Bible.** The church believes the Bible is God's word to humanity.

## - C -

**C is for... The Calvin Lectures,** which bring a Bible scholar and/or educator into the church. These learned individuals offer insights into the Bible and the Presbyterian Church. The lectures are free and open to the public and take place in late September or early October.

**C is for... Children's Ministry.** First Presbyterian has classes and choirs for every child. The children learn more than just Bible stories. Crafts, music, and DVD lessons offer something for every age level.

**C is for... COAP.** The support group Children Of Aging Parents meets the last Tuesday of every month in Room 416. It's about learning, sharing ideas, and caring.

**C is for... the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina,** of which First Presbyterian is a part. The presbytery stretches across eastern North Carolina and is based nearby in Elizabethtown.

## - D -

**D is for... David's Mighty Men.** David's Mighty Men is the church's dynamic Men's Ministry. It meets around the third Thursday of each month

at 6:00 p.m. The men study, fish, attend sporting events, serve Wounded Warriors, as well as other things to become the men God wants them to be.

## - E -

**E is for... Easter Sunday.** Easter Services are held at 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. First Church also participates in the downtown Sunrise Service, at 6:30 a.m. in Cross Creek Park. The congregation builds a Cross of Flowers in front of the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

## - F -

**F is for... Facebook.** You can find First Presbyterian on Facebook at [facebook.com/1stprez](https://www.facebook.com/1stprez).

**F is for... First School,** the church's pre-school, which is recognized as one of the best in the area. Several classes are available, from Mother's Morning Out for children ages 12-24 months, to the Four-Year-Old program. Days are flexible. Call (910)



Dr. Fowler-Marchant

483-0146 or see [www.first-prez.com](http://www.first-prez.com) for more information.

**F is for... Dr. Donna Fowler-Marchant,** is the Minister for Pastoral Care, and a clergy person from the United Methodist Church.

## - G -

**G is for... God.** The Christians in the First Presbyterian Church family believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

**G is for... Graduate Recognition Sunday.** First Presbyterian proudly recognizes its graduating seniors from area high schools on one of the first Sundays in June.

**G is for... Dr. Mike Garrett,** the interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church, who took over this congregation in 2015.



Dr. Garrett

- H -

**H is for... Handbells.** Two such choirs are active at First Presbyterian: The Canticle Handbell Choir for grade 5 through adult includes ringers of all ability levels, including beginner. The Revelation Ringers is the more experienced choir and practices ensemble ringing.

**H is for... the fight against Hunger.**

First Church supports the North Carolina-based *Stop Hunger Now* organization, which ships enriched meals to developing countries. First Church has packaged over 500,000 meals since 2010.



Young and old come together for a Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event.

- I -

**I is for... the Internet.** The First Presbyterian Web site at [www.firstprez.com](http://www.firstprez.com) has calendars, news, photos, and links to most church publications. It's a great way to become familiar with the programs the church offers, as well as upcoming events.

- J -

**J is for... Jesus.** First Presbyterian believes Jesus Christ is Lord.

- K -

**K is for... Keep it up!** Keep bringing concerts by such diverse groups as the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra and the Langley Winds premiering a piece honoring the Tuskegee Airmen. Very recently the church Music Ministry debuted composer Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living," a first for Fayetteville. Keep it up!

- L -

**L is for... the Lenten Preaching Series,** brings preachers from the church and the community to the pulpit on Wednesdays during Lent at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is served before and after these services, at 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

**L is for... the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper,** which is celebrated throughout the year and on the first Sunday of every month in the Chapel at 8:30 a.m.



The 82nd Airborne Chorus performs on Military Appreciation Night.

- M -

**M is for... the Military.** First Presbyterian actively supports the military in the community and has strong ties to Fort Bragg. One example is **Military and First Responders Appreciation Night** during the first Wednesday of November. The church and community recognize active-duty military, veterans, reservists, first responders, and their families.

**M is for... Mission.** First Presbyterian sponsors annual mission trips to Haiti and Mexico. The Haiti Mission, which takes place in January and February, involves both medical and construction teams. The Mexico Mission takes place in October. The church is also active in local mission work, including Operation Inasmuch, Fayetteville Urban Ministry, Better Health of Cumberland County, the Care Clinic, and the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity.

**M is for... Missions Conference.** Mission Conference is a three-day weekend in February or early March that celebrates and raises funds for mission projects at home and abroad. A prominent speaker is called upon to preach and promote service and mission.

**M is for... Music.** The church has two choirs and several groups that perform regularly, including the Chapel Choir and the Celebration Choir. Men's and women's choruses are offered. All church members (and others outside the church family) are encouraged to participate.

- N -

**N is for... the Newcomers' Class**, held periodically throughout the year. Visitors and new members to the church family can learn more about the church, its mission, and its leadership.

**N is for... the Nursery**. First Presbyterian is proud of its nurseries for both infants and toddlers. These rooms are located in the new *Third Century* Building.

- O -

**O is for... the Outreach Foundation**, which supports the Presbyterian Church's evangelical missions from Russia to the Middle East to Africa to China.

**O is for... the Orchestra**, which practices and performs twice a year to serve during the Christmas and Lenten seasons. Instrumentalists from the 8th grade through adult are invited.

- P -

**P is for... Presbyterian Council on Chaplains and Military Personnel** or PCCMP. First Presbyterian supports PCCMP and loves chaplains, military personnel, and their families.

**P is for... Presbyterian Women**. Women have circles or small groups that meet for prayer and study each month. The First Chapter Book Club is also part of the Presbyterian Women's ministry. Each month PW sponsors the collection of donations for various area charities. PW women are at the forefront of volunteer work.

- R -

**R is for... Rally Day**. This is the Sunday at the end of August or in the first part of September that kicks off a new Sunday School year and a new year for Christian Education churchwide.

- S -

**S is for... SALT**, Seasoned Adults Learning Together. The church's seasoned adults plan events together and have a regular book-reading group on

Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. SALT also plans a series of excursions during the year, to places like Seagrove (pottery) and Scotia Village.

**S is for... Stephen Ministry**. Stephen Ministers are trained men and women in the church who listen and assist people who are hurting or going through tough times. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. Training for Stephen Ministers is held at this church and at others in the community.

**S is for... Sunday School**. The church has Sunday School classes for all ages, beginning with the First Steps at 12 months. Adults have several classes to choose from, ranging from traditional Bible study to the contemporary. Classes start at 9:45 a.m.

- T -

**T is for... Tapestry**, the church's ever-expanding Women's Bible Study. Tapestry offers a women's group on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. during the school year and a different class on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Childcare is provided.

**T is for... the Third Century Project**, which started with the refurbishing and repair of the church steeple and continued with the addition of a new building for education and music and the remodeling of church offices.

- U -

**U is for... Unity**. First Presbyterian teams with area churches for several events, including the Easter Sunrise Service and Community Thanksgiving Service.

- V -

**V is for... Vacation Bible School**, which is held every year for one week in late June or July. Past themes have included creatures of the sea, ancient Greece and climbing Mount Everest.

- W -

**W is for... Wednesday Together**. Wednesday Together is held during the fall, winter, and spring. Dinner is served in the Fellowship Building beginning at 5:00 p.m. and classes are offered for all ages. Most classes begin at 6:00 p.m. The Winter/Spring