April Birthdays

2. Lily Ann Spicer
3. Eddy Redondo
6. Dillon Wooten, Jr.
7. Neal Benton, Sr.
7. Worth Haithcock, III
10. Ed Hoeper
12. Kate Hunter
14. Charlie Dees
15. Josie Wilder
15. Revel Wilder
19. Aundrea Redondo
20. Coleen Leeper
21. Rosalyn Lomax
21. Phyllis Patterson
21. Chris Martin
21. Dr. Bud Fidler
22. Jordan Krutsch
23. Stephen Tart
23. Toby Brown
24. Bruce Malpass
25. Lilly Eason
26. Jennifer Wilder
27. Barbara Bradshaw
27. John Penner, IV
28. James Spicer, Jr.
28. Bess Gibson
29. Hinton Crocker
29. Ronson LeVau
30. Joan Stafford

Officer Duties

Date	Elder	Deacon	Co-Deacon
April 6	Carol Branch	Rebecca Kinsey	Ronson LeVau
April 13	Meredith Gurley	Coleen Leeper	Nancy Hastings
April 20	Emily Byrd	John Fidler	John Walston
April 27	David Evans	Charles York	Coleen Leeper

For the Month

- John Parker
- Katherine Parker
- Matilda Parker

Back Door Monitors

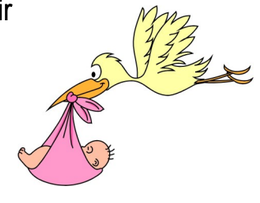
April 6	John Fidler
April 13	Meredith Gurley
April 20	Marilyn Bateman
April 27	David Evans

April 6th Communion Servers

- Carol Branch
- Meredith Gurley
- Rebecca Kinsey

Congratulations!

- Paul and Ann Compton on the birth of their granddaughter, Anna Phoebe Bracewell born on February 10, 2025
- Frank and Missy Best on the birth of their granddaughter, Libby Munroe Lineberger on March 27, 2025



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"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants" Isaiah 44:3

Hello friends at First Presbyterian Church Goldsboro,

Growing up in Peru, I did not experience Spring like we do here because Peru is near the equator and the seasons are almost the same the whole year. The high mountains are cold, the Pacific coast has some changes during the year, but in the Amazon area of Peru –where I grew up– it was hot and humid the whole year. I guess you can say I am the 'Peruvian Tarzan'. Plus, the southern hemisphere is the opposite, so Spring is in September. It is kind of cool to see dead trees coming alive and see dead grass becoming green here. It is also an opportunity to get rid of the weeds and plant more grass on my yard, and of course, mulch the flowers and bushes. I believe Spring is a reminder of the seasons of life: there are new beginnings, new opportunities. Even in the midst of weeds and despair, Spring reminds us that God is always bringing new life into us. The clearest example of the new life in Spring is Easter. This year, Easter is on April 20th, right in the middle of flowers blooming and trees becoming very green. Therefore, we can recite the poem of the apostle Paul:

"Where o death, is your victory, Where , o death, your sting? (1 Corinthians 15:55)

Paul is actually paraphrasing Hosea 13:14 that says,

"I will deliver this people from the power of the grave. I will redeem them from death. Where, o death are your plagues? Where, o grave, is your destruction?"

The poet Pablo Neruda says it this way,

'You can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep Spring from coming'

And that is the Good News of Jesus Christ. Happy Easter! And Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

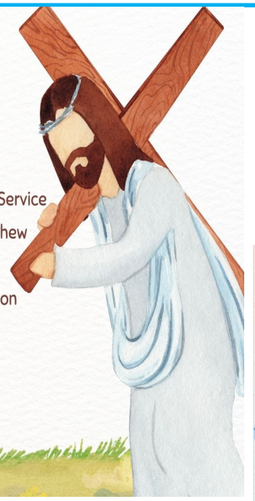
Pastor Noé

With Christ as model and the Holy Spirit as guide, we gather to worship God, and go forth to serve, sharing our faith and God's love.

The First Presbyterian Church Education Scholarship supports FPC members needing financial assistance to further their education. FPC seeks to nurture and support our young members training for vocations and careers. Applications are available from the office or by emailing our church administrator, Jessica Judd at fpgold@ncrrbiz.com.

The deadline for submitting an application is April 30, 2025.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities and Events

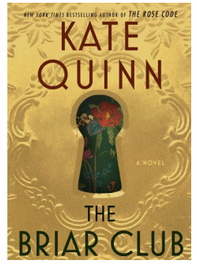


- Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service
- Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service
- Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. Faure Requiem presented by Matthew Moore, the Chancel Choir, and visiting musicians
- Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration
- Sunday, April 20 at 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Chapel
- Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service

All Are Welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL BOOK CLUB

The Congregational Nurture Committee (CNC) invites everyone to join the Congregational Book Club. "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn is our next book. Leader: Mrs. Lynn Branch. The in-person discussion is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Childcare will be provided upon prior request.



Easter Lilies:

If you would like to place a name on the memorial or honor list and share in the cost of the Easter lilies, please use available envelopes in the pew racks. You may also email the church at fpcgold@ncrrbiz.com. **Cost is $10.00 per name and the deadline is April 13.**

One Great Hour of Sharing (Special Offerings) will be received Palm Sunday, April 13:

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors -in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Envelopes will be available in the pew racks for your contribution. Please make check payable to First Presbyterian Church.

Churchwide Easter Celebration

APRIL 19TH — SATURDAY 10 AM

Easter Egg Hunt for Children, Crafts, Games, Snacks, and Devotion for All Ages!

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIFE

Tuesday, April 29
In the Activity Center

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women and friends, please join us for Bible study and fellowship. All women in our congregation are invited to come to one of these meetings in the Parlor. The lessons are meaningful and the fellowship is a blessing to all who attend.

Evening Circle: Mon, April 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Moring Circle: Tues, April 1st, 10:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATES FOR

VBS 2025!

JUNE 16- JUNE 20

AGE 3- GRADE 5

YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER!

Register students online at fpcgold.myanswers.com or by scanning the QR Code

Spring Presbyterian Social

We are all in for a unique treat at our May 4 FPC Social. All ADULT members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited as Tim and Karen Haithcock are hosting at their Pecan Farm. It will be **SUNDAY, MAY 4, 5:00-7:00 P.M.** The Pecan Farm address is 312 Sanderson Road, Seven Springs, NC 28578. Directions: Go east on Highway 70 from Goldsboro, turn right on highway 111 and head south for 8.7 miles; turn right on Sanderson Road; go 1 mile and turn left (by 3 old tractors) and follow a dirt path .4 miles to the orchard on the left. Hope to see you there!

Fauré REQUIEM

Good Friday - April 18 - 7:00pm
With Chancel Choir, guest musicians and string quintet
Preceded by an organ symphony of Louis Vierne

In Our Prayers

- Jimmy Huffman
- Ken Taylor
- Addie Warren
- Brigitta Seymour
- Fred and Rosalyn Lomax
- Mary Glenn Pittman
- Ditty Whitford
- Linda Stevens
- Eddie Radford
- Elbert Brown
- Victoria Barfield
- Will Stackhouse
- Brad Graham
- Rev. Jason Leonard
- Jane Yates
- Phyllis Davis
- Stan Davis
- Linda Brock
- Gloria Cauthorn
- Ryan Scott
- Virginia Royall
- Travis Best
- Laura Pike Deprill
- Emma Penner
- Mike Grebe
- Charlie Kemble

FPC MISSION TRIP

CHIAPAS, MEXICO

Speak to Teresa Smith or Ann Hunter for more information!

MISSION TRIP DATES: MAY 31-JUNE 6

The Outstanding Older Adult Award will be presented during worship on **Sunday, April 27, 2025**. A reception in honor of the Outstanding Older Adults will be held in McChesney Hall following the worship service.